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## Lewisburg Neighborhoods Celebrates Tree Planting & Ten Years of Green Team



Green teams plants trees in Mariah's Garden. (Photo Credit: Debra Sulai)

Over the last week, seventeen trees were delivered and planted across green spaces in Lewisburg with help from community volunteers and the Lewisburg Borough public works crew. Lewisburg Neighborhoods received the trees through Tree Pennsylvania's Fall 2025 Bare Root Tree grant program. Tree Pennsylvania is a private, statewide non-profit organization committed to increasing tree canopy throughout the Commonwealth.

In June, Lewisburg Neighborhoods submitted a grant application to Tree Pennsylvania requesting a variety of mostly large-canopy trees to be planted in the Borough. The 10-12-foot trees will bring beauty, shade, and many other benefits to Borough green spaces, particularly areas that currently lack tree cover. These trees are just some of more than 1000 trees delivered to 51 communities across Pennsylva-

nia through Tree Pennsylvania over the past week.

Two of the trees were given to the Green Team, a volunteer group affiliated with Lewisburg Neighborhoods. Green Team volunteers planted an American hornbeam and an American hophornbeam in Mariah's Garden on Friday, carrying water up from the Susquehanna to use for the newly planted native varieties.

Dorothy Holloway, coordinator of the Green Team, noted that "the Green Team started ten years ago when neighbors came together to remove a swath of invasive Knotweed plants growing along the river at Lewisburg Landing, a brownfield remediation site previously called the Gas Property." From that modest beginning, "the Green Team started planting native trees, shrubs, and perennials around the capped area [around the old gas property] with a goal to reforest the space, create a new borough park, educate about eco-beneficial landscaping, and to do our part to help mitigate climate change for future generations."

After early success at Lewisburg Landing, Holloway continued, "Six years ago the Green Team agreed to take on Mariah's Garden. Our goals are to plant native species, remove invasive plant species, and most interestingly to create a lightly managed garden where there are blooming natives throughout the growing season." The two new trees add to the diversity of existing species at the garden.

The rest of the trees were planted this week in collaboration with the Lewisburg Borough public works crew and Bucknell University students along the northern end of the Rail Trail and in the Piers Art Park. These trees help replace those that had been removed as part of the Borough's ongoing flood mitigation efforts along Bull Run/Limestone Run.

Participating in Tree Pennsylvania's bare root tree program continues Lewisburg Neighborhood's mission of improving our town through conservation and restoration of our natural spaces and increasing quality of life for residents and visitors.

"We've received trees through this program over multiple years, and we're grateful for the benefits they provide. Trees are foundational for a healthy environment. In Lewisburg Borough, trees are particularly important for their ability to absorb and retain storm water," Debra Sulai, director of Lewisburg Neighborhoods, commented about the tree

delivery. "The more trees we have, the slower the ground floods. Through this grant, we're able to plant larger caliper trees in the Borough that would cost thousands of dollars if we had to purchase them from a nursery."

Come visit Mariah's Garden, the Piers Art Park or walk the Rail Trail between N. 6th and N. 7th Streets and see the newly planted trees for yourself. Volunteers interested in joining the Green Team can e-mail Dorothy Holloway, hollowayok@gmail.com, for more information.

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# Deeds & Courts

# Community Calendar

# Police

**Deeds:**  
 Lorena L. & Darrel J. Sampsell trustees for Karl & Nancy Sampsell Trust to Lauren Rose, Catawissa property in White Deer Township for the sum of 230,500.00.  
 Bucknell Real Estate Inc, Lewisburg to Bucknell University, Lewisburg 3 properties in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.  
 Victor E. Snyder by Richard G. Scheib, Lewisburg to TKT Property Services, LLC, New Columbia property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 128,100.00.  
 Daniel L. & Carrie M. Freeman Smith to Carrie Mae Freeman, Pearl River, Louisiana property in White Deer Township for the sum of 50,000.00.  
 Daniel Z. & Pauline M. Reiff, Lewisburg to Lynn H. & Juanita Z. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 283,000.00.  
 Brian C. Kapp, Mifflinburg to Catherine E. Burns, Muncy Pa. property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 199,500.00.  
 David E. Iddings LLC, Mifflinburg to Mark A. Cresswell, Mifflinburg property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.  
 Allen J. & Cheryl L. Kahl, New Berlin to Curt A. Wingert, Mifflinburg property in New Berlin for the sum of 239,000.00.  
 Aaron B. & Joann R. Hoover, Mifflinburg to Weston Clair & Loranna Shirk Hoover, Millmont property in Lewis Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 James H. & Mary E. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg to Ralph K. & Wilma H. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg property in Limestone Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Ralph K. & Wilma H. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg to James H. & Mary E. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg property in Limestone Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Lester W. & Martha L. Nolt, Lewisburg to Jason O. & Elva h. Nolt, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Patrick Shallcross by George M. Ladson, Wayne Pa. & Rosalie Anne Shallcross Lenig, New Berlin to Scott I. & Julie J. Carpenter, Lewisburg property in Limestone Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Eric Christopher Strong II & Lisa Strong, Lewisburg to AI Jia Chen LLC, Milton property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 567,500.00.  
 Quit Claim Deed: Therese Burchianti, San Diego, Calif. to Jeffrey Scott Bean, Lewisburg property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.  
 Todd L. Yarger, White Deer to Todd L. & Robin C. Yarger, White Deer Township for the sum of 1.00.

**Marriages:**  
 Cassie Jade Keister, Millmont to Garrett Lee Walls, Millmont  
 Justin Scott Blount, Lewisburg to Allyson Ellen Hurford, Garnet Valley Pa.  
 Cynthia Lynn Leech, Millmont to Don Holt Lloyd Jr. Lewisburg

**Union-Snyder Agency on Aging Inc., Senior Centers Closed**  
 November 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  
**Indoor Holiday Sale**  
 December 5, 6, 8am-?, 1330 Borough Line Rd., Mifflinburg  
**AFSCME Retiree's Christmas Lucheon**  
 December 8, 12pm, SUN Tech, RSVP 570-374-4547  
**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.

# Church News

**Kettle Cook Soup Sale**  
 November 29, 10:30am-1pm, Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, 46 Brethren Church Rd., Mifflinburg  
**Dr. Job Martin Ft. in 4 Week Video Series 'Evolution of a Creation'**  
 November 30, 9:30-10:30am, New Hope Bible Church, 310 Raven Lane, Mifflinburg  
**Christmas Bazaar, Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, and Lunch Stand**  
 December 6, 8am-2pm, Emmanuel UCC, Market and Vine St., New Berlin  
**Cookies with Santa**  
 December 6, 10am-12pm, Lighthouse Worship Center, 6151 New Berlin Hwy, Winfield

# Jersey Shore Livestock Market LLC & Flea Market

The following items were sold on **November 20th, 2025:** Calves: \$0.10 to \$17.25 per lb; Cows: \$0.70 to \$1.69 per lb; Bulls: \$1.60 to \$2.05 per lb; Feeders: \$0.60 to \$3.50 per lb; Goats: \$40 to \$345 per hd; Lambs/sheep: \$0.60 to \$3.55 per lb; Hogs: \$0.75 to \$0.92.  
**1308 S RT 44 HWY, JERSEY SHORE PA 17740**

# Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **November 25, 2025**  
 Grass: \$235 to \$250 by the ton; Mixed: \$175 to \$265 by the ton; Mixed: \$65 by the bale; Ear Corn: \$165 by the ton; Firewood: \$80 to \$140 by the load; Calf: \$25 to \$1,575 per hundred; Fats: \$148 to \$222 by the hundred; Cow: \$55 to \$156 per hundred; Bull: \$161 to \$196 per hundred; Feeder: \$95 to \$575 per hundred; Hogs: \$2 to \$116 per hundred; Pigs: \$5 to \$37 per head; Sows: \$10 to \$63 per hundred; Boars: \$10 to \$22 per hundred; Sheep: \$100 to \$140 per hundred; Goat: \$5 to \$340 per head; Lamb: \$160 to \$350 per head.

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**MILTON STATE POLICE**  
**Crash** 8:27 p.m. November 21, on I-80 E., in White Deer Township. A 2024 Subaru Forester driven by Remigio Perales, 55, of Oberlin, OH, was traveling east on I-80. As the Subaru Forester was traveling in the right lane, a deer ran out into the roadway and the Subaru Forester struck the deer causing disabling damage. No injuries were reported.  
**Crash** 3:41 p.m. November 22, on Old Turnpike Road (SR 45) at its intersection with Beaver Run Road, in Buffalo Township. A 2006 Ford Fusion driven by Courtney M. School, 21, of Sunbury, was traveling west on Old Turnpike Road. A 2015 Jeep Cherokee driven by Coleton R. Andrews, 18, of Linden, was stopped at a stop sign facing north on Beaver Run Road. The Jeep Cherokee proceeded from the stop sign without proper clearance striking the Ford Fusion. After initial impact, the Jeep Cherokee exited the north side of the roadway striking a tree with its rear bumper. Both vehicles came to rest against the trees located next to each other. Scholl was transported to GMC Geisinger with suspected minor injuries. No other injuries were reported. Andrews was cited for duties at stop sign.  
**Retail Theft** 4:39 p.m. November 21, at Walmart at 110 AJK Blvd., in Kelly Township. PSP responded for a report of retail theft of a Snoopy Plush valued at \$25, Billie Elish Perfume valued at \$39.98, and Zero NBC valued at \$6.97. Charges were filed in District Court 17-3-01 against Kylie Struble, 20, of Mifflinburg.  
**Crash** 6:19 p.m. November 19, on Market Street (SR 304) at its intersection with Vine Street, in New Berlin Borough. A 2007 Honda Odyssey driven by Emmylu Slack, 50, of Easton, was traveling west on SR 304 and was approaching the intersection at approximately 35 mph at which point Slack did not stop at the posted stop sign and struck a 2021 Ford Explorer driven by Michelle L. Resseguie, 43, of Middleburg. Both vehicles came to rest in the northwest corner of the intersection and sustained disabling damage. No injuries were reported. Slack was cited for duties at stop sign.

# Mifflinburg Intermediate School Student of the Month



Congratulations to the October 2025 Students of the Month from Mifflinburg Area Intermediate School!  
**3rd - Greysen Weidman**- Greysenis the son of Jeremy and Nicole Weidman of Mifflinburg. Greysen's teacher is Mrs. Diehl, and his favorite subjects are reading and math. Outside of school, Greysen enjoys playing baseball and basketball. His favorite place to visit is the beach, and in the future, Greysen hopes to be in the U.S. Army.  
**4th - Ryder Liam Moyer**- Ryderis the son of Ali Weikel and Kurtiss Moyer of Millmont. His teacher is Mrs. Kresley, and his favorite subject is math. Ryderis is a member of the school's Chorus and Art Club. He also participates in Lunch Bunch. Outside of school, Ryder is active in his church, and he likes gaming and playing Minecraft and Roblox with his friends. Ryder enjoys spending time with his family, and in the future, he hopes to become a video game programmer.  
**5th - Oryan Fetterolf**- Oryan is the son of Scott Fetterolf and Stephanie Beachel of Mifflinburg. His teacher is Mr. Alexander, and his favorite subject is math. Oryan would like to join the school's Art Club. Outside of school, Oryan attends church in Mifflinburg and enjoys playing board games with his family. Oryan likes to read books, go fishing, and collect Pokémon cards. His favorite place to visit is Knoebels. Oryan enjoys doing his schoolwork, and in the future, he hopes to become a police officer.

# Celebrate Local Writers at the Public Library for Union County's First Author Fair

The Public Library for Union County invites you to celebrate our community's creative writers at the Local Author Fair on Saturday, December 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the library's Community Room.  
 Meet the authors behind the stories, hear what inspires their writing, and explore their work across genres, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's literature. Discover new reads, enjoy creative conversations, and experience the joy of storytelling firsthand. To learn more about the event and preview participating authors, visit [bit.ly/AuthorFairPLUC](http://bit.ly/AuthorFairPLUC).  
 Local Authors Attending include:  
 Adult Authors: Brian Johnson, Nigel Fulmore-Smith, Elizabeth Scozzari, and Sue Fairchild;  
 Middle Grade Authors: Becca Wierwille and Virginia Zimmerman; and Children's Authors: Judi Jessick and Crystal Gingrich.  
 The event is free and open to the public. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing. All sales will be handled directly by the authors, and some may accept cash only. For more information, visit [unioncountylibraries.org](http://unioncountylibraries.org) or call 570-523-1172.

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## LEGALS

### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Donald N. Ritter, Deceased

Date of Death: October 9, 2025

Late of Union Township, Union County, PA

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  
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### ESTATE NOTICE

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Craft/garage sale, 3543  
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# Obituaries

## Larry A. Hackenberg, 79, Millmont



years until his honor-  
able discharge on Septem-  
ber 21, 1990.

Larry was employed at the Kinney Shoe Fac-  
tory, Beaver Springs, and Yorktowne, Mifflinburg, until he  
retired.

He was a volunteer as an E.M.T. for the West End Am-  
bulance Company.

Larry enjoyed hunting and woodworking.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 54 years, are three  
sons and one daughter-in-law, William Mattern of Mc-  
Clure, Michael and Christine Lyman of Beavertown, and  
James Hackenberg of Punxsutawney; two daughters and  
one son-in-law, Valerie Mattern of Savannah, Georgia, and  
April Dawn and Greg Keister of Beavertown; and 9 grand-  
children.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael S.  
Hackenberg; and one daughter, Erika Hackenberg.

Family and friends were welcomed Wednesday, Novem-  
ber 19, at the Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turn-  
pike Road, Mifflinburg, where the funeral was conducted  
at 11, with Rev. John Yost, officiating.

Burial was in the Dreisbach Church Cemetery, with mili-  
tary honors accorded by American Legion Post 410 and  
VFW Post 1964, both of Mifflinburg.

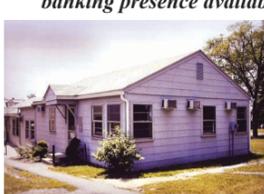
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## Service 1st Federal Credit Union Celebrates '50 Years of Friends You Can Bank On' in 2025

Edited by Kay Poeth



*Service 1st Federal Credit Union's Corporate Center is located in Danville, PA. It's one of twelve locations including Bloomsburg, Danville, Elysburg, Lewisburg, Loyalsock, Mifflinburg, Montandon, Muncy, Shamokin Dam, Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre, in addition to the financial institution's digital banking presence available to members.*



*Service 1st Federal Credit Union, first known as Geisinger Employees Federal Credit Union, began at a table in the cafeteria and then moved to one of the cottages on the hospital's Danville campus.*

Service 1st Federal Credit Union is excited to announce a significant milestone in the creditunion's history. 2025 marks the credit union's 50th Anniversary.

"We are looking forward to celebrating '50 Years of Friends You Can Bank On' throughout 2025 with our members, volunteers, team and the community," said Mike Thomas, President/CEO, Service 1st. "We are truly grateful for our members, their families and their businesses for the trust they place in us. We're looking forward to celebrating with members throughout the year during a number of upcoming events."

My husband and I stopped by the Shamokin Dam branch on Friday, October 17. Like most branch celebrations, Shamokin Dam offered lunch provided by KND's Pizza, chips, and a variety of desserts. The office was busy. Bank representative greeted customers. Customers did their banking while others chatted and signed up for door prizes. Alas, we were not lucky winners, but we enjoyed the lunch and comradery of the event. The creative pumpkin display was adorable. The branch celebrations are staggered to extend throughout 2025 across the area.

In 1975, Barbara Criswell, founding member and long-time Service 1st Board Director led the group of Geisinger Medical Center employees who identified the need for credit union services and rallied support and involvement from their colleagues. In the beginning, the credit union was run by volunteers who opened accounts at a table in the hospital's cafeteria and later from one of the on-campus cottages.

"It was Barbara's vision that initially sparked, what is now known as Service 1st Federal Credit Union," added Mike Thomas. Criswell retired from Service 1st's Board of Directors last summer after serving as a volunteer in

numerous and impactful roles for nearly 40 years.

Originally chartered on August 25, 1975, as Geisinger Employees Federal Credit Union, it's also important to understand the timing of Service 1st's Charter. It was amid the Women's Movement which covered a span of nearly 20 years from the 1960s through the 1980s. In the 1960s, women had won the right to open a bank account on their own; however, most financial institutions didn't honor that right until 1974 when the Equal Opportunity Act was passed. The following year, would become known as the International Women's Year, declared by the United Nations and marked by the World Conference on Women held from June 19 through July 2 in 1975.

"Barbara began a long-standing tradition by stepping outside of the box to start a cooperative institution that would positively impact the financial lives of so many locally over the past 50 years," said Thomas. "We're committed to continuing this tradition and working with our members to achieve their financial goals. Our promise to our members remains to provide a lifetime of financial services to meet their changing needs, fostering a relationship of trust, dignity and respect."

To commemorate this milestone year, the credit union has been and will be hosting a number of 50th Anniversary Member Appreciation events throughout 2025 and celebrating during their regularly scheduled fundrais-  
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# Turkey Time for Kids of the Kingdom

By Kay Poeth



Coloring a Thanksgiving mural makes you want to gobble til you wobble as the KOK celebrated Turkey Time! Pictured here are Emma, Boden, Mitchell, Abby (mom), Mia, Cato, and Percy.



Who doesn't want their very own turkey filled with candy corn used for the fingers and pretzels for the body? Shown here are twins Alexis and Austin of Kids of the Kingdom Day School show off their creations with volunteer Mike Underkoffler who lent a helping...hand!



Decorating turkey cookies makes you want to gobble til you wobble. KOK students Olive and Charlotte are pastry chefs at work!

The Kids of the Kingdom Day School students in Lewisburg geared up for the holidays with a festive and fun Turkey Time. The children rotated from station to station to engage in learning experiences and hand-on activities. Parents and grandparents volunteered to help with these holiday activities.

Miss Patti engaged the students in music as the children sang songs, danced, and moved their bodies. They

sang Old McDonald's Band using shakers, sticks, and hands. The children showed the parent volunteers what they do in music class including the counting song, Polly the Pumpkin and Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. Miss Carol Ann was a great parent helper and knew all the words and motions.

Mende Croll mesmerized the youngsters with her storytelling session. She emphasized the rhyming words and rhythm of the stories she was reading. Miss Anna Maria helped the children make colorful cornucopias by gluing crumpled up pieces of tissue paper onto the picture. What would Thanksgiving be without a turkey hat? Well, Miss Kim helped the children create their very own! They were the cutest little gobblers ever!

The festive fun continued as the children decorated turkey cookies with Miss Trish. Yummy! Pastry chefs of the future! No fowl moods anywhere. At another station, Miss Allison had the young ones fill a clear serving glove with colored goldfish and pretzels to create hand turkeys.

Other activities included Chapel time with Miss Bev. She read several stories, played turkey ring toss, and danced the Hokey Pokey. The children also had fun coloring a gigantic Thanksgiving banner to display.

Of course, there was time for dancing and movement with Miss Ann. The children participated in the Thanksgiving Freeze Dance and Going on a Turkey Hunt. The activities culminated with a group snack in the gym. The Kids of the Kingdom Day School is held at Faith Lutheran Church in Lewisburg.

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Black Friday & Shop Small Saturday will be held on Friday, November 28 & Saturday, November 29.

Fiber Artist Sale with Hand Crafted Fiber Arts Gifts will be held two weekends. Show Friday, Nov. 28-29 from 10 am- 5 pm and Dec. 5 from 4-9 pm and Dec. 6 from 10 am- 5 pm at the Lewisburg Arts Council, 15 N. Water Street in Lewisburg. The Susquehanna Valley Spinners & Weavers Guild invites you to shop local and discover one-of-a-kind woven wonders, shawls, yarns, scarves, and cozy wearables- all handcrafted by regional fiber artists.

Traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 4 at 7 pm in Hufnagle Park. Gather with friends and family as Mayor Kendy Alvarez lights the community tree and the Susquehanna Valley Chorale fills the park with song. Children of all ages will be delighted with a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Girls Scouts and Cub Scout Pack 3538 will be offering Hot Cocoa and cookies.

Late Night Shopping is Friday, December 5 from 5-10 pm. Downtown Lewisburg is lighting up the night! Shop under the glow of twinkling lights, listen to carolers, and enjoy treats, hot drinks, and special offers at your favorite local shops. Look for these highlights along Market Street:

Breakfast with the Grinch will be held on Saturday, December 6 from 9 am- 1 pm at the Bull Run Tap House hosted by Lewisburg Sunset Rotary. Reservations: 570-524-2572 Monday - Saturday 9 am- 3 pm.

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# SV United Way Celebrates Campaign Success, New Leadership & Bold Future



*New President and CEO Mark Stankiewicz is pictured here with the Susquehanna Valley United Way staff.*

Chrissy Paterson, Director of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program was presented with the Advancing the Common Good Award. The award honors an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the United Way mission and made a meaningful difference in the lives of others in our community.

Susquehanna Valley United Way proudly wrapped its 2024-2025 Campaign on a high note during a special celebration held at Susquehanna University's Downtown Center. Surrounded by friends, donors, community partners, and staff, the gathering not only marked the culmination of a record-breaking year of impact but also ushered in a new era of leadership and brand identity.

This year, the organization exceeded its campaign goal of \$665,000, raising a total of \$687,702 – a \$38,835 increase over last year's results. Thanks to this

generosity, \$290,000 will be distributed in direct allocations to local funded partners, supporting critical services in early and STEAM education, after-school programming, food security, mental health, and housing across the five-county region.

Much of this success was made possible thanks to the incredible support of local workplaces and their dedicated employee campaign coordinators. Organizations such as PPL Corporation, Geisinger Health System, Weis Markets, SECA, Bucknell University, SEKISUI KYDEX, and UGI Penn Natural Gas played a vital role in the campaign's success.

PPL Corporation was this year's top campaign contributor, combining employee giving, corporate sponsorships, and matching gifts. Meanwhile, both Susquehanna University and Talen Energy Supply LLC raised over \$10,000 each, with 100% of contributions coming directly from employees—a remarkable testament to their commitment to community giving.

Board President Steve Keifer credited the region's generous spirit, saying, "The annual campaign was a success because of the generosity of spirit in the five-county area. When times are tough, our residents and businesses step up to the plate and choose to take care of everyone we can, to the greatest extent possible. This year, they hit a home run. We at SVUW are thankful to live and work in this caring community."

In addition to funds raised through the campaign, Susquehanna Valley United Way continues to manage and distribute a wide range of grant funding aimed at deepening long-term impact. During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the organization is administering more than \$1.4 million in active grants to support key initiatives such as United in Recovery, Family Services programs (including Parents as Teachers, Triple P,

Active Parenting, and 24/7 Dads), Makerspace learning initiatives, the VITA Tax Program, and Emergency Food and Shelter Programs. These investments directly address the complex challenges facing ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) households and vulnerable families across the region.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Advancing the Common Good Award to Chrissy Paterson, Director of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. The award honors an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the United Way mission and made a meaningful difference in the lives of others in our community.

Under Chrissy's leadership, the VITA program filed 801 tax returns this year—a 35% increase over last year—and helped local taxpayers save an estimated \$227,640 through free, reliable tax preparation. Those savings represent real dollars back into households money that can be used for groceries, bills, or emergency expenses. Chrissy's efforts continue to strengthen financial stability for individuals and families across the region.

"It's such an honor to receive this award from the United Way," said Chrissy Paterson. "I've always believed in helping our community in whatever ways we can – and for me, that's through a free tax program. I'm so grateful to be part of the larger United Way family that supports our region in so many meaningful ways. This program wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers who generously give their time and energy to VITA. Thank you to each of them – let's keep it going!"

The event also served as a welcome to new President and CEO Mark Stankiewicz, who expressed his enthusiasm for the road ahead. "I am excited to be able to wrap up an amazing campaign and would like to thank the staff and board at the Susquehanna Valley United Way for leading the charge in this endeavor. As we look to the future, I am confident that the passion of our entire team will continue to push our United Way forward as a leader in the fight for a better world for all our community members. Together, we can make a big difference – not only across our five-county footprint, but in creating a better world for everyone."

The evening also marked a major brand milestone with the official unveiling of the organization's new logo and the refreshed message: United is the Way.

"This brand refresh isn't just a new look," said Danielle Velkoff, Senior Director of Marketing and Communications. "It's a renewed promise to our community. 'United is the Way' captures the belief that meaningful change only happens when we come together. It reflects the energy, unity, and resilience we see every day in the people and partnerships across our region."

With campaign momentum and a clear vision for the future, Susquehanna Valley United Way is poised to deepen its impact by championing solutions for ALICE families and building a stronger, more connected community for all.



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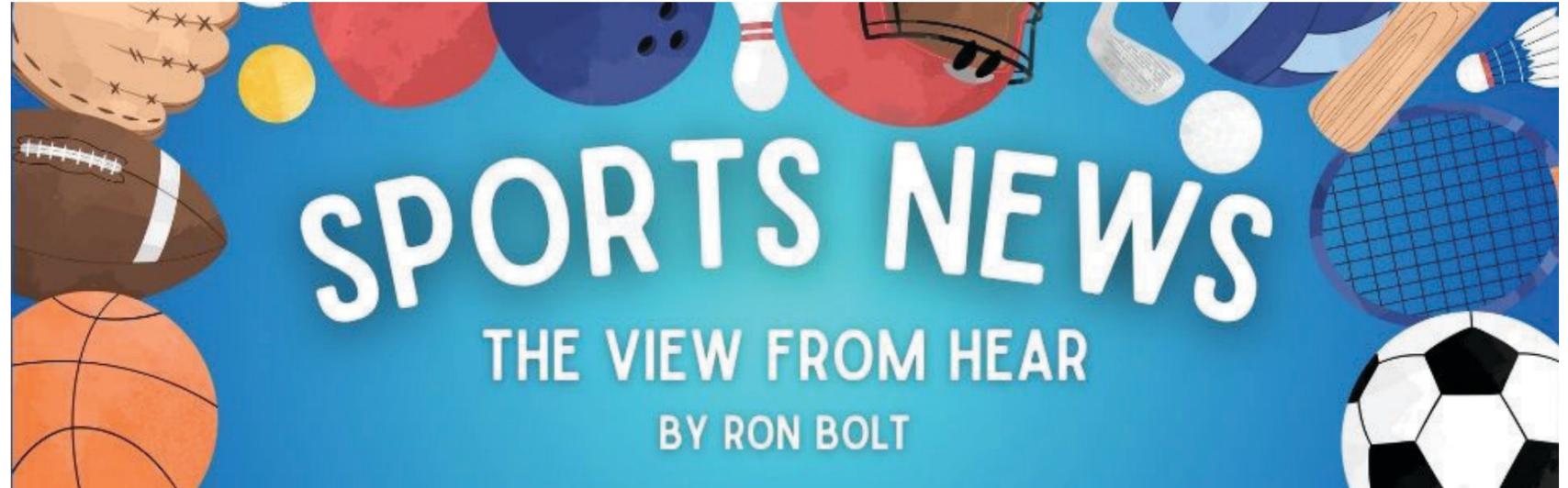


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# SPORTS NEWS

## THE VIEW FROM HEAR

### BY RON BOLT

We got spoiled with all the different sports at all levels going on these last two months. I repeatedly said that this is the best time of the year. The local high school winter sports teams started playing their games this week. That also means honors are given out to the Fall sports participants.

Members of the HAC-1 All-star field hockey team are all from our four schools; Danville and Shik are the other schools in the conference. Lewisburg had Lilly Alabak off and Tia Berge named to the first team. Midd-West was represented by Kylie Brown, Maesyn Franquet and Kinzee Batdorf. Mifflinburg has Kira Shoemaker, Lainey Miller, Aubrey Fluman and Anna Pachucki.

Not surprisingly, District 4 champion Selinsgrove had seven players named to the first team. Taylor Fry, Abby Raymond, Alyvia Herrold, Emma Petersen, Addy Lehman and Nora Moyer named All-stars. Grove's Isabella Furgison was named the league's top goalkeeper. Thank you to all the girls for an exciting season.

PHAC-1 boys soccer players named to the first team are Midd-West's Conner Stoltzfus, Gabe Romig and Jacob Sellers. Selinsgrove's Nick Bisaccia and Bobby Kruskie were named first teamers.

State champion Lewisburg had four players in Isaac Ayers, Riley Golden-Luthi and Gabe Pawling. Dragon midfielder Viktor Permyashkin was voted league player of the year and was named to the All-state first team for the second consecutive year.

Our PHAC first team harriers include seven from Lewisburg, four from Selinsgrove and Grant Boop from Midd-West. The trio of Grove girls on the first team are Isabel Clark, Lake Dent and Ashtyn Lukens. Seals' Michael Andretta was a first-teamer on the boys side.

Lewisburg has Serena Anmuth, Annika Ikeda Shields, Theo Wilkinson and four-time All-star Baylee Espinosa. The boys were strong as well with Justin Nolt, Ian Cavanaugh and Hugh Ikeda Shields making the first team.

Susquehanna (8-3) returned to the Division III football playoffs with an opening round win over Washington & Jefferson 38-32. SU will travel to Newport News, VA this Saturday to play Christopher Newport (10-0). The Captains beat Susquehanna 41-27 earlier this season.

I start out every week saying I'm not going to talk about the open head coach position at Penn State. This week the speculation and buzz continues to grow. Throw another hot option into the ring after Penn State played their best game all season in beating Nebraska 37-10. Long time fan Mark Bowman was there and told me "that game was the wildest and craziest game" he has been at for years.

Interim head coach Terry Smith has quickly become a viable option after being a halfhearted possibility originally. There are a couple of reasons for this modification. Number one is the fact his players have bought into his coaching style and are playing with an intensity we expected all year.

Smith is an honorable man and could be named coach by default as well. All the tier 1 coaches Pat Kraft had on his radar have either declined or signed extensions with their current schools. Tier 2 targets are disappearing as well with a couple other big football schools also looking for coaches.

Terry Smith played for Penn State in the late 80's and he has the backing of players, both past and present. Some fans want one of their own and to harken back to Penn State's glory years under Joe Paterno. This can be viewed as either good or bad depending where you stand on JoePa's legacy.

Athletic director Pat Kraft did not fire James Franklin to hire his top assistant in Smith. Last Saturday was an emotional night in an emotional season and it's easy to be a prisoner of the moment. Smith has described himself as a Penn State lifer but that doesn't mean Penn State should settle for the coach down the hall. If Smith doesn't get the job, don't be surprised if he becomes a Hokie for a decade.

We should expect to hear some actual news in the next week or ten days and it can't come soon enough. Pat Kraft's reputation is on the line here and this decision will be his defining moment.

The college football playoff system with twelve teams should be kept just the way it is. They are talking about expanding to sixteen or even twenty-four teams which is preposterous. Why play the regular season as though games will mean less with playoff expansion. They already play enough games as it is now. Have you noticed how many players are hobbling around on crutches when we get to mid-November?

No matter how many teams are chosen for the playoffs, the first two or three schools left out will complain. It happens every year with March Madness and college basketball. Keep the regular season viable like it is this year. I often say "don't try to be happier than happy." Are you listening to me Lane Kiffin?

Has the Big Ten gotten too big? It appears there is dissension within their ranks. I previously mentioned an infusion of money, \$2.4B with a B to be exact, was coming from a California pension plan for a 10% cut of league revenue. Michigan and USC are the holdouts which have spooked the investors for the time being. Michigan's Board of Regents called the plan nothing more than a "payday loan."

The payouts would be on a tiered system with Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State viewed as the top tiered schools and would receive as much as \$190M each. The other Big Ten schools would get anywhere from \$110M - \$150M each. Southern Cal opposed this because the school feels it belongs in the top tier. This will eventually get ironed out through negotiations.

Unlike the Southeastern Conference which has a cohesive identity with its "It Just Means More" slogan, the

Big Ten schools no longer have much in common. The BIG is spread coast to coast and not just contained in the Midwest that has a sensibility foreign to those on the east and west coasts. The BIG has also always shared its revenue equally among all the league schools. The big boys in the conference now want a bigger piece. Ohio State and Michigan bake more of the pie than Northwestern and Purdue.

I have never returned a punt in my life. If I ever did and I was setting up deep to receive a punt on my side of the field I would stand at the eight yard line. If I have to move a step backward to catch the ball I run either right or left to fake out the gunner and not come close to the ball. More likely than not it's going to be a touchback without risking a fumble.

Speaking of the Eagles, the sky is not falling and they are going to get healthy on the offensive line and win their division. They will then play the LA Rams to go to the Super Bowl. Good luck with that if Ram's QB Matt Stafford stays healthy.

We all have a lot to be thankful for so enjoy your family and friends this week. We can also enjoy the Egg Bowl, the Iron Bowl, The Game and a leftover Turkey bowl this weekend. You can reach out to me with comments or questions at theviewfromhear74@gmail.com Ron Bolt

## Community Theatre League to Present Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

[Williamsport, PA] - The Community Theatre League is busy preparing for its upcoming production of A Christmas Carol, adapted by Rob Melrose from the beloved novella by Charles Dickens. With performances just a few weeks away on December 5, 6, and 7, and December 11, 12, 13, and 14, the company is putting the finishing touches on this Phantom-Filled, Fantastical, Festive production. Evening performances begin at 7:30 PM, with Sunday matinees at 2:00PM. All performances will be held at the Community Theatre League in Williamsport. Tickets are available at [ctlshows.com/season-49](http://ctlshows.com/season-49).

Faithful to Dickens' original language and rich with atmosphere, A Christmas Carol invites audiences into a Victorian London, England "cold bleak with so much fog that the houses opposite were mere phantoms." A world where flickering candlelight meets ghostly shadow, yet a possibility of change still hangs in the air. This production leans into the darker, more mysterious, and mystical side of the story while still celebrating the warmth and wonder of the season. The staging features a large cast of forty local performers, adults and children working together to tell Scrooge's journey from bitterness to redemption. This is big-time Christmas energy, created by our community for our community.

Executive Artistic Director Seth Sponhouse reflects on why Dickens' story endures. "Watching Scrooge face the truth of his life is as powerful now as it ever was. The ghosts expose fear and regret, they unsettle and they frighten, but they also point the way to hope. This adaptation leans into that mystery and that hope, and it gives our large, local cast a chance to create something both haunting and heartwarming."

This holiday season, CTL is proud to support the community beyond the stage as well. CTL is a Toys for Tots collection site this year, and audiences are invited to bring an unopened toy to donate. Monetary contributions are also welcome at the theatre, and donors will be invited to write a holiday message to hang on the lobby Christmas tree, filling the space with community spirit and goodwill.

The production honors the spirit of Scrooge's nephew Fred's iconic words from the novella, which continue to resonate today. "I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. The only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely. Though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good and will do me good and I say God bless it."

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