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Garage Fire On Stein Lane

Edited by Kay Poeth



On Monday, February 21, 2022 at 2:53 pm, the William Cameron Engine Company and Mifflinburg Tower 3 were dispatched 3326 Stein Lane for a reported garage fire with explosion. Upon arrival a large column of smoke was visible and 2nd alarm tankers were requested. On arrival crews encountered a detached 2 car garage that was fully involved along with two outside storage sheds that were fully involved as well.

Crews deployed multiple attack lines to extinguish the fire. EMS attended to a burn patient on the scene. The patient was flown from the scene to the Leigh Valley Burn Center in critical condition.

Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshall was contacted and responded to the scene to investigate the cause of the fire.

Fire Companies on the scene included William Cameron Engine Co., Mifflinburg Hose Fire Company, Union Township Fire Company and White Deer Township Fire Company. EMS agencies on the scene included William Cameron EMS, Mifflinburg Hose EMS, and Life Flight.

The William Cameron Engine Company would like to thank all mutual aid Fire and EMS Companies for their assistance in handling this incident.

Fishing Rod And iPad Raffle West End Library

LAURELTON – Win a new Orvis fly-fishing rod or Apple iPad by entering a raffle to benefit the West End Library, 45 Ball Park Road, Laurelton. The public can purchase tickets at the library now through Thursday, April 14.



The Orvis Encounter fly-fishing rod, valued at \$200, was donated by Bruce Fisher of Penn's Creak Angler in Weikert.

The 8th generation iPad, valued at \$350, features 128GB of storage, a 10.2-inch Retina display and an 8-megapixel camera.

Tickets to enter the drawing are \$2 each or three for \$5. One winner for each prize will be drawn on Friday, April 15. The winner need not be present at the drawing.

The proceeds generated from this fundraiser are used to assist with the expenses associated with the adult and children's programs. Programming enables the community to experience and learn from knowledgeable presenters. The West End Library takes pride in the ability to bring programs of interest to the community.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit the West End Library or call 570-922-4773.

The West End Library in Laurelton along with Herr Memorial Library in Mifflinburg and The Public Library Union in Lewisburg, make up the Union County Library System.

SUN Tech Students Win In District Contests



Back Row: Scott Miller, Bryar Hoffmaster, Randy Rathfon, Robert Snyder

Middle Row: Collin Zechman, Adam Oakes, Samuel Laudenslager, Tyler Martin, Jonathan Fisher, Sheldon Price, Kurtis Raker, Blain Kerstetter, Nathaniel Sizer, Izaak Grodotzke, Zachariah Barge, Natalie Ewig

Front Row: Adam Snayberger, Brady Portera, Logan Snyder, Rafeal (RJ) Cameron, Luke Whipple, Jordan Brouse, Ethan Hauck, Briana Bluhm, Hayle Stoltzfus, Emma Straub, Riley Shambach

Two hundred and thirty six students from SUN Area Technical Institute, Columbia-Montour AVTS, Northumberland County Career Center, Northern Tier Career Center, Keystone Central Career and Technology Center, Lycoming Career and Technology Center, North and South Schuylkill Career and Technology Centers, Wellsboro, Milton, and Williamsport High Schools recently competed in forty four different skill and leadership contest areas at the Pennsylvania District VI Skills USA Competitions held at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport on February 11th.

SkillsUSA is a national student organization for students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical and health occupations educational programs. The students competed in both skill and leadership competitive events for the purpose of selecting those individuals who will advance to the state level.

First place skill winners from SUN include culinary arts student, Rafeal Cameron in Action Skill; Bryar Hoffmaster, Randy Rathfon and Robert Snyder in Automated Manufacturing; Ethan Hauck in Automotive Refinishing; Luke Whipple in Commercial Baking; Brady Portera, in Electrical Construction Wiring; Collin Zechman in HVAC; Logan Snyder in Industrial Motor Control; Riley Shambach in Masonry; Hayle Stoltzfus and her model Alexis Moyer in Nail Care; and Jonathan Fisher, Samuel Laudenslager, and Tyler Martin in Welding Fabrication. Second place winners from SUN included: Scott Miller in Autobody Repair; Sheldon Price in Carpentry; Natalie Ewig, Zachariah Barge, and Maddison Hackenburg in Crime Scene Investigation; Emma Straub and her model Katie Reeder in Esthetics; Adam Oakes in Welding.

Receiving third place awards were Preston Arbogast in Criminal Justice; Jordan Brouse in Culinary Arts; Adam Snayberger in Plumbing; Blain Kerstetter, Nathaniel Sizer, Izaak Grodotzke, Kurtis Raker in Team Works.

Two students received BYES at the District level, Chloe Eddy for Photography and Briana Bluhm in Painting and Decorating.

Other participants from SUN Tech who competed at the district level included Keshawn Martin in Employment Process Application; Trinity Shannon in Restaurant Service; and Bryon Smith in Precision Machining.

Seven Mountains Audubon Program For March 2022

The Seven Mountains Audubon Program for March 16th, 2022 will be presented by Pam and Doug Ford from Penn State Extension Master Gardeners of Centre County. The topic will be "The Benefit and Joys of Gardening for Pollinators." Learn what you can do to attract and support pollinator populations by creating a richly layered, diverse habitat able to provide food, water, and places to nest and shelter in every season for birds.

For more information please check website SevenMountainsAudubon.org or Facebook page.

This will be a Zoom presentation so please send email to falconrider1@gmail.com for link.

Mifflinburg Buggy Museum: Looking Back, Moving Forward

By Dr. Mary Sullivan



Doctor's carriage recently donated to the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum by Marc Schefsky. The museum is open Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 pm from May 1-October 31.

The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum added quite a few new pieces to its collection last year. In December of 2020, Ginny Rech of Marysville donated a Bachman/Hopp carriage. Ginny owned the buggy for more than 50 years and felt that the buggy should be returned to its "home" in Mifflinburg. The frame was built by M.L. Bachman of Lebanon while the top of the carriage was constructed by the Hopp Carriage Works in Mifflinburg.

In April, the museum received "on loan", a Jacob Gute-lius sleigh beautifully restored by Vicksburg Buggy. The sleigh was in very poor condition when purchased at an estate auction. After months of painstaking work by Isaac Reiff of Vicksburg Buggy the piece has been restored to its original glory.

July saw the donation of an industrial sewing machine from the Boalsburg Heritage Museum. The museum was "re-imaging" its collection and decided this machine would be a great addition to our buggy museum. The sewing machine was originally housed in the James Logue Blacksmith and Coachworks in Boalsburg and would have been used to sew the upholstered parts of buggies such as seats and tops.

A 1926 Ford Model T Suburban was donated in October by Lawrence Samartin of Texas. Mr Samartin originally contacted board members at the buggy museum asking if they would be interested in purchasing the vehicle for our collection. However, funds were not available for such a purchase. Eventually, Mr Samartin decided to donate it to our collection.

Wondering why the buggy museum would display a car amongst its collection of 19th century buggies? Mifflinburg was actually home to Mifflinburg Body and Gear Co (currently Rusty Rail) that manufactured the iron work and bodies for both buggies and automobiles! The donation of the Suburban was a welcome "homecoming".

In November, we added another carriage to our collection due to the generosity of Marc Schefsky. This carriage was made in Hughesville by M. Gillis for a local doctor who had used it to make housecalls in the community. The buggy had a circuitous route to our museum. It was purchased by Marc's mother as a gift for his father, Dr. Harvey Schefsky, where it was proudly displayed in their home for years. Later the buggy "welcomed" guests to Williamsport as it was displayed in the lobby of the Genetti Hotel. It was then donated as an exhibit to the Williamsport Transportation Museum and housed there until its recent closing. At that time Marc contacted us and asked if we would like to add this beautifully-restored piece to our collection. Marc transported and donated the carriage in memory of Ray Venema and Dr. Harvey and Alaine Schefsky.

Financial donations help us keep the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum doors open. We operate solely through the efforts of volunteers. There is no paid staff. Museum admissions, fund-raising events, paid memberships, and additional donations have allowed us whittle down our mortgage to \$72,000. We now have an endowment standing at \$53,000 which once fully funded, will allow us to cover our everyday expenses. Donations are gratefully appreciated and mail be mailed to Mifflinburg Buggy Museum at 598 Green Street, Mifflinburg PA 17844.

Moving Forward...if you haven't visited the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum lately, plan on visiting this year to see all our "new additions". We will open for the season May 1 and close October 31. The museum is located at 598 Green St and is open for tours on Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 pm.

In addition to museum tours, 2022 is jam-packed with events, activities, and fundraisers. May 1 & 15- Scandals and Scoundrels Historical Walking Tours, April 30: Museum Gala (Theme "Flower Power"), June 4- Buggy Day, June 13- Garden Tours, Sept 17- German Fest, Sept 25, Oct 2, Oct 8, Oct 15, Oct 23- Mifflinburg Ghost Tour, and Dec 8-10- Christkindl Market.

Details about these events and more will be posted on Facebook at Mifflinburg Buggy Museum and on the web at mifflinburgbuggymuseum.org. Mark your calendars now and plan a visit in 2022!

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2022
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IDF 2022 IS AN EVENT FOCUSED ON ATTRACTING INVESTMENT THAT CULTIVATES SMART ECONOMIC GROWTH IN CENTRAL PA! INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS AND THOUGHT LEADERS WILL COVER CRITICAL TOPICS INCLUDING SMART GROWTH, ECONOMICS, SITE SELECTION, FUNDING, AND TALENT IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE FORUM EXPECTS TO ATTRACT OVER 200 ATTENDEES, AND WILL HAVE 27 EXHIBITORS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SEVERAL IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL PA THAT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED AND RECOGNIZED!

Deeds & Courts

Obituaries

Deeds:
 Swati Bhise, New York, NY to Swati Bhise, New York & Devika Bhise & Nicholas Gilson, Lewisburg property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.
 Dirt King, LLC, Millmont to Gregory R. & Bethany N. Hollenbach, New Berlin property in New Berlin for the sum of 30,000.00.
 Mark Peter & Mary Elizabeth Harer, Mifflinburg to Noah E. & Patricia A. Meyers, Alexandria, Va. Property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 390,000.00.
 Harvey & Ella Mae Reiff, Mifflinburg to Elaine M. Nolt, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 130,000.00.
 Lavern D. & Velma S. Reiff to Edwin M. & Erla Z. Martin, Millmont property in Hartleton for the sum of 1.00.
 Aaron J. & Marisa R. Locker to Jared C. & Leah R. Goss, New Columbia property in White Deer Township for the sum of 241,000.00.
 Marvin Wayne & Nancy J. Stahl, Lewisburg to Yvonne A. Yoder, Lewisburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 220,000.00.
 Gary Allan & Sandra Louise Pfleeger, Lewisburg to Michael Wayne Magaha, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 10,000.00.
 Michael E. & Jane Grove, Mifflinburg & Steven W. & Cynthia Grove, Mifflinburg & Douglas A. & Susan Grove, Rebuck, Pa. & Zachary Mitchell, Milton to Rhonda & Loren C. Prutzman, Northumberland property in Lewis Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Geraldine M. Pyers, Lewisburg to Tracy Rogers, Pooler, Ga. Property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.
 Daniel L. & Marcia K. Hoffman to Marcia K. Hoffman, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.

Marriages:
 Joseph Gary Weisser, Lewisburg to Cheryl Lynn Dunahay, Lewisburg

Courts:
Charged Louis T. Mercantino III, 37, of Hughesville, with one count of theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property, criminal mischief-damage real or personal property, driving while drivers license is suspended or revoked, and two counts of unauthorized transfer or use of registration on February 17.
Charged Gary Wayne Clearwater, 70, of Dauphin, with retail theft-under ring on February 15.
Charged Natalie Anne Trimble Warzel, 45, of Pennsdale, with theft of services on February 15.
Charged Jessie Reid Wagner, 35, of Watons town, with theft of services on February 15.
Charged Brian Scott Hoyles, 38, of Sunbury, with theft of leased property and receiving stolen property on February 15.
Charged Yuheng Li, 22, of Lewisburg, with one count of aggravated assault, simple assault and two counts of strangulation on February 12.
Charged Tyler Thomas Adams, 23, of Lewisburg, with aggravated assault-injury with deadly weapon, assault by prisoner, simple assault, recklessly endanger another person, disorderly conduct-fighting/threatening violent behavior, and harassment/physical strike on February 7.
Charged James Lester Mckeitham, 34, of Mechanicsburg, with access device fraud issued to another who did not authorize use and theft by unlawful taking on February 10.
DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY MENSCH, MIFFLINBURG
Charged Amanda Le Johns, 31, of Hazel Hurst, with three counts of theft by deception/false impression and one count of receiving stolen property on February 14. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 5, at 2:30 p.m.
Charged Steven John Schramm, 27, of White Deer, with simple assault and harassment-subject other to physical contact on February 18. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 22, at 9:30 a.m.
Charged Josue Ramon Inestroza-Granados, 23, of Hartford, CT, with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, exceed maximum speed limit by 28 mph, and driving without a license on February 17. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 1, at 3:45 p.m.

Paul E. Treaster, 75, Lewisburg
 Paul E. Treaster, 75, of Kelly Apartments, Lewisburg, passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2022, at his home.
 A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 25, at the Zweier Funeral Home, 157 Chestnut St., Sunbury.
Joanne M. Boyer, 83, Millmont
 Joanne M. (Reamer) Boyer, 83, of Millmont, entered into rest Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at Geisinger Medical Center.
 Family and friends were invited to the viewing Feb. 22, at Adamo's Funeral Home.
Linda A. Basom, 74, Lewisburg
 Linda A. Basom, 74, of Lewisburg, formerly of Mifflinburg, entered into rest at 9:31 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at RiverWoods, Lewisburg.
 A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at the St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 42 S. 4th St., Lewisburg, with Rev. Daniel Wil officiating.
Madeline J. Kerstetter, 95, Millmont
 Madeline J. Kerstetter, 95, of Millmont, entered into rest at 3:14 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at Rolling Hills Manor, Millmont.
 Family and friends were welcomed Feb. 21, at the Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church, Laurelton.

Peggy May Diehl, 77, Mifflinburg
 Peggy May Diehl, 77, of Mifflinburg, entered into rest Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Evangelical Community Hospital.
 Family and friends were invited to the viewing Feb. 19, at Hillside Bible Church.

SUN Tech Completes Community Service Project



Pictured (left to right) are Mid-West Bowling Team members: Blain Kerstetter, Mackenzie Noble, Chrisann Rice, and Lindsay Roush with CNT Student Ben Dunkelberger in the middle.
 The Computer Networking Technology program recently completed a 3D printing project for the Mid-West High School Bowling Team as a Community Service Project. Mid-West student, Ben Dunkelberger led the project in printing bowling ball stands for the team. Each student on both the JV and Varsity Boys and Girls team received a stand printed in the Mustang Blue color with the Mustangs name.

Penn State Extension To Host Workshop In Lewisburg

Penn State Extension will host the Making Cover Crops Pay workshop on March 15 at the Union County Government Center conference room, located at 155 N 15th Street, Lewisburg.
 Learn about the value of cover crops at this FREE workshop that digs deep into cover crop management. Join Penn State Extension specialists, educators, and your peers for a discussion-based meeting where you will learn how to select the best cover crops and mixes for your farm and see how cover crops can affect your bottom line.
 Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 12:30 p.m. To register, visit <https://extension.psu.edu/making-cover-crops-pay-workshop> or call 1-877-345-0691. For more information, call Anna Hodgson at 1-570-556-4756.

Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **February 22, 2022**
 Timothy: \$175 by the Ton; Grass: \$75 to \$155 by the ton; Grass: \$30 by the Bale; Alfalfa: \$155 to \$165 by the Ton; Alfalfa: \$37.50 by the Bale; Mixed: \$30 to \$275 by the ton; Straw: \$90 to \$125 by the Ton; Straw: \$1.85 by the Bale; Corn Fodder: \$17.50 by the Ton; Oats: \$6.25 to \$8.00 by the Bushel; Firewood: \$20 to \$70 by the Load; Calf: \$10 to \$320 per hundred; Fats: \$10 to \$152 by the hundred; Cow: \$2 to \$98 per hundred; Bull: \$76 to \$112 per hundred; Feeder: \$2 to \$172 per hundred; Hogs: \$4 to \$102 per hundred; Pigs: \$15 to \$75 per head; Sows: \$2 to \$76 per hundred; Boars: \$5 to \$10 per hundred; Sheep: \$165 to \$190 per hundred; Goats: \$50 to \$360 per head; Lambs: \$235 to \$345 per hundred.

Community Calendar

Piecemakers Quilt Guild Susquehanna Meeting
 February 27th, 1:30pm, St. John's UCC Lewisburg
Christ's ULC Handmade Easter Eggs
 Feb. 28-April 11th, email: eggs@4bellschurch.com
Christ's United Lutheran Church Supper
 March 1st, 5-7pm, Pancake & Sausage Supper.
Public Library for Union Cty Dr. Suess Day
 March 2nd, 10-4:30pm, Themed games and activities
St. Paul's "Erdley's" Lutheran Church Middleburg
 March 2nd, 7pm, Ash Wed. Church Service, Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes.
Indoor Yard Sale/Bake Sale Benefit in Penns Creek
 March 4th, 9-4pm, Sat. March 5th 8-noon, 306 Raspberry St. Benefits Penn View Christian Academy
Puzzle Exchange Calvary Baptist Church Mifflinburg
 March 5th, 9-12:30pm, 332 East Chestnut
Seven Mountains Bird Walk Lewisburg
 Mar 5th, 8am Dale's Ridge Trail.
Christ's United Lutheran Church Drive Through
 March 5th, 3:30pm, Pot Pie Sale
Herr Memorial Library Switch Pokken Tournament
 March 7th, 3:30-5:30pm, Register 570-966-0831
Public Library Union Cty Smartphone & Tablet Help
 March 7th, 5-7pm, Register 570-523-1172
AFSCME Retirees Chapter 86-02 Meeting
 March 7th, 1pm, Selinsgrove VFW Bingo Room
Selinsgrove Class of 1964 Lunch
 March 8th, 11:30am, Country Creamery Kratzerville
West End Library West End Readers
 March 10th, 6-7pm, Register 570-922-4773
Herr Memorial Library Origami Circuits
 March 10th, 4-5pm, Register 570-966-0831
West End Library Learn to Crochet
 March 12th, 10-Noon, Register 570-922-4773
Cornerstone Christian Fellowship Free Gospel Concert
 April 24th, Limited Tickets www.eventrite.com 570-768-4555

Union County Bridge #13 Closing for Construction

Union County Bridge #13 located on North 4th Street over Buffalo Creek in Mifflinburg Borough will be closed for an extended period of time beginning March 8, 2022. The closure is required so the existing covered bridge can undergo rehabilitation. During the closure the travelling public is advised to follow detour signing and to remain patient while the transportation infrastructure is upgraded.

County Bridge #13, known as the Hassenplug Covered Bridge, is a 70-foot-long span that was originally built circa 1825. This project is part of a larger multi-million-dollar bridge capital improvement program sponsored by the Union County Commissioners that is using a combination of Federal, State, and County funds that are restricted to bridge maintenance and replacement.

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Police

Retail Theft 1 p.m. January 12, Dollar General, at 16786 SR 15, in Gregg Township. Stolen a pair of reading glasses valued at \$5.

Crash 10:33 a.m. February 9, on Westbranch Highway at its intersection with Loan Road, in Kelly Township. A 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt was traveling north on Westbranch Highway and a 2016 Jeep Grand Cherokee was traveling west on Loan Road. The Chevrolet Cobalt failed to stop for a steady red light and traveled into the intersection without clearance. The Chevrolet Cobalt struck the Jeep Grand Cherokee in the intersection. No injuries were reported. The driver of the Chevrolet Cobalt was cited for traffic-control signals.

Firearm Sale or Transfer 4:25 p.m. October 26, in Union County. PSP began investigating a Firearms Act Violation investigation request received from PSP Firearms Division.

Assault Serious Bodily Injury 8:30 p.m. January 19, in Union County. PSP began investigating a Childline report of suspected abuse received from the Union County District Attorney's Office. Through further investigation, the injuries sustained are the result of an accident, no suspicion of criminal activity or abuse is suspected in this case.

Crash 12:40 a.m. February 11, on Crossroads Drive, in Kelly Township. A 2002 Toyota Camry was traveling west on Crossroads Drive and negotiated a right curve in the roadway. The driver of the Toyota Camry lost control and traveled off the roadway onto a snow covered embankment on the eastbound shoulder where it came to rest, facing north.

DUI 1:09 a.m. February 12, on Crossroads Drive, in White Deer Township. PSP conducted a traffic stop of a 2014 Jeep Cherokee driven by Aaron Arnold, 34, of New Columbia, due to traffic violations. Upon making contact with Arnold, it was determined that he was under the influence of alcohol. Arnold was taken into custody and is charged through District Court 17-3-02.

Corruption of Minors Between 12-12p.m. January 1, 2021-June 15, 2021, in White Deer Township. A crime was alleged to have occurred.

Crash 4:14 p.m. February 14, on Westbranch Highway, in Union Township. A 2011 Chevrolet Cruze driven by Rena M. Koch, 35, of Lewisburg, was traveling north on Westbranch Highway. Koch's Chevrolet Cruze proceeded to cross into the southbound lanes of travel and traveled off the roadway via the west berm. Koch's Chevrolet Cruze then struck an embankment and came to rest on the west berm of the roadway facing north.

Retail Theft 2:46 p.m. February 8, Dollar General at 348 E. Chestnut Street, in Buffalo Township. PSP was called to the Dollar General for a report of retail theft. On scene, contact was made with the actor. Upon further investigation it was related that the Dollar General did not wish to press charges at this time.

Theft/Bad Checks 2:56 p.m. February 7, Mifflinburg Lumber, on Old Turnpike Road, in Buffalo Township. A known actor paid using bad checks. Investigation continues.

DUI 12:19 a.m. February 13, on White Deer Pike/Garden Hollow Road, in Lewis Township. PSP responded to a report of a female and male arguing while driving a 2008 Nissan Altima. On scene, it was determined the female was driving the Nissan Altima while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-02.

Crash 6:20 p.m. February 16, on Palmert Road, in Hartley Township. A 2001 Pontiac Sunfire was traveling west on Palmert Road. The Pontiac Sunfire traveled off the left side of the roadway and struck two fence posts and a piece of equipment. The driver was issued a warning for careless driving.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 8:13 a.m. February 17, on SR 14 S/S. Hill Road, in Gregg Township. PSP conducted a traffic stop of a 2020 Honda Accord driven by Josue Inestroza-Granados, 23, of Hartford, CT, for a Title 75 violation. During the course of investigation, Inestroza-Granados was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. It was learned that Inestroza-Granados had an active Felony warrant for an Act 64 offense out of Dallas, Texas. Inestroza-Granados was placed under arrest and transported to Snyder County Jail on the active felony arrest warrant.

Theft/Crime by Deception 5:52 p.m. January 5, on White Deer Pike, in White Deer Township. PSP investigated a theft of cryptocurrency. This investigation is ongoing.

Theft/Bad Checks 11:07 a.m. January 4, on Saratoga Lane, in Buffalo Township. PSP investigated a bad check incident.

Theft/Crime by Deception 11 a.m. January 1, Winfield Auction Center, at 489 Reitz Avenue, in Union Township. PSP responded to a theft that occurred at Winfield Auction Center. James Berfield, 60, of Duboistown, purchased \$512.50 worth of items and wrote a fraudulent check for the items. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-02.

Burglary Residential Force Between 12:01a.m.-11:59p.m. January 7, at 108 White Deer Avenue, in White Deer Township. Courtney Guffey, 33, of White Deer, reports that several items were removed from her residence.

Harassment/Physical Contact 8:18 a.m. Buffalo Road, in Buffalo Township. PSP investigated a domestic related incident involving a 37 year old male, of Lewisburg, and a 29 year old female, of Lewisburg.

Corruption of Minors 12:01a.m.-11:59p.m. June 1-July 31, 2017, Union County. The complainant reported a minor was assaulted several years prior. Investigation is ongoing.

Indecent Assault Between 12:01a.m.-11:59p.m. November 1, 2021-January 29, 2022, in Union County. PSP investigated a reported sexual assault. Investigation is ongoing.

Assault Law Enforcement/Bodily Injury 4:36 p.m. February 17, in Buffalo Township. A trooper was transporting the accused 16 year old male, of Lewisburg, to the hospital. The accused spit on the trooper while he was seated in the rear seat of the patrol car. The Trooper was seated in the driver's side of the vehicle.

Theft of Vehicle Parts 5 a.m. February 8, at 370 Old Route 15, in White Deer Township. PSP responded to a theft of catalytic converters from Rabbit Transit. Two actors stole nine catalytic converters. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 570-524-2662 and reference incident PA2022-158924.

Criminal Mischief Flowers Baking Company, at 620 Old Rt. 15, in White Deer Township. PSP responded to an attempted catalytic converter theft. The actors were observed wearing ski masks. Two male actors were suspected to have fled in a beige Suburban after being confronted by a worker. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 570-524-2662 and reference PA2022-158801.

Crash 10:55 a.m. February 7, on Westbranch Highway at its intersection with Loan Road, in Kelly Township. A 2007 Mazda 3 driven by Bruce W. Kester, 57, of Northumberland, was traveling south on Westbranch Highway approaching the intersection. Kester failed to stop for a red light at Loan Road and collided with a 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Karolyn R. Morgan, 45, of Winfield, which was traveling east on Loan Road, turning onto Westbranch Highway. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and Kester was transported via ambulance to Evangelical Community Hospital for an evaluation.

Theft/Crime by Deception 5:39 p.m. December 26, 2021, on Sandra Lee Blvd., in White Deer Township. PSP responded to a theft case. Upon investigation into the incident, the suspect(s) did accept payment for the sale of a dog and did not provide the dog to the victim. Charges to be filed through District Court 17-3-02 for theft by deception.

Theft by Deception/ID Theft 2:41 p.m. February 20, at 3207 White Deer Pike, in White Deer Township. PSP took a report of identity theft.

Harassment/Physical Contact 7:06 a.m. February 20, in Hartleton. PSP was called for an argument between family members. On scene through investigation, it was determined that an argument broke out between who was being lazy in the household. It was determined all members of the house, a 23 year old male, 46 year old male, and a 41 year old female, all of Millmont, then shoved and struck each other. Citations for harassment were filed through District Court 17-3-02.

Hit & Run 9:33 p.m. February 19, on Westbranch Highway at its intersection with SR 304, in Union Township. A 2017 Nissan Rogue driven by Lisa S. Snyder, 59, of Richfield, was traveling south on Westbranch Highway and had stopped for the red light at its intersection with SR 304. When the light turned green, Snyder started to go and a red small compact vehicle turned directly in front of Snyder's Nissan Rogue causing it to strike the passenger side rear wheel area of the compact car. The compact car continued on without stopping.

Crash 8:07 p.m. February 20, on Orchard Road, in Lewis Township. A 2008 Pontiac G8 driven by Michael L. Stimmel, 20, of Mifflinburg, was traveling north on Orchard Road at an apparent high rate of speed and attempting to negotiate a right curve in the roadway. Stimmel's Pontiac G8 traveled off the right side of the roadway onto a gravel shoulder and over steered to the left, losing control and traveling off the left side of the roadway where it struck a ditch. Stimmel's Pontiac G8 rolled over one time and came to rest in a field on its wheels facing southeast. Stimmel and his passenger Tiffany A. Heidler, 19, of Swengel, were both ejected from the vehicle. Both occupants were transported via ambulance to Geisinger Medical Center.

SUMMIT Early Learning Introduces New Mascot

By Lisa Storer



Students at Summit Early Learning enjoy their 3-foot stuffed mascot, Poppy, and her baby Paulie.

For the first time in its 53-year history, SUMMIT Early Learning has a mascot! Poppy the kangaroo and her baby, Paulie, were recently introduced to the children. Each of SUMMIT's five early learning centers and 14 community/school-based classrooms were provided with a 3-foot stuffed Poppy, a children's book (Poppy Can, Can You?), stickers, and a banner!

SUMMIT was fortunate to get several sponsors who donated to the costs associated with the mascot rollout.

The new mascot brings all of SUMMIT's sites together as one team and will be a source of cheer during some difficult times. Poppy will reinforce positive behaviors and provide support to children.

Poppy was chosen because kangaroos understand the importance of SUMMIT's mission: Nurture, Educate & Support. They take special care of their babies and Poppy will be at each of SUMMIT's sites, looking for good choices and always willing to give a needed hug.

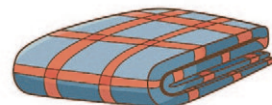


SUMMIT Early Learning introduces its new mascot, Poppy the kangaroo and her baby, Paulie.

Friends Of Project Linus

By Kay Poeth

2021 was a successful year for The Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Project Linus in spite of the COVID-19 restrictions. In fact, this past year was the best due year to date thanks to the many dedicated blanketeers volunteering their time and talent. 2266 blankets were donated to Project Linus.



According to Pat Warren, Project Linus Coordinator of the Central Susquehanna Chapter, "In turn we delivered 2461 blankets to sick, hurting and traumatized children. Because some hospitals were not taking blankets during 2020 due to COVID-19, we carried blankets over into 2021."

Twenty-nine organizations in the Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Lycoming, Columbia and Montour county area benefitted from the blanket donations including 3 new ones. "Blankets went to children of recovering drug addicted mothers who were being helped by Free to be Mom. Our first three blankets went to children whose mother had died of an overdose. Children in Head Start and Early Head Start in Shamokin and other parts of Northumberland County also received blankets."

Our local Project Linus distributed 478 blankets to health and illness locations such as hospitals, special needs camps, and bereavement groups. 1872 were donated to social services including foster care, homeless shelters, and low income needs. 111 blankets were given to police and fire emergency services.

One mother shared her appreciation "for the precious blankets received by my son during stays at Janet Weis Center. They meant so much to us - so comforting and uplifting during times of great stress."

Although the blanketeers have not been able to meet in-person, they have been busily working at home. Project Linus provides fleece, batting, and backing fabric to blanketeers. Others knit or crochet afghans for the organization.

Completed projects may be dropped off at Faith Lutheran Church along Route 45 and west of Lewisburg. Drop off/work days are held from 9:30 am to noon on the first Saturday and third Wednesday of each month. For more information or for materials to make fleece blankets, call 570-966-3675.

However, Warren is concerned about the rising cost of fabric and fleece especially for sewers and blanketeers on limited income. "Most of our blankets are 40 to 60" and require about 1 1/2 yards of fleece fabric - larger for teens. While some sewers may have leftover fabric from previous projects to make quilts, they may be unable to afford backing and batting to complete the project."

"With your donations we are able to help them with those materials," states Warren. Fabric and monetary donations to purchase needed supplies are gratefully accepted. Donations may be made online at www.projectlinus.org or by sending a check made payable to Project Linus to Pat Warren at 6348 Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg PA 17844.

The Central Susquehanna Valley Chapter of Project Linus is also participating in the Raise the Region on line fundraiser on March 9-10. The group hopes to raise \$2000.

"Thank you for your support-your donations, your prayers, and your hard work making blankets," adds Warren.

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The Shops On Old Trail Welcomes Customers

By Kay Poeth



Emily and Lucinda Marks welcome customers to The Shops on Old Trail located at 3314 North Old Trail, Shamokin Dam, the shop is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am- 5 pm and on Sunday from 11 am- 4 pm.

The Shops on Old Trail opened its doors on February 1. It boasts being "Unique Shops All Under One Roof." Lucinda Marks and her daughter, Emily Marks are thrilled to welcome customers to their new shop.

"I closed my shop, Lucinda's in Lewisburg, and moved everything here," explains Lucinda. "The landlord offered me the opportunity to open here along the Old Trail. I am excited to start this new venture with my daughter. We have worked side-by-side for many years."

The prospect of owning a co-op appealed to Lucinda as a way to promote not only her business but others as well. "It has been a whirlwind. I have been in the retail business for 30 years. And, I have had vendor spots myself for at least 5 years. "I do a little bit of everything from crocheting to primitive, country, and farmhouse crafting," says Lucinda. "I feel my merchandising experience over the last 3 decades is an asset to all of the vendors. I can offer my expertise to help them increase their sales and be more successful."

Lucinda strolls through the shops frequently and is familiar with the merchandise at each booth. She provides friendly customer service and offers suggestions to the customers as they browse the shops.

"It's nice to get to know the vendors. We want to make everyone at the shop feel like part of the family," says Emily Marks.

Lucinda agrees. "Everyone pitches in because they want the business to succeed. We want The Shops on Old Trail to be a destination shopping adventure."

The Shops on Old Trail is 13,000 square feet of nooks and crannies filled with antiques, collectibles, jewelry, home decor, linens, and candles that appeal to both men and women of all ages.

"People like the variety of co-op shopping which includes vintage, handmade, primitives, country, farmhouse, and so much more," notes Lucinda. "There is always a treasure to be found!"

Lucinda bubbles over with enthusiasm as she explains her future plans for the shop. Beginning in April, The Shops on Old Trail will host a weekly outdoor flea market. Customers can browse the wares both inside and out. Also in the works are Make It and Take It Craft Workshops featuring jewelry, wreaths, painting, primitive rug hooking, and other popular, home decor projects. In addition to workshops, Lucinda plans on hosting craft demonstrations by skilled artisans.

Another idea is to hold a weekly social in the workshop room where people can gather to knit, crochet, and do needlework or just to chat. People can share their skills, ask questions, and get help with their project from others.

"Oh, and a coffee area with rocking chairs as a space for customers to relax!" adds Lucinda.

Currently, there are 50 vendor booths. Applications for spaces in a range of sizes are being accepted by calling (570) 217-9174. The Shops on Old Trail has a total capacity of 65 vendors.

The Shops on Old Trail will be hosting a Spring Open House on March 25-27. Located at 3314 North Old Trail, Shamokin Dam, the shop is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am- 5 pm and on Sunday from 11 am- 4 pm. Closed Monday. Like The Shops on Old Trail on Facebook and check out all the posts on vendor spots and happenings.

Union County Muzzle Loaders Frozen Toe Encampment

By Kay Poeth

The Union County Muzzle Loaders are hosting a Frozen Toe Encampment on March 5-6 with Kendra Gensel and Larry Potter as hosts for the two-day event. Set up is Friday. Breakfast and lunch available for purchase. Evening meals can be cooked at camp or purchased at the main club. Camping is encouraged! Firewood available. Come brave the elements! No scopes or modern sites.

Day shooters are welcome. For more information call, 570-594-6598 or 570-217-4713. The Shoot is located just before the Union County Sportsman's Club on Weikert Road.

Brr!

By Kay Poeth



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Doughnut Day Is March 1

By Kay Poeth



Volunteers coat warm doughnuts with sugar for the annual Doughnut Day fundraiser at Rescue Hose Company in Beavertown.

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

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

This year Fastnacht Day is celebrated on March 1. In addition to Dunkin Donuts, county residents can purchase the tasty confections at various grocery stores and markets.

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

"All of our doughnuts are made from scratch with a mashed potato base," explained Gary Smith. "We make them every Friday and Saturday from November until the end of March." On Doughnut Day the market opens at 7 am. To order ahead, call 570-966-4650 or visit their website at: greenridgemarket.com.

Walking into the Beavertown Rescue Hose Company #20 kitchen is like stepping into the pages of the book, Homer Price by Robert McCloskey. My favorite chapter called "The Doughnuts" immediate springs to mind with its doughnut machine that went on a rampage churning out hundreds of doughnuts. "The doughnuts kept rolling down the little chute, just as regular as a clock can tick!"

Well, the volunteers at Rescue Hose Company keep the doughnuts churning down the little chute! From mixing batter, to pouring the batter into the hopper, filling the oil, turning the doughnuts, coating them with sugar, and boxing them for delivery or pick-up. All in a seamless non-stop production! Last year they cranked out 560 dozen of the cake-like confections. Any extras of the 6,720 doughnuts made, and there were not many, were sold the following day.

Beaver Valley Country Store in Beaver Springs will also be cranking out the scrumptious treats for Fastnacht Day. "Our cream-filled donuts are by far the most popular. They are our top selling donuts," said Ruth Gearhart, Manager at Beaver Valley Country Store. "But we have a wide selection to choose from. We make them fresh daily from Monday-Saturday. The store is open from 7 am- 7 pm." Orders are being taken at the store or by calling 570-658-7281.

No matter whether you call them... doughnuts, donuts, or fastnachts, they are delicious confections! So, be sure to get yours on March 1! Make mine a dozen, maybe two!

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Zeiset Equipment To Host Open House

By Kay Poeth



Zeiset Equipment LLC is located halfway between Beaver Springs and McClure. Hours of operation are Monday- Friday from 6:30 am- 6:00 pm and Saturday from 7:30 am- 3 pm.

Zeiset Equipment LLC in Beaver Springs will host their annual Open House & Customer Appreciation Days on March 3-5. The Open House will feature door prizes, discounts, and refreshments. Zeiset opened its doors in Snyder County in August 2020.

Zeiset Equipment is a family-owned and operated business that provides agricultural supplies for poultry hog and dairy farming. In addition to supplies, Zeiset also repairs existing equipment with experienced technicians ready to help 24 hours a day/7 day a week. They are also a general contractor offering turnkey building packages including in house electricians and equipment installation. They are an authorized dealer for VALCO, Big Dutchman, L.B. White and many other products.

The Zeiset Equipment Beaver Springs location provides a valuable resource to the local community by offering a full line hardware, lumber, and building materials store. They carry lawn and garden supplies, hand and power tools, paint, a complete line of fasteners, electrical, plumbing, and automotive parts. There is also a propane filling station on the property.

"We invite everyone to come to our Customer Appreciation event," said Lee Zimmerman, General Manager. "It's a way for us to say thank you to the community and our many faithful customers. Not only can you receive a free meal and big discounts, but you get to meet and socialize with friends and neighbors, which is really what makes it worth it."

Over twenty vendors will be on site Thursday and Friday to showcase featured products and answer questions. A highlight this year will be a booth from Milwaukee Tool. There will be 10% discounts on all Milwaukee Tools purchased over the 3 days plus additional discounts on select items. Other vendor highlights include American Wood Fibers, IBA Lighting, & Valspar/Krylon paints.

"Every year we have multiple giveaways and door prizes that customers can sign up for at the event or via our Facebook page," added Lee. "This year's grand prize giveaway item is a Kamado Joe Classic II grill valued at \$1,300.00."

During the Open House event, a grilled chicken meal will be served on Thursday and Friday from 10 am-2 pm. On Saturday, there will be a lighter meal of hot dogs and baked beans. All three days will feature coffee and freshly made doughnuts from Beaver Valley Country Store.

The mission of Zeiset Equipment is "to offer quality products with courteous service and knowledgeable advice. We desire that every customer feels like they are treated fairly and respectfully. We continue to look to the future with innovative solutions to today's agricultural challenges."

Zeiset Equipment LLC is located at 22350 Route 522, halfway between Beaver Springs and McClure. Hours of operation are Monday- Friday from 6:30 am- 6:00 pm and Saturday from 7:30 am- 3 pm. For more information, call 570-922-4926.

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