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Fire at Gilson Snow

By Kay Poeth



On November 18, 2022, a devastating fire destroyed Gilson Snow located just outside of New Berlin.

Gilson Snow, located just outside of New Berlin, was extensively damaged in an early morning fire. On November 18, shortly after midnight New Berlin Fire Department was dispatched just outside the borough for a reported commercial building fire at Gilson Snow. The Chief arrived on the scene to find heavy fire and smoke conditions. The Mifflinburg Hose Company was also dispatched to Gilson Snow, a snowboard and ski manufacturer, for a working building fire. The MHC Chief 402 also arrived on the scene to find heavy fire coming from the structure.

The Gilson facility had closed operations for the night. Only the furnace was running. Luckily, everyone on the Gilson team was safe and unharmed.

According to Nick Gilson, last month area firefighters did a walk-through of the manufacturing building to familiarize themselves with the layout in case of a major fire or emergency. That knowledge was vital during this devastating fire. Gilson stated, "Everyone knew where everything was and was able to respond in a really efficient way."

The manufacturing plant is considered a total loss. The cause of the fire is undetermined but is not considered suspicious. Nick Gilson vows to rebuild. "We're rallying together and we've just got an outpouring of community support that we are exceedingly grateful for... We are going to rally together and build back stronger."

Nick Gilson and Austin Royer launched the popular snowboarding business in 2013. They ship snowboards and skis to customers in 40 countries. This time of year the products are in high demand.

Gilson credited the fire crews saying, "An extraordinary team of firefighters worked tirelessly to put this flame out." Crews responding to the scene included firefighters from Kratzerville, Selinsgrove, Kreamer, Mifflinburg, New Berlin, Penns Creek, Middleburg, Hummels Wharf, Selinsgrove and Freemont.

Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz reached out to Nick Gilson to offer any help that the Commissioners could provide as the Gilson Snow team figures out how to move forward. "I was so impressed by his comments about our local community offering help, even the night of the fire. I think that it's easy for folks to take that for granted until something tragic happens."

Union County Commissioner Jeff Reber was also stunned by the devastating fire. "Like everyone else, I was truly saddened to read about the fire as well as thinking of the impact on the company and the people it employees. It is a real tragedy. However, it is heartening to hear that Gilson is committed to rebuilding and I am certain they will come out of this as a stronger company ready to take on the future."

A narrated video of the damage is posted on the Gilson Snow Facebook page.

Students Prepare Thanksgiving Meal for Staff

By Jantee Joiner



A combined effort among students in Miss Bickel's class, Mrs. Dock's class, and Mr. Godlewski's class prepared an extensive spread to celebrate Thanksgiving with staff of the Mifflinburg Area High School and the Administrative Office buildings. Students prepared all through the week and hosted the luncheon on Friday, November 18, 2022. This annual tradition has become a fan favorite of the students and staff alike.

The combined effort between teachers and students of our Life Skills, Multi-Disability, and Family Consumer Science classes really highlights the collaboration and teamwork required to pull off a luncheon of this size for approximately 80 staff members to enjoy.

Miss Bickel was thankful for the help of other staff members of the High School including Mrs. Theresa Koch for working with her class to create beautiful centerpieces. She was also thankful to Mrs. Jennifer Haines for helping her students to design a Thanksgiving dinner banner and menu. She was also thankful to all of her wonderful support staff for their support throughout the week, but most of all she was so proud of her students for all of the hard work that went into this fantastic Thanksgiving event!

Lewisburg Holiday Happenings

November 25 and 26- Downtown Shopping Pass accepted at over 35 locations. 15% off one item at your favorite stores and restaurants. Pick up a coupon at your favorite shops and restaurants downtown Lewisburg.

November 26- Shop Small Saturday. Support our unique mix of small businesses on Saturday, November 26, get your shopping for the holidays done early and support your community.

December 1- Holiday Lighting Ceremony. Due to safety concerns and the health of the tree, this year the large tree in Hufnagle Park will Not be lit up. Instead we will be lighting up the gazebo and multiple sculptures. Come down to Hufnagle Park at 7 pm to join in a new unique holiday lighting ceremony. We will be celebrating the longest night of the year and the lights we light to brighten the season. There will be lights, music, science, storytelling and wonder.

December 2- Late night shopping downtown Lewisburg. Come join the festivities downtown Lewisburg until 10 pm or later!

December 2- Kids Night at the Museum. Lewisburg Children's Museum 4:30-7:30pm

December 5 through 16- Listen to 94KX in the Morning for a chance to win great prizes, including gift cards from downtown Lewisburg businesses.

December 10- Santa and his elves will be at the Campus Theatre downtown Lewisburg from noon until 2 pm when the Campus will be showing a free Christmas Classic movie.

December 17- A Lewisburg Victorian Nutcracker. Put on by Strictly Ballet (strictlyballetarts.com) and Riverstage Theatre (riverstagetheatre.org). Tickets for sale at riverstagetheatre.org. Showings at 2 pm and 7 pm.

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 William C. Jr & Gail Swartzlander, Lewisburg to Hunter W. Starks, Mifflinburg & Kelsie J. Landis, New Columbia property in Kelly Township for the sum of 290,000.00.
 Eric A. & Michelle M. Steffen, Lewisburg to Lori A. Stopper, Lewisburg property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 290,000.00.
 Tex L. & Gloria D. Buhl, White Deer Township to Cathy L. Ward, Jersey Shore, Pa. property in White Deer Township for the sum of 145,000.00.
 Heathen Firman, Selinsgrove to Bradley J. & Jennifer M. Yoder, Lewisburg property in Kelly township for the sum of 275,000.00.
 Nicholas & Amanda Griffiths, Moultonborough, NH to Sean W. & Jennifer L. Haggerty, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 363,000.00.
 Leanna M. Lengel & Walter S. Teats III, Liverpool to Frank's Aquaponics Emporium & Garden Center LLC, Winfield property in Union Township for the sum of 90,000.00.
 Gregory A. Berry Jr for Paula Zechman Trust to Gregory A. Berry Jr., Mifflinburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Terry L. & Susan M. Walburn, Muncy to Matthew C. & Karen M. Walburn, Allenwood property in Gregg Township for the sum of 200,000.00.
 Donna L. Amspacher, Emigsville, Pa. to Aaron C. Snyder, Mifflinburg property in Lewis Township for the sum of 120,000.00.
 David W. & Cindy L. Gutelius, Mifflinburg to BRH at Oak Avenue, LLC, Mohnton, Pa. property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 53,560.00.
 William R. Neitz Jr. & Morita J. Hauck, Lewisburg to Brian L. Kerstetter, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 25,000.00.
 Wayne B. & Emily R. Hoover, Mifflinburg to Amos B. & Verna O. Hoover, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Jesse Shultz & Alicia M. French, New Columbia to Alicia M. French, New Columbia property in New Columbia for the sum of 1.00.
 John Michael Fisher & Pamela D. Fisher, Mifflinburg to Christopher & Andrew Fisher for Fisher Living Trust property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.
 Leola J. Dornsife, Mifflinburg to John F. & Lucinda A. Kaufman, Middleburg property in Scottsdale Acres, Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 170,000.00.
 John P. Sidler, Shamokin Dam to John P. & Susan M. Sidler, Shamokin Dam property in Hartley Township for the sum of 1.00.
 John R. Yost & Karen L. Baker Trust to Joseph & Marlene Fleites Cipriani, Lewisburg property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 172,000.00.
 Dexter L. Revenolt, Lewisburg to Jeffrey C. & Charlene L. Reigle, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 278,000.00.
 Julie A. Ward & Robert E. Ward Trust to Joshua Rupert, New Columbia property in White Deer Township for the sum of 290,000.00.
 Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Berlin to Delmar R. & Robin K. Bickle Hart, Port Royal, Pa property in New Berlin Borough for the sum of 350,000.00.
 Susan Yohn, Lewisburg to Aaron E. & Logan J. Osgood Zimmerman, Lewisburg property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 512,420.00.

Divorce:
 Faith Erdley, Mifflinburg from Michael Erdley, Lewisburg they were married for 40 years.
 Janna R. Bond, Lewisburg from Michael J. Payne, Malvern, Pa. they were married for 16 months

Marriages:
 John Michael Flinn, Millmont to Del Ann Lynn Fetterolf, Millmont
 Joel Timothy Stoltzfus, Lewisburg to Charlotte Jean Quenio Espada, Lewisburg

DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY ROWE, LEWISBURG
Charged Jessica Marie Lordeon, 37, of Watsontown, with DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, careless driving, no headlights, and signal improper on November 18.
Charged Ahishire Ahrmond Gwynn, 30, of Lewisburg, with use/possession of drug paraphernalia on November 10.
Charged Tara Jo Hughes, 41, of Lewisburg, with DUI/BAC .16% or greater, DUI/unsafe driving, disregard traffic lane single, and careless driving on November 14.
Charged Justin W. Cromley, 45, of Lewisburg, with one count of burglary, aggravated assault, aggravated assault-injury with deadly weapon, criminal trespass-break into structure, terroristic threats, simple assault, loitering and prowling at nighttime, harassment/physical strike, criminal mischief-damage real or personal property, and two counts of strangulation on October 28.
Charged Christine M. Schnoor, 50, of Milton, with DUI/BAC .16% or greater, DUI/unsafe driving, depositing waste on highway, and violate hazard regulation on November 14.

Charged Norma Lynn Maddox, 70, of Lewisburg, with retail theft on November 14.
DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY L. MENSCH, MIFFLINBURG
Charged James T. Cloud, with 34, of Kenmore, NY, with one count of aggravated assault-attempts to cause or causes serious bodily injury with deadly weapon, simple assault, and two counts of harassment-subject other to physical contact on November 13. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 13, at 3:30 p.m.
Charged Rylee Mae Snyder, 18, of Middleburg, with DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, DUI/Schedule 1 controlled substance, reckless endangering another person, and PA vehicle registration expired > 60 days, careless driving, vehicle turning left, fail to use safety belt, and improper suncreening on November 10. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 13, at 11:30 a.m.
Charged Andrew W. Higgins, 26, of Bellport, NY, with possession of a small amount of marijuana and use/possession of drug paraphernalia on November 14. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 6, at 2:15 p.m.

Police

MILTON STATE POLICE
Harass Physical Contact 10:40 a.m. November 14, on Timberhaven Drive, in Kelly Township. On November 14, PSP responded to a report of a verbal argument.
DUI 11:17 p.m. October 7, on SR 15 S./Deitrick Road, in White Deer Township. On October 7, a traffic stop was conducted on a 2021 Toyota Camry driven by Tysia Mitchum, 26, of Rochester, NY, on SR 15 near Deitrick Road. Mitchum was deemed to be under the influence. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-02.
Crash 9:33 a.m. November 18, on SR 235, in Hartley Township. A 2020 Nissan NV3500 was traveling north on SR 235. The Nissan NV3500 crossed into oncoming lane of travel and exited the west side of the roadway, striking a utility pole. The Nissan NV3500 side swiped the utility pole causing cosmetic damage to nearly the entire driver side of the vehicle. During the interview the driver identified himself as John Clough. Clough related he had dropped something inside the cabin of the vehicle and had bent down to pick it up. Clough related when he looked back up he had already exited the roadway and was unable to avoid the collision with the utility pole. No injuries were reported. The driver was cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic.
Crash 1:25 p.m. November 19, on SR 15 S. at West Milton on ramp, in Kelly Township. A 2007 Pontiac Solstice driven by a 17 year old male, of Watsontown, had just entered SR 15 and was traveling south. For unknown reasons the driver lost control of the Pontiac Solstice and it began to spin in a clockwise manner striking the guide rail on the west side of the roadway. The Pontiac Solstice struck the guide rail three times while spinning clockwise before coming to rest. No injuries were reported. The driver was issued a warning for driving on roadways laned for traffic.

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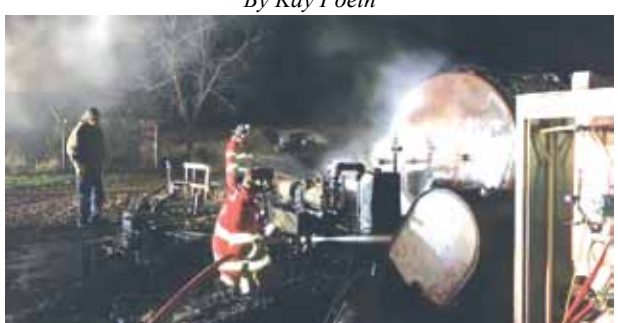
Pictured L-R are Bryan Seward- instructor, Evan Aikey- student, Howard Aikey- father, Tammy Aikey-mother and Dan Myers- Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary sponsor.

Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary sponsors a Sun Tech student every month and this month our honor student is Evan Aikey. Evan is studying the finer points of wood shaping for finish work and furniture builds.

Holiday Closings for The Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc. Office
 November 24-25 in honor of Thanksgiving
Sirens, Bells, and Great Big Yells: A Rigamajig Workshop
 November 28, 9-11am, Lewisburg Children's Museum
Holiday Fun with Friends, Kids Night out for 1st-5th Graders
 December 2, 6-9pm, Mifflinburg YMCA, Appropriate pajamas are optional
Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren
 November 26, 10:30-1, Kettle Cook, 46 Brethren Church Rd., Mifflinburg
Red Cross Blood Drive
 November 25, 12 noon-5pm, Freeburg Fire Co
After School Program for Mifflinburg Students 6-12th
 Monday's - Wednesday's, 3-5pm, Mifflinburg UMC, 279 Market St., Mifflinburg
Lewisburg Holiday Happenings
 November 25 and 26, Downtown Shopping Pass
 November 26, Shop Small Sunday
 December 1, 7pm, Holiday Lighting Ceremony
 December 2, Late Night Shopping Downtown Lewisburg and Kids Night at the Museum 4:30-7:30pm
Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene
 December 4, 6pm, Concert by the Itzels Family of Maryland, 12 Market Street, Mifflinburg
C&K's Creations Holiday Craft Show
 December 3, 1-4pm, December 4, 10 am-3pm, Cellars at Brookpark in Lewisburg
St. John's United Church of Christ
 December 10, 7:30pm, December 11, 3pm, Buffalo Valley Singers presents their annual Christmas concert, 1050 Buffalo Rd., Lewisburg
 December 10, Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner, 417 Market Street, Mifflinburg
Lewisburg Contra Dance
 December 10, 7-10pm, Donald Heiter Community Center, 100N 5th Street
Emmanuel UCC Church New Berlin
 December 3, 8am-4pm, Christmas Bazaar, cookie walk, soup and bake sale,

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Fire on Pentz Road



On Sunday, November 20, 2022 at approximately 9:40 pm, the White Deer Township Fire Company was dispatched to Pentz Road for a building fire. The arriving chief discovered an out-building that is used to dry wood fully engulfed in flames. The 10x20 wooden structure was not close to the family home and no other structures were involved. Mutual assistance was called to provide water and manpower. Responding were crews from White Deer Township, William Cameron (Lewisburg), Milton, Turbot Township, and Warrior Run. Crews were credited with saving other building and an outdoor wood furnace from damage.

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Country Mural on Pear Tree Alley

By Kay Poeth



Homeowner Bernadine Richard and artist Patricia (Patty) Brandt pose by the mural painted on the carriage door depicting horses at the barn. Stroll down South Pear Tree Alley in Lewisburg to admire the artwork.



Artist Patricia Brandt painted murals on the carriage house doors belonging to Bernadine Richard on South Pear Tree Alley. Art in the Alley showcases all the hidden treasures of the alleys of Lewisburg.

Lewisburg is proud to promote another mural project in the Borough. Inspired by the mural at the Piers created by Steve Gibson, another captivating artwork is now on display. Local resident, Bernadine Richard, graciously offered her carriage house on the corner of Pear Tree Alley and White Pine Alley as the canvas for a rural scene depicting horses in a barn. The mural was painted by local artist Patricia (Patty) Brandt.

It all began when Bernadine and Cindy Peltier were discussing the idea of Alley Tours. Bernadine noted that "We have lots of nice carriage houses and a lot of nice gardens throughout the town. Then, one day I thought...I have a nice carriage house. A mural on the doors would be perfect!"

Bernadine immediately knew who would be the perfect choice as artist for the mural. She contacted Patricia Brandt to commission the murals.

Since the murals were inspired by the carriage house, the logical theme was to create a rural scene depicting horses in the barn. The horses were inspired by horses that Bernadine and her family have owned over the years.

One of the horses is Apollo, a horse currently owned by Bernadine's daughter. "Apollo needed to be the most realistic horse. The others were created from details from Bernadine's memory and imagination. She described the breed and color," explained Patricia. Then Patricia and Bernadine worked together to develop and refine the artwork.

Prior to beginning the mural, Bernadine had to replace her garage doors. "I needed to get new doors that were flat." Glicks expertly installed the new doors. During that time, Patricia researched tips for painting stable door murals.

Patricia Brandt, a well-known Selingsgrove artist, has always loved animals especially horses. "I have painted horses forever. But, I had never painted stable doors."

Patricia began painting the mural on September 28. Due to the weather and temperature fluctuations, there was a limited amount of time available to paint each day. Overall, it took 90 hours to complete the project. The finished mural was revealed on October 5, 2022 featuring two horses on each carriage door. On the left door Patricia painted a white Arabian and a dun-colored American Quarter Horse. The right carriage door features Apollo, a black Warmblood, and a bay colored American Quarter Horse.

In the beginning of the project, Patricia was sworn to secrecy. A number of people kept checking on the progress. Area neighbors kept speculating what scene would be painted, asking for hints. Finally, as the mural was revealed, one man teased that he was kept awake wondering what it would be. "Those horses were keeping me up at night!"

Cindy Peltier, CommUnity Zone Director, hopes that this recent mural will inspire other property owners to follow suit. "This is a beautiful example of civic pride and working together. Bernadine is going to be a trail blazer for starting the trend of painting the garage/carriage house doors in the alley."

Then Cindy added, "The alleys are known by the people who live here in Lewisburg. Now, with the murals they are eye-catching and add interest as people stroll through the area. Anyone who walks the alleys of Lewisburg walks them all."

Lewisburg boasts of over 900 houses on the historic registry. The architecture is amazing. The townspeople are eager to make improvements and share the town's history.

"I hope that this project encourages others to consider artwork on their garage or carriage doors, walls, and fences to brighten up their alleys. The artwork could be whimsical, nature-inspired, contemporary, or historic," said Bernadine.

"Art in the Alley creates an amazing walk through of the alleys showcasing all the hidden treasures of the alleys of Lewisburg," added Cindy.

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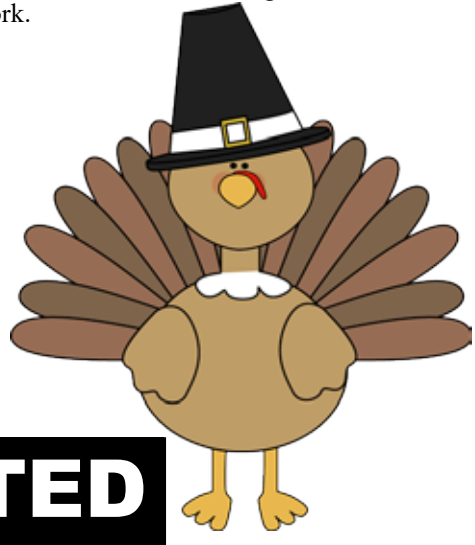
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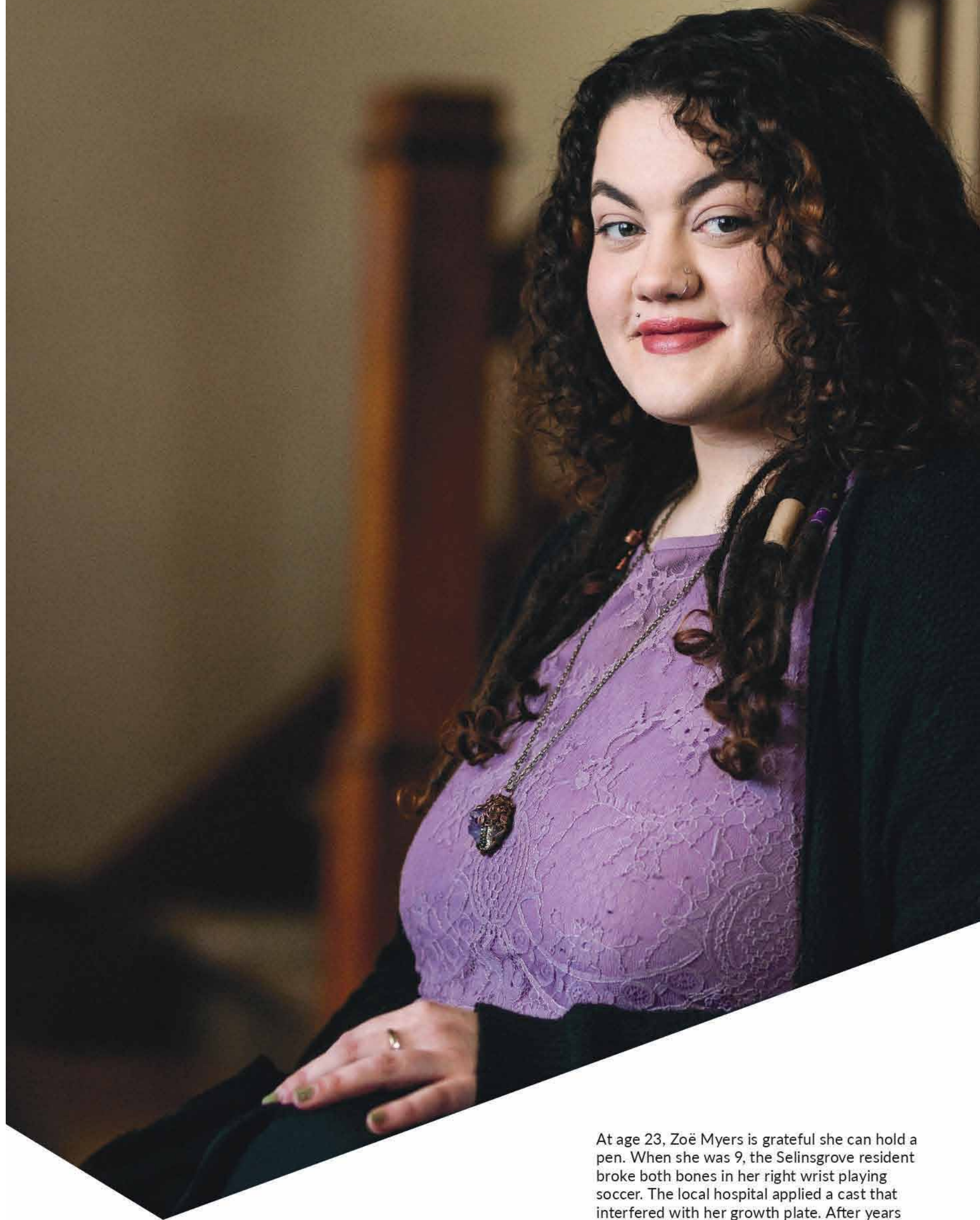
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Rest Assured a Hit in Mifflinburg

By Jamiee Joiner



The members of the Mifflinburg Area High School Theatre Arts Program performed their version of the comedic play, Rest Assured by Donald Payton this past weekend. The cast and crew worked tirelessly to create sets, rehearsed regularly to channel their characters, and practiced their performances

to perfection. Congratulations to all of the cast and crew on the exceptional shows they delivered to the audiences each evening!

Stay tuned for their Spring Musical which will be held on March 16th-18th, 2023.

Evangelical Honors the Community

Edited by Kay Poeth



2022 Evangelical Honors the Community Award Recipients (l to r): Kylie Kuhns, Young Philanthropist of the Year; Emily Gorski, Community Service Award of the Year; John Furia, MD, Physician Philanthropist of the Year; DeOnne Gronlund, accepting posthumously for Robert Gronlund, President's Award; James Apple, Lifetime Achievement Award; W. Gale Reish, MD, Philanthropy Advocate of the Year; Gloria Faylor Karchner, Philanthropist of the Year; Dale Miller, President's Award; Joseph McGranaghan, President's Award; and Fire Chief Scott Derr, accepting for Milton Fire Department, Inc. President's Award. Not pictured – Silvertip, Inc. Business Philanthropist of the Year and U.S. Representative Fred Keller, President's Award. Kendra Aucker, President and CEO, Evangelical Community Hospital with James Apple, Lifetime Achievement Award, at the first-ever Evangelical Honors the Community Event.

with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to the Greater Susquehanna Valley and Evangelical Community Hospital. His passion for service, philanthropy, and community impact have helped shape the well-being of our region. The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated more than 20 years of service as a volunteer and philanthropist to Evangelical Community Hospital and the greater community. In addition to involvement with the Boy Scouts of America Susquehanna Council, Greater Susquehanna Valley YMCA Board of Directors, Gettysburg College Board of Trustees, and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Apple joined the Hospital's Board of Directors in 1967.

Other recipients included Philanthropist of the Year—Gloria Faylor Karchner, Philanthropy Advocate of the Year—W. Gale Reish, MD, Physician Philanthropist of the Year—John P. Furia, MD, Business Philanthropist of the Year—Silvertip, Inc., Young Philanthropist of the Year—Kylie Kuhns, Kelsey's Dream, Community Service Award of the Year—Emily Gorski, and DIG Furniture Bank.

President's Awards were presented to Robert Gronlund posthumously, Dale Miller, Joseph McGranaghan, U.S. Representative Fred Keller, and Milton Fire Department, Inc.

Kendra Aucker, President and CEO of Evangelical Community Hospital s concluded the event by saying, "The work of building a vibrant community is never done. Those we are honoring today are examples of individuals who are keeping a hopeful future in front of us. These are hard times but also extraordinary ones. We must remember, revive, and celebrate the principles that built our communities."

Holiday Porch Displays in the Valley

By Kay Poeth



Christmas is in the air. Area residents are creating festive décor and holiday displays. As you stroll down South Front Street in Lewisburg, you may spot some carolers on the porch. If you use your imagination and listen closely, you may hear a familiar Yuletide song. Want your porch featured in The Snyder or Union County Times? Email scuc@ptd.net and put Kay in the memo line.

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Books For Babes: The Gift of Literacy

By Kay Poeth



Bob and Mary Keiser of Mifflinburg were part of the KSLA Susquehanna Valley elves wrapping books for the Books for Babes project to give the gift of reading to area children during the holidays.

During the holiday season the Keystone State Literacy Association Susquehanna Valley (KSLA SV) helps to bring "book-love" to the area's youngest children through its Books for Babes project. Children enrolled in Early Head Start, Northumberland Area Head Start, Pre K Counts, and Early Intervention Preschool Programs in Snyder, Union, Columbia, Northumberland, and Montour counties receive these books. The Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit assists by distributing books to the various classes.

Teenage parents also benefit from Project Elect, a CSIU program that supports young parents with their path to a high school diploma or GED, by providing education and information about health care, nutrition, child development, career readiness and goal setting.

"Our goal with the Books for Babes program is for families to read and spend time together," says Ang Marcinek, KSLA Susquehanna Valley chairperson of the project. "This experience forms a lasting connection between family members and children learn new skills that last a lifetime."

Each year a different book is given to the children. The project helps to instill a love of reading at an early age and gives a child a 'head start' on expanding their vocabulary and comprehension.

"The KSLA Susquehanna Valley book choice this year is a fun retelling of the story of The Emperor's New Clothes by Rosie Greening. It's a story of an emperor who wanted new clothes. The story is fun because a child sees the truth when adult people cannot see the truth," explains Marcinek. "The story is told in lively, rhyming text. A repeated refrain encourages less-established readers to join in. Certain letters are highlighted in red to help children focus on the different groups of letters that make a sound. The book includes a rhyming activity to encourage reading and reinforce the learning of phonics. It highlights key words and also includes a picture dictionary."

The Books for Babe Project is a KSLA SV community outreach program with participation from the IU #16, Stayman Apartments, Susquehanna University Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, and local book clubs and organiza-

tions. With holiday paper, scissors, and tape in hand, the Book Wrapping Party got underway in individual members' homes. The elves at Stayman Apartments wrapped 200 of the books as their November monthly activity. Volunteers collectively wrapped and labeled 920 books for the 2022 Books for Babes Project.

"Our organization continues to promote the joy of reading to children and their parents in our community. Even in these tough times, and with the help of other community organizations, we are able to maintain this wonderful project of bringing the joy of books and reading to local families," noted Lisa Mertz, co-president of KSLA Susquehanna Valley. "What better Christmas present is there than a book!"

Co-President Janice Adair added, "There is simply no substitute for reading aloud to children. Children who have been read to, have access to books, and have meaningful conversations with adults are more successful in school."

In addition to funds raised by KSLA Susquehanna Valley and generous donations, this year the Charles B. Degenstein Foundation provided a grant to support the worthwhile goal of a book in the hands of these early literacy learners. All donations are appreciated and go toward the purchase of nearly 1,000 books annually.

To kick-off the fundraising efforts for 2023, the Soroptimists of Montour County and Danville Rotary Club are co-hosting a Readathon to raise money for the Books for Babes project. They chose November to hold the Readathon in celebration of National Family Literacy Month. KSLA SV is grateful to be the recipient of their efforts. It takes a village!

Keystone State Literacy Association Susquehanna Valley is a local non-profit, volunteer organization whose goals are to develop literacy, provide instructional leadership, support professional development, and advocate literacy issues. Donations are being accepted for the Books for Babes project. Checks should be made payable to KSLA Susquehanna Valley and mailed to: Mary Keiser at 414 Green Street, Mifflinburg PA 17844.

ASPIRES Award



Intermediate School Principal, Mr. Heggenstaller announced the winners of the ASPIRES Awards for the month of November 2022. These awards are given to students who demonstrate the behaviors in compliance with the anti-bullying program and who display positive behaviors and actions while in school. These students are chosen by their teachers, and the ASPIRES Awards are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Mifflinburg. The November 2022 Award recipients are as follows:

3rd Grade - **Lucy Walter** - Lucy is the daughter of Caitlin and Tanner Walter of Mifflinburg. Lucy's teacher is Mr. Hornberger, and her favorite subject is math. Lucy has two younger sisters. Outside of school, she enjoys playing softball and likes spending time outdoors. In the future, Lucy hopes to become a teacher.

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5th Grade - **Charlie Midkiff** - Charlie is the daughter of Justin and Leah Midkiff of Lewisburg. Charlie's teacher is Mrs. Hoy, and her favorite subject is reading. Charlie has two younger brothers and one younger sister. In school, Charlie participates in Art Club, Choir, and plays the trombone in the Band. Outside of school, she likes to read mystery books. Charlie also enjoys being a bagger at Ard's Farm. In the future, Charlie would like to become a teacher.

Congratulations to each one of you and keep up the good work!

Union County Muzzle Loaders Silhouettes Shoot

Kay Poeth

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Fire Destroyed Barn in Kelly Township

By Jamiee Joiner



Congratulations to the November 2022 Students of the Month from Mifflinburg Area Intermediate School!

3rd – **Avery Walter** – Avery is the daughter of Daryl and Taylor Walter of Mifflinburg. Avery's teacher is Mrs. Fry, and her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Avery is on swim team. She also enjoys water skiing and riding four-wheelers. Avery's favorite place to visit is Charleston Lake in Canada. In the future, Avery hopes to become a professional photographer.

4th – **Brinley Boyer** – Brinley is the daughter of Jerry and Beth Boyer of Mifflinburg. Her teacher is Mrs. Montesinos, and her favorite subjects are math and reading. In school, Brinley is part of the school's Chorus and Art Club. Outside of school, she enjoys playing soccer, and she likes to go camping with her family. Brinley's favorite place to visit is the beach. In the future, Brinley hopes to become a teacher.

5th – **Gavin Gessner** – Gavin is the son Chad and Shelby Gessner of Mifflinburg. His teacher is Mrs. Snayberger, and his favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Gavin enjoys playing baseball, football, wrestling, and participating in 4-H. Gavin's favorite place to visit is the beach. He really enjoys hunting, boating, and hanging out with his friends. In the future, Gavin hopes to become a high-voltage utility lineman.

Congratulations to each of you and keep up the good work!



A fire that destroyed a barn on Col. John Kelley Road continued to burn days later.

A fire fueled by high winds tore through a barn in Kelly Township on Friday. Firefighters from all over the area joined forces to battle the blaze at 4573 Colonel John Kelly Road. On November 18 around noon, Mifflinburg Hose Company was dispatched to 4500 block of Col. John Kelly Road for a reported barn fire. The chief on the scene reported a visible header from Strawbridge Road and requested a 2nd alarm.

Members of the Mifflinburg Hose Company raised the ladder on their aerial truck in an effort to attack the flames from above. A steady water flow from their hoses helped douse flames, but smoke continued to billow from the barn and could be seen from miles away. The William Cameron Engine Company was on the scene fighting the fire from the ground. The two-alarm fire brought assistance from fire companies in Northumberland, Milton, White Deer, Turbot, Union, and Liberty Townships. Crews remained on the scene for approximately 2 hours.

On Monday afternoon, smoke and flames continued to burn through the hay that was once housed in the ruined barn as the winds have continued to reignite bales of hay all through the weekend.

An owner of the farm confirmed on Monday that no animals perished in the fire. He said, "just a bunch of hay and equipment." In addition, thankfully no one was injured while attempting to suppress the fire.

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