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Mifflinburg VFW's Voice of Democracy Winners & MAHS Veterans Day Program

By Kay Poeth

The annual Voice of Democracy competition winners were recently announced at Mifflinburg Area High School. Wesley Thomas and Candi Thomas of Mifflinburg VFW Post 1964 Auxiliary presented the winners with their awards. Congratulations to 1st- Aubrey Fluman, 2nd- Emily Aikey, 3rd- Liam Casilla, and 4th- Katelyn Hernesh.

These four students will now be sent to the district awards. And, then onto the state awards if they win at the district level. The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school.

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. The 2025-26 theme is "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

Established in 1947, the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions help to encourage a better understanding and appreciation for America and work to foster patriotism among today's youth.

In addition to the Voice of Democracy presentation, Mifflinburg also held many activities to celebrate Veterans Day. Veterans were invited to speak to students about their experiences. The school was decorated with posters.

During the Veterans Day program, the band and chorus members performed for the veterans and their classmates. The keynote speaker was Retired Rear Admiral John Mauger. A poignant

slide show featured the veterans' service photo, branch of service, years-of-service, war/conflict, and rank. Afterwards, a delicious meal was catered by the Forest House Hotel at the high school for the veterans.

Mifflinburg High School posted on Facebook, "The presence of our Veterans today made the program profoundly special. Thank you to our amazing students and staff for all their hard work in preparing the music, presentations, and decorations throughout the building. You truly demonstrated what it means to be grateful. We hope every veteran felt the deep appreciation we hold for their service, and it is a day we will remember for its powerful message of gratitude and patriotism."



Congratulations to 1st- Aubrey Fluman, 2nd- Emily Aikey, 3rd- Liam Casilla, and 4th- Katelyn Hernesh winners of this year's Mifflinburg VFW's Voice of Democracy awards.



Pictured here are the winners of the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Mifflinburg VFW Post 1964.

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Deeds & Courts

Community Calendar

Jersey Shore Livestock Market LLC & Flea Market

Deeds:
M3 Rentals LLC, Hughesville Pa. to Kyle R. & Megan R. Snyder, Fort Belvoir, VA. property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 322,000.00.
Chadd K. & Kristin E. Kraus, Lewisburg to Jessica & Matthew Shirley, John City, Tennessee property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 462,500.00.
Cethryn C. Sawyer, Gainesville, Georgia & Virginia T. Conner, Becket, Mass for Catherine C. Brubaker, Lancaster Pa. to Rosemary K. Harman, Decatur, Georgia & David P. Brubaker, Holtwood, Pa. property in White Deer Township for the sum of 1.00.
Kathrynn L. Hartman for Keller Trust to Dennis R. Beachy & April C. Showver, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 200,000.00.
Andrea M. Ferrari, Mifflinburg to David E. Vitunac, Mifflinburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 620,000.00.
Vicki L. Bailey, Lewisburg to George A. Bonilla, Bronx, NY property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 225,000.00.
Gwendolyn A. Smyre & Shannon W. Witmer, New Columbia to Grendolyn A. & Shannon W. Witmer, New Columbia property in White Deer Township for the sum of 1.00.
Edward S. & Maureen A. Zack, Marion Heights, Pa. & Jacqueline A. & Steven E. Lee, Millsboro, Del. & James T. & Brenda A. Zack, Mifflinburg to Isaac N. & Lorna B. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg property in Limestone Township for the sum of 140,000.00.
Mark & Rhoda Wenger, Mifflinburg to Jerome V. Wenger, Mifflinburg property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.
Barbara G. J. Snyder, Millmont to Mark H. & Rhonda H. Wenger, Mifflinburg property in Hartley Township for the sum of 1.00.
Vito & Giuseppa Mazzamuto, Lewisburg to Maulik M. & Kinjalben S. Patel, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 464,000.00.
Kathy S. Peter, Mifflinburg to Alyssa & Cody Cunningham, Mifflinburg property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 170,000.00.
Edward N. Ryan, Lewisburg to Talia Zangari Ryan, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.
Richard J. & Susan A. Himmelreich, Mifflinburg to Himmelreich Trust, Mifflinburg property in Limestone Township for the sum of 1.00.
Louis E. Roux & Brenda Lee Brouse, Milton to Robert Coleby Kauffman, Lewisburg property in Union Township for the sum of 90,000.00.
Brian M. Lucy, Blue Ridge, Georgia for Ruth A. Snyder, White Deer to John W. & Crystal M. Lilley, W. Milton property in White Deer Township for the sum of 35,000.00.
Gabriel M. Lin, Winfield to Steven & Sharon Stoltzfus, Lewisburg property in Union Township for the sum of 1.00.
James J. & Susan J. Dinsmore, Hepburn Township Pa. to Ian R. & Kaitlin J. Dinsmore, Lewisburg property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 152,000.00.
Marriages: none
Divorces: None
DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY L. MENSCH, MIFFLINBURG
Charged Bret D. Leitzel, 41, of Millmont, with two counts of facsimile weapons of mass destruction-reaction of law enforcement, six counts of possess instrument of crimes with intent, make repair/sell offensive weapon, one count of firearms act-convict/other person not to possession firearm, disorderly conduct, DUI/controlled substance, registration and certificate of title required, require financial responsibility, firearms act-carry firearm without license, possession of a controlled substance by a person not registered, possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, terroristic threats, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, driving without a license, and unauthorized transfer or use of registration on November 3. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, at 3:15 p.m.
Charged Ronnie Clinton Bass, 33, with fail to verify address/be photographed, fail to register with PSP, and unsworn falsification to authorities on November 4. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 18, at 11:30 a.m.
DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY ROWE, LEWISBURG
Charged Markese Edison Clark, 50, of Milton, with possession of a controlled or counterfeit substance by person not authorized on November 4.

Annual Mifflinburg Turkey Trot
November 27, 9am, check-in opens at 7:30am, 131 N. 5th St., Mifflinburg
Union-Snyder Agency on Aging Inc., Senior Centers Closed
November 27, 28
Holiday Book Sale
November 28, 29, 10am-5pm, December 5, 4-9pm, December 6, 10am-5pm, The Union Historical Society, 15 N. Water St., Lewisburg
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
First and Third Thursday every month, 6pm, First Presbyterian Church, 18 Market St., Lewisburg
Free After School Program for Grades 6-12
Mondays and Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30pm, Mifflinburg United Methodist Church, 3rd and Market St.
NOTICE TO READERS:
To place events in the calendar please send them at least three weeks before the event so that we can publish it at least twice before the event. **The deadline for events is Monday by Noon.** The calendar goes by space available. Send, fax or e-mail us your event. Address: P.O. Box 356, Middleburg, PA 17842. Fax: 570-837-0776. E-mail: scuc@ptd.net. All phone numbers must include area code.

The following items were sold on **November 13th, 2025:** Beef Calves: \$13.00 to \$18.25 per pound; Beef X Calves: \$11.00 to \$15.00 per pound; Holstein Calves: \$0.10 to \$12.50 per pound; Fats: \$1.80 to \$2.33 per pound; Cows: \$0.05 to \$1.58 per pound; Bulls: \$1.00 to \$1.92 per pound; Feeders: \$0.95 to \$3.55 per pound; Sheep: \$0.15 to \$1.25 per pound; Goats \$45 to \$360 per head; Lambs: \$2.20 to \$2.85 per pound; Feeder Pigs: \$8 to \$95 per head; Hogs: \$0.55 to \$0.90.
1308 S RT 44 HWY, JERSEY SHORE PA 17740

Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **November 18, 2025**
Timothy: \$85 by the ton; Grass: \$185 to \$200 by the ton; Mixed: \$210 to \$255 by the ton; Ear Corn: \$150 to \$165 by the ton; Firewood: \$105 to \$135 by the load; Calf: \$35 to \$1,635 per hundred; Fats: \$124 to \$230 by the hundred; Cow: \$2 to \$151 per hundred; Bull: \$128 to \$190 per hundred; Feeder: \$20 to \$800 per hundred; Hogs: \$2 to \$106 per hundred; Pigs: \$5 to \$85 per head; Sows: \$5 to \$76 per hundred; Boars: \$5 to \$46 per hundred; Sheep: \$50 to \$140 per hundred; Goat: \$45 to \$340 per head; Lamb: \$170 to \$350 per head.

Author E.P. Klopp Visits Herr Memorial Library

By Kay Poeth



Children and their parents listen intently as author, E.P. Klopp, read the first chapter in her latest book, *Ruby Red Paw and the Voyage to Otter's Orchard*.



Author E.P. Klopp poses beside a pirate ship with children, Reed (4 1/2), Trey (7), and Georgia (8) Perkovich.



Author E.P. Klopp, 24, poses with the four books that she has written, two in the *Hope in Heartland* series and two in the *Ruby Red Paw* series.

Herr Memorial Library was decorated with a pirate theme in various nooks and crannies throughout the main level of the library in eager anticipation of author E.P. Klopp. Klopp was showcasing her newest book in the Ruby Red Paw easy chapter book series. As she took her seat, Klopp read the first chapter of *Ruby Red Paw and the Voyage to Otter's Orchard*. "The fearless feline pirate, Ruby Red Paw, discovered an ancient emerald apple hidden among Long Whisker's treasures. Now, she's turning tail and setting sail to determine to unlock the secrets it holds." Ruby Red Paw also discovers a stowaway on board her ship. Oh, my!

Klopp stopped at exciting points in the story, asking the children to predict what they thought would happen next. She also showed the cover and pointed out how some of the pictures contain details from the story.

Reed (4 1/2), Trey (7), and Georgia (8) Perkovich have the first book in the Ruby Red Paw series and were eagerly awaiting this second adventure. Dewey Hubler generously donated a book to the family. After the author reading the children, constructed every craft at the craft spot. They made pirate hats, eye patches, pirate puppets, and more. Then they had their photo taken with the author in the pirate boat. Next, they headed out to the game area play *Blackbeard's Treasure Memory Game*, *I Spy*, *Pirate Treasure*, and *Pirate Talk*. Of course, they had to sample all the pirate food including *Shark Bait* (gummy worms and gummy fish), *Polly's Crackers* (Ritz crackers), *Pirate Ships* (apple slices with cheese sails), *Fish and Chips* (goldfish crackers and potato chips), and *Gold Nuggets* (Rolos). Aye, Matey!

"We are going to get all four books and have the author sign them. It was great to have an actual author come to the library. Finneas, 6, loves to read. We visit all the Union County libraries and enjoy participating in their activities," said Brenda McGreevy.

"We donated two books to the libraries in Selingsgrove, Sunbury, and Northumberland and now Mifflinburg library," said Dewey and Sue Hubler.

"I am excited to have an author visit Herr Memorial Library," said Romi Roberts. "This is the first time that I have ever seen an author in person. And, I get to meet her!"

The author's bio reads, "E.P. Klopp is dedicated to spreading kindness and love to young readers! She brings a delightful mix of humor, adventure, and heart-warming lessons to inspire hope in kids everywhere."

E.P. Klopp is a young author, who finished her first book, "An Orange Dog Named Blue," one week before beginning her senior year at Lycoming College. She majored in Theatrical Design and Technology.

"An Orange Dog Named Blue" was inspired by her dog, Finn, and his goofy antics. It earned a ChristlitBook Award for books that celebrate exceptional Christian literature with strong themes of faith including messages of love, patience, kindness, and persistence.

"I have been writing ever since I was a young child. I still have that first book," said Klopp. It appears that drive has never stopped.

By the age of 24, E.P. Klopp has four published books. The first two, "An Orange Dog Named Blue" and "A Black Cat Named Rose" are part of the self-published *Hope in Heartland* series.

The Ruby Red Paw series is published by Ringtale Publishing. "I don't plan to stop writing anytime soon!" she exclaimed.

Church News

Dr. Job Martin Ft. in 4 Week Video Series 'Evolution of a Creation'
November 23, 30, 9:30-10:30am, New Hope Bible Church, 310 Raven Lane, Mifflinburg
Christmas Tree Lighting
November 23, 5pm, by the Shamokin Dam Water Tower, access only from right southbound lane of Rt. 11/15, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam
Thanksgiving Party
November 26, 12:30-1:30pm, Himmelreich Memorial Library, 18 Market St., Lewisburg
Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 27, 12-1pm, Mifflinburg United Methodist Church
Kettle Cook Soup Sale
November 29, 10:30am-1pm, Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, 46 Brethren Church Rd., Mifflinburg

Police

MILTON STATE POLICE
Crash 6:06 p.m. November 14, on SR 304, west of Hummel Road, in Limestone Township. A 2009 Toyota Corolla driven by John R. Stephens, 43, of New Berlin, was traveling east on SR 304. A deer entered the roadway in front of the Toyota Corolla and was struck. No injuries were reported.
Crash 6:45 a.m. November 11, on SR 304, west of Park Road, in Union Township. A 2017 Ford Transit driven by Audrey Lacks, 58, of Lewistown, was traveling east on SR 304 when a deer entered the roadway and into its lane of travel. The Ford Transit subsequently struck the deer causing damage to the front of the vehicle. No injuries were reported.
Theft by Deception 10:30 a.m. October 23, on Black Run Road, in Buffalo Township. The victim came to PSP Milton station to report that he was a victim of a check fraud scam. The victim received a letter stating that he won 4.5 million dollars and had to pay the fees and taxes on the received amount. The victim sent \$46,499 dollars in various checks to individuals involved in the criminal organization under a false pretense. An investigation is ongoing.
Crash 6:13 a.m. November 18, on William Penn Drive, south of Robert F. Miller Drive, in Kelly Township. A 2010 Toyota Camry driven by Paul G. Smith, 59, of Middleburg, was traveling west on William Penn Drive. The Smith failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway proceeding straight, sideswiping a small guide rail then striking a tree head on off the south side of the roadway. Smith suffered a medical emergency, was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured. Smith was issued a warning for driving on roadways laned for traffic (single).

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LEGALS

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Gordon Ralph Noble, late of Kelly Township, Union County, PA, deceased. Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present them without delay to:

Nancy N. DeGuire, Executrix
c/o Ken Potter, Esq.
RHP Law Group LLC
1372 N Susq. Trail,
Ste 130
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Letters Testamentary have been granted on the Estate of Donald N. Ritter to the undersigned Co-Executors. All persons having claims against the estate are requested to present them in writing and all persons indebted to the estate to make payment to it in care of the Co-Executors or their Attorney.

Co-Executors:

Freda E. Miller
Louise A. DeHart
Donald T. Ritter
Neil L. Ritter

or their attorney:

Jeffrey L. Mensch, Esq.
171 Scottsdale Drive
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Terry L. Beaver, late of Lewisburg, Union County, PA, deceased. Letters Testamentary on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present them without delay to:

Matthew I. Beaver & Jennifer A. Bernstein, Execs
c/o Ken Potter, Esq.
RHP Law Group LLC
1372 N Susq. Trail,
Ste 130
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of MARY L. JOHNSON, late of Kelly Township, Union County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to:

Connie J. Clutcher, Executrix
c/o Robin S. Martin, Esq.
111 N. High Street,
Suite One
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Donald N. Ritter, Deceased

Date of Death: October 9, 2025

Late of Union Township, Union County, PA

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"Skittles" 2 1/2 year old Jack Russel Terrier, small, 7-10lbs, mostly white w/brown patch on right ear, last seen November 4, 7pm, Trevor Hayes 570-8090496, Jolene Hayes 570-541-2987

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Martin 6 string acoustic/elec model GPCRSCT, purchased in 2012, excellent condition, Hardshell Martin Case included, 570-259-0130

1965 El Camino, rut-free orig. GA car, in primer sealer free 5k in new trim and chrome, 1990 Mercedes Benz 190E, rust free CA car, rare 6cyl., 570-743-6952

Interior propane/electric heater, free standing, used very little, \$100 OBO, 570-922-0520

55" LG 3D TV, model #55LM7600, full HD, 3D glasses included, converts 2D video to 3D, tested and working, \$125 OBO, call/text 570-541-3195570-259-0130

2004 Dakota, 4.7 liter V8 Magnum, 4WD automatic, 157k, extended cab, 6' bed, looks nice, runs but won't drive, needs transmission work, \$2,800 OBO, call/text 570-765-3535

12 ft Field and Stream Kayak Eagle, \$350, Troy Built Riding Yard Mower, 46", \$1,000, 570-743-0910

John Deere 208 riding mower, 8hp, 38" deck, good condition, \$500, Ashley Wood Burner w/ blower, good condition, \$200, 570-966-4270

Three pallets of bricks, good used bricks, appx. 300 bricks per pallet, make offer, 570-966-9324

Blue Hamano Ukulele, like new w/bag and box, digital tuner w/box, stand, \$75, Lewisburg 609-805-0855

Electric Hosp. bed, head and feet move, paid *00 will sell for \$400 OBO, 570-922-4265

Lot of 8 Stephan King Dark Tower books, 1-8, \$40 OBO, 717-694-3190

7 piece dining table and chair set, like new, 570-884-4664

20in. elec. snow blower, like new, \$40, mini fridge w/freezer, \$40, old school desk, \$30, 16in hedge trimmer, \$25, bar stools, \$20, 570-765-0048

1940 Allis-Chalmers, serial number BE39833G, fair condition, kept under roof, \$2,000 OBO, Snow Dawg 7.5ft snow plow blade, \$2,200, OBO fair condition, 570-374-4587

Farmall Super M, serial number FBK-171891, fair condition kept under roof, \$7,000 OBO, 570-374-4587

2016 Fender Telecaster MIM, white body sn# MX 18162195 made in Mexico, Hardshell Case included, nice guitar, \$529, 570-259-0130
55" LG 3D TV, model #55LM7600, full HD, 3D glasses included, can convert 2D video to 3D, tested and working, \$125 OBO, 570-541-3195

90" angle snowplow w/ skid loader quick attachment plate, needs hoses to go to skid loader has cylinders, \$900, 256 Lincoln MiG welder, commercial grade, exc. condition, 220 electric, \$2,800, 717-2478520

FREE

Indoor cat, very friendly, good for senior companionship, not good with children, 570-374-4383

Obituaries

Jody Yerg, 66, Mifflinburg

Jody entered into rest on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at her residence.

Born on November 15, 1958, a daughter of the late Lawrence and Linda Showers. On September 2, 1989, she married Keith Yerg, who preceded her in death.

A private family ceremony will occur at a later date.

Betty E. Hackenberg, 90, Mifflinburg

Betty passed away on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, at the age of 90 (almost 91). Betty was born in Smulton, PA. Her parents, Harry and Mini Shaffer, moved their family to Mifflinburg.

A service was held November 18, 2025 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lewisburg.

Nancy L. Wagner, 83, formerly of Millmont

Nancy entered into rest at 1:00 a.m., Thursday, November 13, 2025, at the Manor at Penn Village, Selinsgrove.

She was born August 4, 1942, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Bruce and Jenetta (Bilger) Shirk.

Services were held November 18, 2025 at Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg.

Larry A. Hackenberg, 79, Millmont

Larry entered into rest Thursday, November 13, 2025, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

He was born April 19, 1946, in Lewisburg, a son of the late J. Nelson and Jane (Diehl) Hackenberg. On August 21, 1971, he married the former Gloria J. Kline, who survives.

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Kinderfolk Preschool's Pre-K Class Makes Holiday Brighter

By Kay Poeth

Many were thankful for their mommy, daddy, pets, and such. Others added a comical flair such as Hudson who was thankful for "money." Others shared with me what they are thankful for. Rosie is thankful for the dump trucks in the play area while Sam said, "I like my audiobook, How to Catch a Yeti." Zoey is thankful for the Kinderfolk toys and Laken is thankful for her pet turtle.

Another day the lesson moved to the "giving" part of Thanksgiving. The class decorated boxes for a special project. They were decorating a Turkey and Trimmings Box to be donated to a local family through Bucknell's Center for Engaged Leadership, Learning, and Research.

The students marbled construction paper. The next day, they cut out feathers and brown circles. Then, they pasted the feathers onto the box creating colorful turkeys with brown bodies and heads. A small group of children worked with Miss Julia on the project while other children played at various stations or worked with Miss Christina.

The box required six completed turkeys. Rosie carefully cut out her turkey feathers. As they cut, the children talked about things they like or are thankful for. "I like playing with my friends," said Austin. "I also like cutting."

Lincoln noted that he "liked playing in the soft block area." Miss Julia explained that increases their gross motor skills.

Hudson excitedly exclaimed, "And, I am so happy for Christmas because of all the presents. It is like a birthday party!"

Natalie likes the mac and cheese at Thanksgiving. "We have Thanksgiving and a Friendsgiving."

"I like the big chicken (turkey) we have for Thanksgiving," said Abigail. "We have Natalie and my cousins come over."

Henry, Archer, and Olive all chatted about Thanksgiving dinner. Henry likes the turkey. Archer likes the biscuits with butter. And, Olive likes when family comes over.

The parents donated items for the Turkey and Trimmings Boxes. Donations included a \$25 gift card for a turkey, 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 boxes of mashed potatoes, 2 cans of vegetables, 2 cans of cranberry sauce, 2 jars of gravy, 1 box of corn muffins, and 1 box of brownies. The Turkey and Trimmings Boxes provide a Thanksgiving meal to local families that are experiencing food insecurity.

"Our families are very generous. So, the boxes have additional items," explained Miss Julia. There will be two donated boxes; one from the Pre-K class and one from the morning preschool class.

Then several children helped to carefully place the food items, one item at a time, into the colorfully decorated

turkey box.

The Preschool/Pre-K classroom at First Baptist Church is large and inviting space with an array of activity areas. Each class has two teachers, a leader and an assistant teacher. Each teacher has had a child in the Kinderfolk program. The first part of the year focuses on fine motor skills (cutting and holding a pencil) and gross motor skills (jumping and hopping) as well as the social and emotional development (making friends, learning to share) of the children. In January, the children shift to more academics such as learning phonics, letters sounds, and the alphabet.

"We are really blessed with the space," said Miss Julia.

Miss Christina moved from a parent volunteer to an assistant teacher. "I used to just volunteer because I liked being with the kids. My daughter is now a junior in high school. When this job came available, I quickly applied." Then she added, "I love spending my afternoons working and playing with the kids. They are a ray of sunshine for me."

What a wonderful day in the world of Pre-K. I can't wait to go back again!

Union County Historical Society Holiday Book Sale



The Union County Historical Society is hosting a special Holiday Book Sale on Friday and Saturday, Nov 28 and 29 (10am to 5pm), Friday Dec 5 (4 to 9pm), and Saturday Dec 6 (10am to 5pm) at the Historical Society Gallery, 15 N. Water Street, Lewisburg.

The society has published over a dozen books on local history on such diverse topics as dairy farming, barns and farmsteads, gristmills, the Civil War, and histories of the townships and the West End. The latest books, Railroads and Railroaders East and West, and Railroads and Railroaders North and South, cover the development of railroads and train travel in Union County and central PA.

The Holiday Book Sale is an opportunity to purchase books for gifts and one's own library, and support the historical society "Exploring Union County's Past to Inform the Present and Future."



Zoey (left) Samantha (middle) Laken (right) proudly show off the turkey that they created to decorate the Pre-K Turkey and Trimmings box to be filled with food products for a holiday meal of a local family in need.



The students decorated and filled a box, Turkeys and Trimmings, with goodies for a holiday meal for a family in need. It will make them "Gobble til they wobble!"

Kinderfolk Preschool's Pre-K class at First Baptist Church in Lewisburg has been learning about Thanksgiving. Miss Julia has been reading Thanksgiving stories to the children emphasizing the "thanks" and the "giving" components of the word. The thankful part is hugs from mommy, walking with daddy, listening to stories, riding my bike.

One day they created Thanksgiving trees. The children painted tin cans in fall colors to hold a branch. They watercolored leaves. Then the teachers wrote down what each child was thankful for while the child drew pictures on the leaves. Then, the children hung the leaves on their branch.

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ence for ALL ages. Visitors can drive through this stunning winter spectacle featuring many themed areas! This year is a must-see with new featured motion displays and many more lights spread across the valley to make this a magical winter wonderland!
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November 21, 2025, Union County Times -
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Jazz at the Zone with the Frank Cloke Quintet

Foundation Grants Help Local Organizations Meet Urgent Community Needs



ator from East Stroudsburg now based in Central PA. He is the Band Director at Mifflinburg Area High School and runs the concert and marching bands as well as the modern band program. He studied jazz at Penn State University (2024) and has performed with the PSU Centre Dimensions jazz ensemble, Crooner and Co. Swing Band, and the Zeropoint Big Band.

Joe Stanford (Tenor Saxophone) is from Langhorne, PA and studied music education at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. He studied classical saxophone with Dr. James Umble and jazz studies with Dave Kana, Kent Engelhardt and Dave Morgan. He currently teaches general music at Mifflinburg intermediate school.

Bill Grose (Trombone) is a music educator based in Selinsgrove, PA, currently teaching in the Mifflinburg Area School District. Bill has performed with a variety of ensembles including the Greater Finger Lakes Jazz Orchestra, Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra, The New York Wind Symphony, Penn Central Wind Band, Billtown Brass, Williamsport Symphony, Lycoming Trombone Consortium, Spencer and the T-Bones, and A Long Way from California.

Urie Kline (Drums) is a versatile percussionist active in Williamsport, Lewisburg, and State College. He performs regularly with the Cadillac Cats, Eric Ian Farmer, La Fiesta Latin Band, and the eponymous Urie Kline Band. He currently teaches at Lycoming College, Bucknell University, and Robert M. Sides. Urie currently resides in Williamsport with his wife and two cats.

Jerry Bresee (Guitar) has experience on the Washington DC jazz scene, playing with the 18-piece Loudoun Jazz Ensemble for 12 years, the Mad Dog Jazz quintet, the String Theory Jazz Trio and here in Central PA with Jazz on 16 Strings, a quartet based around two guitars and bass.

Mark your calendars for November 5 and plan to enjoy the music or jam with the Frank Cloke Quintet from 7-9 pm.

Community Giving Foundation remains committed to monitoring and understanding current community needs through our strong relationships with local nonprofit partners. Nonprofit leaders have shared the recent increase in demand for essential food and utility assistance across our region. Area community action agencies are working together to increase resources and services, sharing, "These are not just basic needs; they are critical to the health, safety, and well-being of our community."

As a community foundation, Community Giving Foundation embraces our responsibility to strengthen these organizations and services through flexible funding—meeting current needs today and unknown needs in the future. The Foundation has allocated \$50,000 in critical grants from the Regional Impact Fund to help respond to immediate needs. Initially, AGAPE Love from Above to Our Community, Central Susquehanna Opportunities, and Union-Snyder Community Action Agency will each receive \$10,000 in funding. The Foundation impact team and regional board will continue to work with organizations meeting current needs to disperse the additional funding.

Kara Seesholtz, Foundation president and CEO, shared: "This moment reflects the importance and power of flexible philanthropic resources. We are grateful for the generous donors who have contributed to the Regional Impact Fund over the years, allowing us to respond quickly and effectively when our communities need it most."

The Foundation has created a resource webpage highlighting organizations providing multi-county services for the region. For more information and opportunities to give, visit csgiving.org/community-resources. Donors interested in supporting long-term and diverse community needs are invited to contribute to the Foundation's Regional Impact Fund at csgiving.org/donate (search "Regional Impact Fund").

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Beta Sigma Phi Supports Project Linus

By Kay Poeth



Beta Sigma Phi members (front row) Mary Kaufman, Penny Billheim, Crystal Rushoe, and Cindy Mattern; (back row) Kay Dodge (visitor), Leona Dean, Nancy Stull, Kathy Bilger, Alice Kline, and Amanda Moyer were “knotty” and nice as their organization donated 11 fleece blankets, 9 crocheted afghans, and 2 blanket kitsto Project Linus to provide a sense of warmth and comfort to children in need. Missing from photo are Carla Kreamer, Penny Shambach, Teresa Baker, and Kay Poeth (Photographer).

The Middleburg Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi were very “knotty” during their November meeting as they cut fabric and tied knots creating 11 beautiful soft, plushy fleece blankets that were delivered to the Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Project Linus. In addition to the fleece blankets, Penny Shambach was kept in “stitches” throughout the year as she crocheted nine, colorful afghans. Two blanket kits were also donated.

“It’s a joy to make something to keep a child warm and secure and to bring some happiness to the child,” said Beta Sigma Phi member Nancy Stull.

Kay Poeth agreed, “As our fingers were busy tying knots, it is rewarding to know that a child in need will be comforted by our efforts.”

Blankets may be sewn, knotted fleece, knitted or crocheted. Project Linus is a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization. The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children, infant to age 18, who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gift of new, handmade blankets and afghans created by volunteer “blanketeers.”

The new, washable, handmade blankets are delivered to children in hospital and emergency departments, children in homeless shelters, foster care, and to children in need. According to Pat Warren, Project Linus Coordinator for the Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter, “A Project Linus blanket is a hug when you need one most. Last year we delivered over 1700 blankets during October, November and December. When children receive one of our blankets in a hospital or emergency room, they are thrilled,” said Warren. “The blankets take the children’s minds off their surroundings and their distress. It makes them comfortable and easier to treat. We thank you for all the joy you help us spread.”

This was a year to celebrate milestones! The Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Project Linus was organized in the summer of 2000 by Brenda Naugle and her daughter as a senior project. In the 25 years since then, handmade blankets have been delivered to over to 35,279 sick, hurting and traumatized children in the local 6 county area of Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Columbia and Lycoming.

For some great blanket making ideas, visit the Project Linus website at www.projectlinus.org. For more information and for a complete list of local blanket requirements, contact Pat Warren at 570-966-3675.

Families in Recovery to Host Sober Skate Night on Nov. 29

Susquehanna Valley Mediation, or SVM, is gearing up for year two of the November Family Sober Skate at the Sunset Skating Rink in Selinsgrove! Free and strictly sober events like these are imperative for those in the community who are fighting to remain in recovery, as well as their family members or loved ones. Last year, they welcomed over 100 community members to a night of dancing, games, and all-around wholesome family fun. This year, we’re hoping to see that number increase.

Susquehanna Valley Mediation’s Families in Recovery is excited to announce Sober Skate Night, a free event for those in recovery and their family members from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Sunset Skating Rink, 2755 N Susquehanna Tr., ShamokinDam.

Families in Recovery invites those in recovery

and/or family members of those in recovery to dust off their skates and enjoy a safe and sober day of fun together! Thanks to Pik-Rite for once again sponsoring this joyful event!

“This is a great opportunity for families in recovery to come together and have fun with their kids, parents, grandparents and friends. In recovery, we need to learn how to have fun again while staying sober. Doing something active together in this type of environment is so good for the soul,” said Families in Recovery Program Director Shawnee Robel.

For more information about Sober Skate Night and other Families in Recovery events, please contact Robel at (272) 444-1024 or familiesinrecovery@svmediation.org.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Restaurant & Home being Sold as 1 Lot

Located at 2890 & 2894 Route 405, Milton, PA 17847. From Lewisburg Head Northeast on PA-45 E/Market Street toward N 2nd Street for .50 Miles then turn left onto PA-405 N. The Destination will be on the right.

Restaurant w/ Susquehanna River View

SELLING AT 10:00 AM Restaurant & Home will be Sold as One Lot Consisting of 2 Acres +/- . Located at the above address in East Chillisquaque Township, Northumberland County. A Beautiful Villa Style Restaurant Space with Brand New Roof (Statutes will not be sold with the space). Blacktop Parking Lot holding 100 Cars +/- . Villa Space consisting of 11,000 Square feet; Outdoor Seating Patio w/ Bar (this space has a brand new canopy, gas heaters and ceiling fans); Large Dining Room (seating 100 guests); Kitchen; Wood Burn Pizza Oven; Wash Room/Laundry Room; Walk in Freezer; Office/Extra Storage Space; Large Room in rear of space featuring a Garage Door & Extra Storage Rooms; Restaurant has Town Water & Sewer and Gas Heat. Restaurant did have a fire take place in 2022 (Some repairs still need completed). Home and Restaurant are located in the flood zone.

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SUN Tech Students and Staff Give Back Through \$160 Donation to Hunters Sharing the Harvest



New Berlin, PA - Students and staff at SUN Area Technical Institute recently participated in the school's annual Biggest Buck Contest, raising money to support Pennsylvania Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH).

Participants had the opportunity to sign up for a small donation, entering them into the contest for a chance to win prizes for the largest deer antlers and the most unique set of antlers. Prizes were sponsored by SUN Tech's Council of Presidents, the school's student-run leadership organization similar to a student council.

The Biggest Buck Contest runs through the end of Rifle Season, concluding shortly before the school takes its Winter Break. To date, three entries have been received. This year, the Council of Presidents, made up of student leaders from each of SUN Tech's 19 programs, voted to donate the funds raised to help local families in need of food assistance. The contest resulted in a \$160 donation to the local chapter of Hunters Sharing the Harvest, which will help provide over 600 meals to individuals and families in the community.

Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c)(3) charitable organization that coordinates the processing and distribution of donated venison to food banks, shelters, and families in need throughout the state. Donations help cover the cost of processing venison provided by hunters, ensuring that quality meat reaches those facing food insecurity.

For more information on how to support Hunters Sharing the Harvest, visit www.sharedeer.org.

The Council of Presidents, under the advisement of Wendy Chalmers, Resource Specialist at SUN Tech, strives to instill the value of giving back to the community through a variety of service projects, fundraisers, and outreach activities held throughout the year.

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League of Women Voters Hosts Public Talk on Immigration Realities

LEWISBURG — The League of Women Voters of the Lewisburg Area will host a public talk, "Separating Fact from Fiction: The Immigration Crackdown," on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the Public Library for Union County Community Room, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg. Doors open at 3:30 pm.

This program will explore who our immigrant neighbors are today and how federal actions are affecting households locally and across the nation. Presenters will discuss the consequences of Department of Homeland Security policies and Immigration and Customs Enforcement practices — not only for immigrants but also for U.S. citizens.

Guest speakers include Janice Butler and Nick Moffa, Esq. Janice Butler is a Lewisburg resident and League member. Butler retired from Bucknell University after 16 years as Director of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning and 14 years as Director of the Women's Resource Center. She volunteers with the Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning and the Snyder Union Northumberland Immigrant Support group.

Nick Moffa, Esq. is an immigration attorney who has practiced in Maryland and Virginia. Moffa previously served with the Amica Center for Immigrant Rights representing unaccompanied immigrant children in immigration and state court, including youth detained in federal custody. He earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center.

The meeting is open to League members and the public. All are welcome. There is no charge to attend and no advance registration is required.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan civic organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. The Lewisburg Area League provides trusted voter education resources and community forums, contributes local information to VOTE411.org, supports fair redistricting, and hosts public programs on issues affecting our region. For more information, email LWVLAForum@gmail.com.



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Gallery 255 Features the 14th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Partnership Photo Contest Exhibition in December

Lewisburg, PA - The Public Library for Union County is thrilled to host the 14th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest Winners in Gallery 255 this December.

This year's contest invited photographers to tell the stories of the Susquehanna River watershed through their camera lenses, capturing moments that might otherwise go unnoticed. From the motion of kayakers gliding along the river to the quiet charm of historic towns and fleeting encounters with wildlife, each image offers a unique perspective on life, movement, and nature. Across the categories of Transportation, Recreation, River Towns, and Wildlife, these photographs turn everyday scenes into vivid stories that inspire, surprise, and connect viewers to the landscapes and communities of Pennsylvania.

The gallery will be open to the public throughout December during regular library hours. Art lovers, nature enthusiasts, and community members are invited to visit and experience the Greenway's beauty up close. For more information and to learn more about the Susquehanna Greenway, visit susquehannagreenway.org

The Public Library for Union County is located at 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Library hours are 9:30 AM to 8:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Artists and organizations are encouraged to apply to exhibit items of artistic, cultural, and intellectual interest in the library's gallery and/or display cases. For more information, visit unioncountylibraries.org/displays.

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Liberty Tree Planted at Faylor Lake

By Kay Poeth

Anthem was then performed by Brother Mark Strawser, Junior Warden of Lafayette Lodge No. 194. Brother Alan E. Elliott gave the opening invocation.

Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA, acted as MC for the ceremony. She is a member of the official Commission charged with planning and coordinating all programming, projects, and events around the 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026. "America250PA is committed to one mission: reaching every Pennsylvanian."

Coleman noted, "We're so grateful to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for helping to make this Liberty Tree Project possible... We look forward to keeping that partnership strong as we get ready to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday."

When addressing the gathering, Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kanz said, "We can be confident that this tree will be a reminder of Liberty for generations to come. In fact, it is my hope that 250 years from now, this tree may be standing here." He noted that our roots run deep in Snyder County and many family members fought for our country "that determined our future, wars that secured our freedom, and wars that defined our resolve."

Commissioner Kanz concluded his speech by saying, this Liberty Tree "will certainly give Faylor Lake, Snyder County a flavor that is sharp with sentiment, rich with reminders of those who paid the price of freedom and sweet with the strength of liberty for many years to come."

Coleman then presented Brother Lynn B. Baker, Right Worship Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with a Certificate of Authenticity stating "a certified seedling descended from America's last surviving Liberty Tree from the thirteen original colonies. This tree is placed to commemorate the 250th American Anniversary of the United States and the individuals who achieved American Independence through service to our nation and heroic sacrifices."

Brother Baker then addressed the attendees. "Freemasonry's ideals of faith, hope, and charity; brotherly love, relief, and truth; can be found imbedded in each of the country's foundational documents. Freemasons themselves played a prominent role in securing American independence. Nine signers of the Declaration of Independence, 33 generals in the Continental Army, 48 signers of the Articles of Confederation, and 13 of the 39 signers of the Constitution were Freemasons. Benjamin Franklin, a central figure in France's aid to the American cause, served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania in both 1734 and 1749." George Washington was another well-known Freemason.

Brother Baker also noted that after the Birth of our Nation, "Freemasons have continued to build communities across this country. Just as this Liberty Tree is a living, tangible connection to the past, so too is our Masonic Fraternity. Masonic ideals are just as relevant today as they were 300 years ago. Civil discourse, religious tolerance, equality, service, and love of country are the threads that hold America together, and since the beginning, those threads have been sewn by American Freemasons. Those same foundational ideals continue to be needed in our nation today. Freemasonry's core values remain a blueprint to create better men, better communities, and a better nation."

Then he added, "250 years ago, Freemasonry ignited the passion within the founders of our great nation, just as it works to Ignite the Light Within our members today. It was true then, as it is now – that the Masonic fraternity is a place where young men can find greatness, and accomplished men can give something back."

Coleman concluded the ceremony by saying, "This Liberty Tree stands as symbol of the kind of collaboration that is at the heart of our mission at America250PA. It is both a living monument and a public invitation. To everyone who visits this park, it says: you belong here. Your story matters. And your voice is part of what comes next."

After the closing invocation, people were invited to the Faylor Lake Pavilion for refreshments. "It was a beautiful day to celebrate the Liberty Tree planted at Faylor Lake. I am grateful to the Pennsylvania Lodge of Free & Accepted Mason for sponsoring the Liberty Tree. Also, a big thank you to Weis Markets and Middleswarth Potato Chips for sponsoring the reception," said Ebright, America250PA Snyder County Advisor.

In addition to Snyder County Commissioners Joe Kantz, Chuck Steininger, and Adam Ewig, representatives from the offices of State Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver (Wendy Dombroskie) and State Representative David Rowe (Elizabeth Canfield) were in attendance Pam Sparta and Susan Harman from the National Society of the Daughters of the America Revolution (NSDAR) donned period costumes, Boy Scout Troop 408 McClure, and Rylan Ebright and several members of the Snyder County Chapter of America250PA were also in attendance underscoring the broad support for America250PA in Snyder County.



Shown here are Elizabeth Canfield representing Rep. David Rowe; Wendy Dombroskie representing Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver; Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA; Rylan Ebright, America250PA Snyder County Advisor; Snyder County Commissioner Chuck Steininger, Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz, Brother Lynn B. Baker, Right Worship Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Brother Mark Strawser, Junior Warden of Lafayette Lodge No. 194; and Snyder County Commissioner Adam Ewig.



Pictured with the Liberty Tree at Faylor Lake are The Heroes of '76, National Sojourner Lycoming Chapter No. 509 (on the left) and members of Middleburg Lodge 619, Lafayette Lodge No. 194 (on the right).

Snyder County celebrated the planting of the Liberty Tree at the publicly-owned Faylor Lake in Beaver Springs on October 11, 2025. Approximately 55 people attended this historic event. Generously sponsored by and in partnership with the Pennsylvania Freemasons, America250PA's Liberty Tree Project includes a certified Liberty Tree being planted in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Tilley's Nursery has been caring for the Liberty Trees as they grow and prepare to take root across the Commonwealth.

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is proud to partner with America250PA to plant these symbols of freedom in all 67 counties across the Commonwealth in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation," said Lynn B. Baker, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. "I think Faylor is a most fitting place for this piece of history. The tree is a descendent of one of the 13 original Liberty trees where our founding fathers planned the revolution. I hope this living symbol of our history will live for hundreds of years. So, our future generations will have a living symbol from our past."

The Heroes of '76, National Sojourner Lycoming Chapter No. 509 presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother Alan E. Elliott, District Deputy Grand Master of the 46th Masonic District. The National

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SPORTS NEWS

THE VIEW FROM HEAR

BY RON BOLT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 CLASS 2A BOYS STATE CHAMPS... YOUR LEWISBURG GREEN DRAGONS! The Dragons (24-0-1) beat previously undefeated Fairview 1-0 for their fifth state title in twenty-five years. Previous titles came in 2000, 2015, 2016 and 2020.

Sophomore Eli Abunasser scored the game winner with his only goal of the year. "He hadn't scored all year for us, but we knew he had the ability to," coach Ben Kettlewell said. Abunasser added "I did it for the team, I didn't do it for anyone else. I've been working toward it all season - to score in the state final is something of dreams."

Lewisburg's defensive play was a major factor in winning the state title. Fairview won the shots on goal 18-7. Dragon goal-keeper Gabe Pawling had his 20th shutout of the year in holding Fairview scoreless for the first time this year. Lewisburg surrendered only six goals all year and scored 92.

"That was probably the most action I got the whole year," Pawling said. "And even that, nothing was crazy, nothing that I couldn't handle. Our backline is the best in the state, without a doubt. They can distribute, they listen to me really well, they close gaps and they just defend like hell." The Green Dragons' backline includes Grayson Barner, Riley Gulden-Luthi and Jack Johnson.

Recently named first team All-Stater Viktor Permyashkin said "We are that team. We are the team that kids are going to look up to. Just to have a standard going into next year. I'm super excited for this team. They're returning a lot of guys and I'm super excited for the standard. They know what it takes to win."

Mifflinburg football was our other team playing in a state tournament. The game could not have gotten off to a better start for the Wildcats. Two offensive plays, two touchdowns covering 164 yards and a 14-0 lead over Scranton Prep. The "Martin-Murray" show accounted for over 200 yards and three TDs that gave Miff a 21-14 lead at halftime.

The play of the game was a Ricky Dewey 49-yard scoop and score as Mifflinburg was driving mid-way through the second quarter. The Cats had driven the ball to Prep's 33 yard line before Cats QB Chad Martin was strip-sacked 18 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Dewey ran it in untouched to tie the game at fourteen all.

The problem is that Scranton Prep signed up for four quarters of play and dominated the second half in coming back to win 28-21. Prep had the "McPartland-Brothers" show that flexed their muscles in the second half.

QB Will McPartland ran for 125 yards and 3 TDs and brother Braedon ran for another 96. The Mifflinburg defense could not make a tackle in a phone booth as they had the brothers contained for the most part but were unable to bring them down until 5-7 yards later.

Scranton Prep out-physicalled the Wildcats in the second half. In the playoffs, no matter the level... high school, college or pro, the team that rushes for more yards usually wins. Prep ran for 297 yards compared to 20 for Mifflinburg.

Prep made the adjustments they needed on defense for the second half with a couple different coverages on their third level of defense. Miff gained just 33 yards in the second half. Scranton Prep will host Northwestern Lehigh Friday for a trip to the eastern finals.

Mifflinburg coach Cody Botts said after the game "I feel like this was the best season in our program's history and it's because of the work that they put in, the senior class especially. It's a special class with a lot of talent and they

put this program back on the map and they're going to leave a trail for the underclassmen." Well done coach Botts and players, you made Friday nights fun again in Mifflinburg.

Saturdays are about to get better for Virginia Tech fans. James Franklin has been named their next head coach replacing his long time defensive coordinator and friend Brent Fry. Is it possible Franklin hires Fry as his DC again? Say what you will about Franklin's tenure at Penn State, he did leave the program in better shape than when he arrived. VA Tech fans and administration will be perfectly content with 9-10 wins a year and not reaching elite status.

The coaches that Penn State was targeting should be sending Penn State some very nice Thank you/Christmas gifts this year. Most of them have signed very lucrative contract extensions to stay put and not move to Happy Valley. Rhule, Cignetti and Elko have all made tens of millions of dollars due to the interest Penn State showed in them.

Missouri's Drinkwitz and Bama's DeBoer are still on the Lions radar but I think it's time to refocus. James Madison's Bob Chesney would be my choice now. He has won at every level and rebuilt JMU's roster after Cignetti took a bunch of players with him to Indiana.

Chesney has JMU ranked in the Top 25 and still has a shot at the College Football Playoffs. He's also a central PA native and is familiar with the landscape of east coast football. If Penn State doesn't hire him, UCLA will.

The NFL changes come as fast as the rumors of who Penn State's next coach is going to be. Is the KC Chiefs dynasty finally over? Are the Broncos and Bears as good as their records? Finding a quality quarterback is still the most important trait for a deep run into the playoffs.

I would advise all NFL teams to stay away from any QB that played in The Big Ten. J.J. McCarthy, Justin Fields, Aiden O'Connell and Michael Penix are not scaring defenses in the NFL. The only exceptions could be CJ Stroud and Justin Herbert but the jury is still out with them. Bo Nix will always be an Auburn guy and Caleb Williams is PAC-10.

The Eagles continue to be the most well run team of them all. The media continues to try and tear them down with reports on AJ Brown not being happy, Saquon unproductive and Hurts not being a top 10 QB. Their defense and culture is second to none and trading for Jaelan Phillips has only made them better. W's are what counts in the NFL no matter how ugly it might seem.

The pass-interference call on Detroit against the Eagles last week helped with that ugly win. PI has always been a subjective call but that flag was offensive in more ways than one. It cost the Lions any outside chance of getting a win and the referees have to establish a framework of what pass interference is and be consistent in calling it. We cannot lose integrity in the sports we watch.

Speaking of which, there are many societal issues our country faces and I'm going to stay in my lane and talk about one that relates to sports. Gambling on sports has become too easy and rampant. If you have a phone and a credit card you can wager on just about anything related to a game, from how long it takes to sing our National Anthem to whether the next pitch in a baseball game will be a strike or ball. You can bet on how many yards Mahomes will pass for in the second quarter to how many rebounds LeBron James will grab in a game.

Both the NBA and MLB have been indicted by the FBI for questionable prop bets placed on their stats in a game. Prop bets are what I previously mentioned above and mostly depend on the efforts of one person and are

ripe for exploitation.

The two Cleveland Guardian (Indians) pitchers arrested last week took bribes from bettors to purposely throw certain types of pitches that would pay off bets. Bettors allegedly made at least \$460K off the rigged pitches.

In one example, Guardian's starting pitcher Emmanuel Clase spoke to a bettor by phone just before taking the mound. Four minutes later the bettor won \$11K on a bet that Clase would throw a pitch slower than 97.95 mph.

The other Cleveland pitcher, Luis Ortiz, bounced two separate sliders on his first pitch to two different hitters. The bettors wagered both of those pitches would be called balls. The integrity of baseball has to be an issue when these things happen.

How much were these pitchers paid to win money for others? Clase was in the middle of a five-year \$20M contract. Ortiz had a \$782K salary this year. They are both facing up to twenty years in prison and the end of their careers. How much money is enough and who is paying it? The Italian mob, the Russian mafia or some other nefarious organization?

These prop bets aren't going away any time soon. There might be a maximum amount you can bet or only wager on the over for a player's stats. All four professional sports leagues have embraced legal wagering and partnered with sports betting companies. These prop bets also keep gamblers engaged with game action, even in blowouts which makes broadcasters happy and rich.

Last month more than 30 people were arrested in a gambling sweep that rocked the NBA. This included Portland head coach and Hall of Famer Chauncey Billups and Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier who just signed a \$26M contract. Rozier is accused of exploiting private information about players to win prop bets in NBA games.

Billups was charged with participating in a conspiracy to fix high-stakes card games tied to La Cosa Nostra organized crime families.

Not to be overshadowed, the NCAA agreed to allow college athletes and staff members to wager on professional sports. This initial ruling has been tabled for a revote on 11/22. None of this addresses the fact that college athletes have always been able to gamble on college games and the NCAA has never addressed this.

The two red-flags here are college athletes who are making a lot of money through NIL. If and when they get in over their heads by betting these newfound riches, how do they get right? They take bribes from who they owe to affect games they play in. The NCAA will never learn.

To quote Mark Twain, "God rewards gamblers and fools. The crucial thing, when you win, is knowing which you were." Any questions or comments can be sent to theviewfromhear74@gmail.com or on X @theviewfromhear

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