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Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club & Volunteers Donate Holiday Meal Boxes to Those in Need



Nan Bowman, Brad Moyer, Kellie Moyer and Don Bowman discuss the logistics of how the Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club and community volunteers will fill boxes with holiday meal food items for this annual holiday food distribution.



Assistant Principal Jason Dressler, Kiwanis Chairperson Kellie Moyer and Assistant Principal Garry Benfer worked together to make the holiday meal distribution a success. Many organizations and community partners gathered to support project to benefit the community.

Members of Mifflinburg Kiwanis Club and community volunteers gathered at the Middle School cafeteria on December 17 to fill boxes with holiday meal food items. Local churches and members of the club began collecting non-perishable food items in November along with students from the Mifflinburg Area School District. Kiwanis added hams, fresh fruit and vegetables as well as fresh chicken to the non-perishable items and filled boxes for families in need. Gift cards rounded out the donations to all.

Starting at 2:30 students from the High School football team, the Ag. Dept and those in the Honor Society began arriving to sort all the food into like items and then distribute them evenly into the gift boxes. After a brief break students from the wrestling team began to arrive and they helped families load the donations into their cars for a speedy drive through pick up.

"It takes an entire community to pull this off, from donating the food to making sure we've reached as many families in need as we possibly can. It's all thanks to a truly generous community," said Kellie Moyer who chairs this project for Kiwanis.

The club reaches out to schools and local care agencies to find the families who could benefit from the gifts and makes sure that all their information about family size and ages of children is correct to ensure a balanced gift box is provided. Local stores like L&L Marketplace of Middleburg, Weis Markets, Larry's Pizza, and Greenridge Market all contribute to the project.

"Some help us to feed the volunteers and others donate directly to the project. It is typical of the kind of community support we always receive," said Anne Smith, this year's Kiwanis Club President. She added "We are always seeking new volunteers and welcome anyone who is interested in helping to serve children, that's what Kiwanis is all about." Kiwanis meets on the first and third Monday of every month at the Lutheran Church on Market Street in Mifflinburg at 6:00pm. For more information call 570-847-3996.

Kids of Kingdom Spread Holiday Cheer at Celebration Villa

By Kay Poeth



The Kids of the Kingdom Day School in Lewisburg presented a Christmas serenade for the residents at Celebration Villa. The children joyfully sang carols for their audience. Then the children handed out holiday crafts that they had made for the residents. The children were excited to perform and share their crafts and the residents were appreciative of their visit.

Santa also visited Celebration Villa of Lewisburg and chatted with residents.

Each child sat upon Santa's lap near the Christmas tree for a photo. Then Santa gave each child a pencil and candy cane provided by Celebration Villa.

"We love our holiday concert tradition with our friends over at Kids of the Kingdom Day School! They sang songs that warmed our hearts. We invited our special friend, Santa, to visit with them," said Jessica Charles, Heathy Lifestyles Director at Celebration Villa. The kids come to entertain the residents multiple times a year.

Feed 500 for Christmas 2025

By Kay Poeth



The Apple family of Mt. Pleasant Mills has been blessing the community with their Feed 500 for Thanksgiving and Feed 500 for Christmas outreaches. It is a labor of love for the family and many volunteers. They greatly appreciate the donations from others to provide meals for those in need.

The outreach began in 2021 when 14-year-old Nathan Apple shared with his parents that some of his friends were not going to have a Thanksgiving meal. He asked his mother about helping their community and feeding people for the holiday. That began the Feed 50 for Thanksgiving outreach. The Apples and friends prepared the meal in their kitchen with donations from many Facebook friends. The plea to Feed 50 for Christmas followed a month later.

In 2024, the Feed 500 for Thanksgiving resulted in 677 meals being distributed. For the Feed 500 for Christmas event in 2024, the Apple family served ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, fruit cup, and a roll. The number of meals grew finally capping at 623 delivered to families in Snyder, Union, Juniata, and Northumberland Counties.

In 2025, Wendy Apple (of Wendy's Wonders) again organized the "Feed 500 for Christmas" to support the people in 4 counties with another ham dinner. This year, 847 meals were prepared and sent out for delivery on December 22.

"Many working hands doing God's work! Feed 847!" posted Wendy Apple.

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SPORTS NEWS

THE VIEW FROM HEAR
BY RON BOLT

It's the Holiday Season and the local sports calendar is sporadic at best. There was a huge measuring-stick boys basketball game when Lewisburg traveled to Turbotville to challenge the undefeated Defenders.

Lewisburg fell short 59-56 but accorded themselves well against a really good team. Warrior Run went on a 14-2 fourth quarter heater to win the game. Leon Tucker had 21 and the CM boys, Cooper Mowry and Cortland Michaels each added 10 in the loss.

The Green Dragons might have still had that game on their mind when they lost later in the week to Southern Columbia 65-54 despite Mowry hitting six treys. Lewisburg will recover from these early setbacks as they have a complete team.

Grove lost to that same Southern team 67-53 as Xavier Jackson had 19 points. The Seals beat Mifflinburg in OT 50-46 thanks to another 15 from Jackson. Free throw shooting for both teams was a struggle as both teams combined to go 19 for 42 from what is now the free-throw line because it's costing both teams.

Mid-West is hanging around the .500 line thanks to Zani Coley. Coley poured in 29 points including four treys to beat East Juniata 56-49. The Mustangs lost to Newport 62-45.

The Mid-West girls are still looking for their first win. The Mustangs were leading Benton at halftime until the Tigers outscored them 22-6 in the second half. Mid-West (0-5) lost 51-22 to Line Mountain with Izzy Walter scoring 10 points.

Lewisburg girls beat Selinsgrove 43-25 in a rematch of last year's District 4 third place game. Knee injuries to two All-stars from last year's squads has made it difficult to get any consistent flow and point production. Grove's Lissa Kruskie and Dragonette Madi Moyers both suffered season ending knee injuries during the fall sports season.

Ava Motto led Lewisburg with 14 points and India Walker scored 10 in securing the W over Grove. Motto also held Madi Merrell to just eleven points. Merrell transferred in from Danville three years ago. Selinsgrove also lost an appeal on Milton transfer Addison Wenzel in September to play basketball for Grove this year. Seal's coach Matt Salsman has been very active in the transfer portal.

Mifflinburg (4-2) beat Danville 51-33 off of Parice Shuck's career high of 17 points. Brooke Gessner (11) and Mia Reibsome (10) helped the Cats end a Danville three game winning streak.

The Grove girl grapplers had two place winners at the Hanover Holiday Wrestling Classic. Aislynn Weller and Elizabeth Varner finished second and fourth respectively.

The Miff girls won an exciting match 41-30 over Milton. Tied 30-30 with two matches left, Lydia Miller scored a tech fall and Taylor Stewart sealed the win with a pin.

Mifflinburg boys wrestling continues to roll. They trounced both Milton (68-6) and Mount Carmel (67-0). Mifflinburg has yet to lose a contested match in any of its four duals. It's a good thing they stay sharp in competitive tourneys early in the season.

The Cats placed fourth at the Panther Holiday Classic at Mount Aloysius College. Ben Straub and Landon Tucker brought home gold medals from Cresson, PA. Bradley Wagner finished second.

Grove's Jack Peters took second at 285 and Alex Kadryna fourth at 139. Evan Maneval and Charley Paige were the top finishing Mustangs with both placing sixth. Selinsgrove finished 17th and Mid-West 27th. Lewisburg romped over Wellsboro 54-16 in a dual meet.

Moving up the wrestling chain, Penn State has set the record for consecutive dual meet wins at 77, surpassing Oklahoma State's previous mark of 76 set between 1937-1951. Penn State's last dual meet loss was to Iowa January 31, 2020.

Coach Cael Sanderson's dual meet record at Penn State is 224-16-2. That is quite impressive considering his teams have always been built around postseason success, and they've delivered. The Nittany Lions have won the last four NCAA team titles and 12 of the last 14, with 40 individual champions since Sanderson took over in 2009.

What a crazy long football weekend we just had! From Thursday's improbable Seahawks OT comeback to the Steelers holding off the Lions. Throw in Saturday's Bears walk-off overtime win over the Pack and Miami's last second interception to beat Texas A&M, football can't get better.

I take that back, football can get better. Referees have to get more consistent on calling pass-interference and before a receiver complains. So many games are determined by this infraction on both called and non-called. Pass interference cannot be reviewed as it's a subjective call such as holding and not objective.

College football can also get better if you have the twelve best teams in the College Football Playoffs. The two group of five schools, Tulane and James Madison had terrific seasons, but football is played with more speed, strength and depth at the Power 4 conference schools.

I understand the anti-trust issues the NCAA faces if they are not inclusive to all the schools. Two or three teams that had a legitimate chance to get hot and win it all were denied this opportunity. The two group of 5 schools had no chance at all. In the future have the two top ranked smaller schools play each other to get into the 12 or soon to be 16 team playoff.

For all the talk and noise about Lane Kiffin being the best coach in college football and his move to LSU, there are 16 other college coaches with more CFP wins than Kiffin's zero. Moving onto this year's CFP, I see Texas Tech playing Indiana and Georgia taking on Ohio State in the Final Four. Coach Cignetti will lead his Hoosiers over The Dawgs for the national title.

I spoke about parity in the NFL two weeks ago. For thirty-six straight years now at least four NFL teams that missed the playoffs have qualified for a chance to go to the Super Bowl the next year. This year it's the Patriots, Bears, 49ers and Seahawks. The two #1 seeds from last year will not make the playoffs this year.

Another team looking to get back to the playoffs for the first time in three years is the Trevor Lawrence led Jacksonville Jaguars. Lawrence is finally living up to his hype after the Jags drafted him first overall in the 2021 draft.

Getting to the playoffs hasn't been a problem for the Pittsburgh Steelers, winning once they get there has been the issue. Fans won't admit it but Aaron Rodgers is playing some really good football. If the defense plays like it should and DK Metcalf starts acting like a 28 year old man should, coach Tomlin might get that first elusive playoff win since 2016.

The LA Dodgers will pay a record \$169M luxury tax next season. That exceeds the payroll of 12 other MLB teams. Texas A&M women's volleyball had quite a run to their national title. They beat three #1 seeds and didn't lose a set in the Final Four to sweep Pitt and Kentucky.

I would like to wish all of you the Merriest Christmas ever and a safe and prosperous New Year

You can reach out to me with comments or questions at theviewfromhear74@gmail.com Ron Bolt

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DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY L. MENSCH, MIFFLINBURG

Charged Felicia Marie Howerton, 36, of Baltimore, MD, with one count of identity theft, , access device fraud-use another's device without authorization, DUI/controlled substance, false ID to law enforcement-provide false info about identity, two counts of display of registration plate, forgery-alter writing, forgery-unauthorized act in writing, theft by deception-false impression and three counts of receiving stolen property on December 12. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 23, at 10 a.m.

Charged Sara Rose Elliott, 33, of Baltimore, MD, with three counts of forgery-alter writing, four counts of forgery-unauthorized act in writing three counts of identity theft on December 9.

Charged Benjamin J. Dorman, 28, of Millmont, with DUI/unsafe driving, DUI/Schedule 1 controlled substance, DUI/metabolite controlled substance, DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, careless driving, driving on roadways laned for traffic (single), and driving at safe speed on December 8. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 27, at 11:30 a.m.

Charged Robert David Kitchens, 68, of Lewisburg, with criminal homicide, aggravated assault-attempts to cause or causes bodily injury with deadly weapon, aggravated assault-attempts to cause serious bodily injury or causes injury with extreme indifference, simple assault, criminal mischief-tamper, and recklessly endangering another person on December 4. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 23, at 10:45 a.m.

DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY ROWE, LEWISBURG

Charged Ivan L. Upsher, 63, of Pittsburgh, with terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another, simple assault, harassment-subject other to physical contact, disorderly conduct hazardous/physical offense on December 15.

Charged Jennifer Carol Folzenlogen, 63, of Cincinnati, OH, with two counts of identity theft, forgery-unauthorized act in writing, theft by unlawful taking, receiving stolen property, altered, forged or counterfeit documents and plates, altered, and one count of corrupt organizations-employee on December 15.

Charged Jonathan Harriso Hunter, 32, of Milton, with possession of a small amount of marijuana for personal use, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a

controlled substance by a person not registered and disorderly conduct hazardous/physical offense on December 12.

Charged Amy Lee Cortelyou, 44, of Herndon, with retail theft-take merchandise (misdemeanor 1) on December 12.

Charged Rachael Catherine Landi, 37, of Milton, with DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, DUI/metabolite controlled substance, DUI/Schedule 1 controlled substance, careless driving, and disorderly conduct-unreasonable noise on December 12.

Charged Dwaine Allen Gauger Jr., 24, of Lewisburg, with DUI/Schedule 1 controlled substance, DUI/Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 controlled substance, DUI/Schedule 1 controlled substance metabolite, DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance by a person not registered, reckless driving, careless driving, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, disregard traffic lane (single), and public drunkenness on December 10.

Charged Michael Alan Shirk, 36, of Lewisburg, with use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance by a person not registered, and public drunkenness on December 10.

Charged Thet Su Pan, 32, of Lewisburg, with simple assault, possession of a controlled or counterfeit by a person not registered, and use/possession of drug paraphernalia on December 9.

Community Calendar

Winter Stem Day Camp

December 29, 10am-3pm, 343 Chestnut St., 2nd floor, Mifflinburg, registration on Zsuite

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Police

MILTON STATE POLICE

Burglary Residential Force 9:38 p.m. September 14, at 1700 Devitts Camp Road, in Gregg Township. On September 14, at approximately 9:40 p.m. PSP was dispatched to an attempted burglary. Anthony Conseal, 40, of Butler, voluntarily left the White Deer Treatment Center and attempted to gain entry into the victims residence through a rear door. Conseal then made his way to the front door and was observed aggressively banging on the front door and breaking a bedroom window. Upon PSP arrival on scene Conseal was observed trying to take the victims golf cart parked in their yard. Conseal was taken into custody.

Disorderly Conduct 10:21 p.m. November 26, at 9600 Block Westbranch Highway, in Kelly Township. Dominique Ellis, of Selinsgrove, was charged with disorderly conduct relating to a traffic stop on SR 15 near the West Milton Exit on November 26.

Stalking/Harass Follows Person 10:10 p.m. November 29, at 175 International Drive, in Kelly Township. On November 29, at approximately 8 p.m. PSP was dispatched to a report of stalking. Upon arrival on scene, Edward Mackert, 39, of Mt. Pleasant Mills was observed inside the victims vehicle. The victim has an active PFA against Mackert. The victim observed Mackert following them around the Goodwill store. When the victim confronted Mackert he related that he had been watching them shop in the store for approximately 45 minutes. An inventory search of Mackert's vehicle which was parked out back of the store was completed and a pair of binoculars and a spot light were found in plain view. Mackert was given a \$50,000 bail and lodged in the Union County Jail.

PFA Violation 8:02 p.m. November 29 at 8:02 p.m. PSP was dispatched for a report of a PFA violation. Upon arrival on scene Edward Mackert, 39, of Winfield, was observed inside the victim's vehicle. The victim has an active PFA against Mackert. Mackert was taken into custody for the PFA violation and an active arrest warrant. Mackert was given a \$5,000 bail and lodged in the Union County Jail.

Retail Theft 10:07 p.m. December 16, at Sheetz, at 260 International Drive, in Kelly Township. PSP responded to a retail theft that had just occurred at Sheetz. Prior to arrival, a separate PSP unit stopped the suspect vehicle a blue 2012 Honda Civic. All the actors were identified as, Dayzi Soboleski, 18, of Mifflinburg, Ciera Traynham, 25 of Selinsgrove, and Preston Elsasser, 19, of Middleburg, and all stolen merchandise was recovered from the vehicle. The actors were charged accordingly through District Court 17-3-01.

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Obituaries

Keith R. Spickler, 67, Dewart

Keith entered into rest at his home on Tuesday, December 16, 2025.

He was born on January 17, 1958, in Lewisburg, a son of Margretta I. (Richard) Spangler of Mifflinburg and the late David D. Spickler.

A service was held December 23, 2025 at at Dominick T. Adamo Funeral Home.

Norma Jean Catherman, 90, formerly of Lewisburg

Norma entered into rest at 4:10 p.m., Saturday, December 20, 2025, at Rolling Hills Manor, Millmont.

She was born August 31, 1935, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Norman and Carrie (Bowersox) Kline. On June 21, 1953, she married Robert Benner, who preceded her in death November 11, 1990. On February 24, 1996, she married James Catherman, who survives.

Burial will be at a later date in the Sunrise Cemetery, Lewisburg.

Scott A. Tyson, 62, Mifflinburg

Scott entered into rest at 11:50 a.m., Saturday, December 20, 2025, at home.

He was born August 23, 1963, in Lewisburg, a son of the late Charles F. Tyson and Norma J. (Hackenburg) Solomon. On December 7, 1985, he married the former Sharon L. (Courtney), who survives.

He served in the Navy for 8 years until his honorable discharge in 1989.

Family and friends are welcome from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, December 27, at Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg.

Edward "Ed" Sterling Bastuscheck, 86, Lewisburg

Ed formerly of Mifflinburg, entered into eternal rest, with his loving wife by his side, Thursday, December 18, 2025, at Wellspring Evangelical Hospital, Lewisburg.

He was born November 1, 1939, in Bellefonte, a son of the late Sterling A. and Mildred P. (Gummo) Bastuscheck. On December 30, 1961, he married the former Patricia Styers, who survives.

Services were held on December 23, 2025.

Betty Jean Williams, 87, Mifflinburg

Betty entered into rest at 5:45 a.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at Oak Glen, Lewisburg.

She was born March 26, 1938, in Columbia County, a daughter of the late Charlotte (Kindt) Moyer. On April 1, 1956, she married James R. Williams, who survives.

Services are held privately.

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April L. Wagner, 64, Mifflinburg

April entered into rest Sunday, December 14, 2025, at Wellspring Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born June 25, 1961, in Sunbury, a daughter of the late Clarence and Doris (Allaman) Zimmerman. On November 12, 1987, she married Leonard "Lenny" Wagner, who survives.

Services are held privately.

Ronald G. Hartman, 83, Lewisburg

Ronald died on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at Wellspring Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

Born on November 6, 1942 in Espy, he was the youngest of 12 children to the late Clark T. and Zella M. (McHenry) Hartman.

Following Ronald's request, there are no services.

Cookie Brigade Spread Holiday Yumminess to MDS

By Kay Poeth



The Apple Family of Mt. Pleasant Mills bought and baked cookies and then put them together in festive arrangements. The busy cookie elves delivered 45 cookie trays and cards to Milton Developmental Services (MDS).

According to Wendy Apple, "We've done this for 8 years now! They know me as the Cookie Lady!" In addition to Wendy, Scott Apple, Nathan Apple and Sekota Stolz were part of the Cookie Brigade.

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Mifflinburg VFW Hosted Children's Christmas Party



The Mifflinburg VFW hosted its annual Children's Christmas party on December 13, 2025 spreading holiday joy. 59 children visited with Santa and whispered their Christmas wishes to the Jolly Ole Elf. Mrs. Claus was on hand to make sure that Santa didn't eat too many cookies. And, even The Grinch stopped by to see what all the excitement was about.

Each child received a toy, a popcorn ball and a candy cane. Eight lucky children won a bicycle. Hot dog and chips were served to the parents and children.

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Dauntless Hook and Ladder Fire Company Spreads Holiday Cheer With Santa Tour and Community Toy Drive

Over the past several weeks, the Dauntless Hook and Ladder Fire Company spread holiday cheer throughout Selinsgrove Borough and Penn Township by continuing a beloved tradition and launching a new community-focused initiative.

This year, the fire company introduced a new tradition aimed at giving back even more to the community. The "Fill the Boat with Christmas Spirit" toy drive was created to benefit Snyder County Children and Youth. The event officially kicked off on Sunday, December 7, with a meet-and-greet with Santa at the firehouse. Families enjoyed Christmas movies, snacks, and a create-your-own decoration activity while donating toys to help fill the rescue boat. SelinsgroveWalmart also participated, providing a small gift to each child in attendance.

Since 2020, the fire company has hosted an annual Santa Claus tour through local neighborhoods. The 6th Annual Santa Tour took place on December 9 in Selinsgrove Borough and December 10 in Penn Township neighborhoods. Santa and Mrs. Claus rode through the communities aboard the rescue boat, collecting donated toys along the way as children and pets received their holiday treats.

On Friday, Dec. 12, the rescue boat—now filled with donations—was delivered to Snyder County Children and Youth. In total, more than 500 toys were collected and will be distributed to local children on Christmas morning. With this donation and others received, Children and Youth was able to provide gifts to 231 children across 91 families, as well as support other organizations throughout Snyder County. Each family received toys, personal care items, clothing, and household goods.

The Dauntless Hook and Ladder Fire Company extends its sincere gratitude to the community members, local business sponsors, and fire company members whose generosity and support made this event a tremendous success. We look forward to continuing this event for years to come.

Jacob Hornberger Named SUN Area Technical Institute's December Young American



SUN Area Technical Institute is proud to recognize Jacob Hornberger as the December Young American, an honor that reflects his leadership, character, and commitment to service.

Jacob is actively involved in both school and community leadership roles. He serves as Vice President and Chaplain of FFA, where he supports fellow members and promotes strong values within the organization. At SUN Area Technical Institute, Jacob is the Class Secretary, a role in which he demonstrates responsibility, organization, and a willingness to serve others.

Beyond the classroom, Jacob gives back to his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Freeburg Fire Company, dedicating his time and effort to helping others in times of need.

Jacob's future plans include owning and operating a mobile welding repair business, combining his technical skills with his entrepreneurial spirit.

Jacob was selected as Young American for his ability to communicate with others, even when conversations are difficult. He understands that conflicts and challenges do not resolve themselves and believes it is the responsibility of individuals to step forward, engage, and help find solutions.

When asked what he would like others to know about him, Jacob shared, "Everything I do, from working to speaking, is done for the glory of God." This guiding principle is evident in his actions, leadership, and service to those around him.

SUN Area Technical Institute congratulates Jacob on being named the December Young American and applauds his dedication to leadership, service, and personal integrity.

7 Brew Held Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & Presented Donation to United Way SV

By Kay Poeth



7 Brew, located at 2507 N Susquehanna Trail, held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on December 16. 7 Brew is a drive-thru beverage brand that offers over 20,000 unique drink combinations, and they truly care about making the drive-thru experience as personalized as the drinks they provide. The business is known for its upbeat atmosphere, expansive menu, and speedy drive-thru times.

Striving to be a good community partner, 7 Brew Selinsgrove presented a check for \$6,711 to United Way Susquehanna Valley during the Grand Opening. The company values cultivating kindness in the community. "We're proud to partner with United Way Susquehanna Valley to help support their incredible work and give back to the community."

To kick off the opening celebrations, 7 Brew State Selinsgrove hosted a donation weekend from Dec. 5-7, where customers could try 7 Brew and "pay what they want," as a donation to United Way Susquehanna Valley. Representatives from United Way Susquehanna Valley attended the ceremony to accept the donation.

"At the Susquehanna Valley United Way, one of our core values is belief in our communities and neighbors," said Mark Stankiewicz, president and CEO of Susquehanna Valley United Way. "Having 7 Brew select us as their recipient organization means a great deal to us. When we are able to partner with local organizations and companies, we are able to accomplish so much more. United is the way we get it done, together."

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Union County Unveiled America250PA Bells Across PA

By Kay Poeth



On December 19, 2025, the America250PA Bells Across PA for Union County was unveiled at the Union County Courthouse. Kate Murphy, of Lewisburg, designed and painted the bell. Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau (SRVVB) sponsored this amazing bell.

Murphy's artistic rendering on the fiberglass bell features Bucknell University's Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library and the rural farmland of Union County including a barn, farm animals, a farmhouse, and two Amish horses and buggies. She employs bold colors and folk art in the Pop Surrealist style.

According to Murphy, "When designing the bell, it was important for me to include Bucknell in the art, as I grew up in Lewisburg and it is such a vital component of our community. The book and library are both hinting at the importance of education for Bucknell and the area."

Continuing the artist commented, "While including the college was imperative, I wanted to be sure to get the rolling farmlands of rural Lewisburg and Mifflinburg in the design too. The serenity of the countryside is a dominant element of my memories here, and it was essential for me to include the other areas of Union County in the painting."

Kate Murphy lived away from the area in Philadelphia for many years, and returned a few years ago to receive treatment for a brain tumor at Geisinger. "The communi-

ty really supported me and showed me so much love and grace during this time, so I hope my love for the county comes out when one views the bell."

Bells Across PA is America250PA's statewide art series in which local artists adorned and magically transformed fiberglass bell sculptures in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. America250PA is placing 108 of these bells, sponsored by businesses and individuals, across the Commonwealth to highlight each of PA's 67 counties.

"The unveiling of the Union County Bell for the 250PA Bells Across PA was well attended by dignitaries and citizens. The artist, Kate Murphy shared with all present, the various scenes she incorporated into the Union County Bell," explained Kathy Swope, Union County America-250PA Coordinator. "County Commissioner Jeff Reber spoke to those assembled about the history and meaning of the Bell and the responsibilities of democracy." Commissioner Reber noted that the ongoing role of democracy requires "Work that happens right here in our town halls, our classrooms, our businesses, our neighborhoods."

In addition to Murphy, many local dignitaries were in attendance including Rep. David Rowe (R-85); Rep. Famie Flick (R-83); representatives for Gov. Josh Shapiro, U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson (R-15), Sen. Gene Yaw (R-23), and Rep. Stephanie Borowicz; Union County Commissioners Preston Boop, Jeff Reber, and Stacy Richard, and other committee members and residents gathered for the official unveiling of Bells Across PA in Union County, marking a meaningful step in preserving and celebrating local history.

"The original Liberty bell, cast in 1752, was itself a commemoration of William Penn's charter of privileges which granted religious freedom to the people of Pennsylvania. The Union County bell, part of America250 PA's Bells Across PA, will serve as a continual reminder of the religious freedom our founders secured for all Pennsylvanians!" stated Rep. David Rowe.

The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the legislature and Governor in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, Pennsylvania's integral role in that event, and the impact of its people on the nation's past, present, and future.

According to Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Center Interim Executive Director, Judy Machesic, "It was very important to the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau Board and staff that Union County be included on the statewide visitor map for the Bells Across PA initiative. In 2026, visitors to our state will seek opportunities to engage with local art and history. These replica liberty bells will serve as a snapshot of life in PA counties and an invitation to learn about all we have to offer."

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau was thrilled to sponsor the bell. "Artist Kate Murphy captured themes of connection and community with her Union County design from our beautiful countryside to our charming downtowns. Union County is a place where people from many different backgrounds come together and work for the good of the region. I believe this passion and pride speak through Kate's design, and I hope that the bell continues to inspire both residents and visitors," added Machesic.

"I am pleased to see our Liberty Bell in place and ready to inspire Union County residents as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding. Although many people are involved in making 2026 a year of patriotic celebration, I specifically thank the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau for funding the bell, Kathy Swope for representing Union County on the America250 committee, and Kate Murphy for her creative design as the artist who painted the bell," said Union County Commissioner Jeff Reber.

Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities Announces January Consumer Financial Protection Events

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Hosted by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne/Wyoming counties at the Charles T. Adams Active Adult Center, 5 East Market St., Wilkes-Barre (Luzerne County) on Jan. 5 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Open to members only. For additional information contact Maria Linso at 570-825-3484 or maria.linso@luzernecounty.org.

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Middletown Senior Citizens Association, 2142 Trenton Road, Levittown (Bucks County) on Jan. 21 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. For additional information contact Elisabeth Ginder at 215-945-2920 or Dir.msca@gmail.com.

Coopersburg Senior Center, 538 Thomas St., Coopersburg (Lehigh County) on Jan. 22 from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM. For additional information contact Nan Beitel-Vessels at 610-282-2330 or nancybv13@icloud.com.



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December Mifflinburg ASPIRES



Students at the Mifflinburg Intermediate School who have received the December ASPIRES award for December have recently been announced. This award is sponsored by the Mifflinburg Kiwanis and recognizes students in third through fifth grade who have shown positive behaviors such as kindness, respect, responsibility and acceptance of all others as assured in a safe school environment. Students are chosen by their homeroom teachers and each will receive a small cash award and certificate at the final school assembly.

From Ms. Wiand's third grade, Oaklynn Kerstetter is being recognized. She is the daughter of Tamra and Jake Kerstetter of Mifflinburg. Oaklynn has an older brother and three younger sisters and wants to become a teacher someday. She cites Math as her favorite subject and likes to participate in field hockey and play in the snow when not in school. She also takes tap and ballet lessons.

Graham Spangler, son of Kayla Spangler, is representing fourth grade from Ms. Bollinger's room. Graham lives in Mifflinburg with his mother and a younger sister. In school, he most enjoys his Math classes and also participates in the choir. Outside of school he enjoys creating with Legos, playing football and baseball.

Mrs. Miller has selected Reagan Spotts for this award from her fifth grade classroom. Reagan is the daughter of Jeff and Brandi Spotts of Lewisburg. Reagan has a younger brother and she loves to write. She plays clarinet in the school band, is in the choir and art club, plays piano and basketball and also takes ballet. Reagan aspires to someday become a teacher.

The mission of Kiwanis is to "improve the world one child and one community at a time" and the local club actively tries to do this with scholarships and programs in the schools and in the community. Interested persons can learn more or attend a meeting by calling 570-966-0623.

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Bloomsburg YIP Holds Successful Snack Drive for Kelsey's Dream



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Kelsey's Dream is so excited to have Bloomsburg High School YIP help with this program once per year and they really stepped it up a big notch this time around. This group also has made fleece knot blankets for our blanket program that provides a blanket to children attending children's cancer camp. They have helped Kelsey's Dream with that program for three years.

If your group is interested in helping Kelsey's Dream with their snack program, please reach out! www.KelseysDream.org



Three Service 1st Team Members Complete Enhanced Financial Counseling Certification Program



Heather Shannon, Member Solutions Specialist, Service 1st Digital Center, Josh Culver, Financial Service Specialist I, Service 1st Bloom Road Office, Nick Costa, Financial Service Specialist I, Service 1st Muncy Office.

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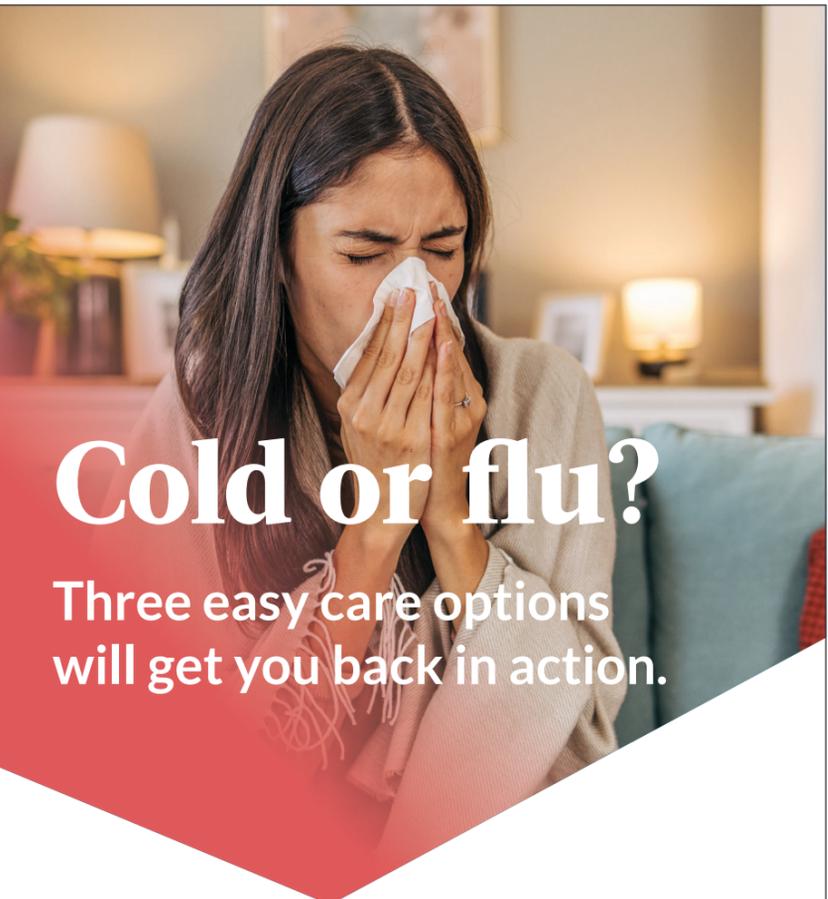
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Abigail Benner Named SUN Area Technical Institute's Young American for November



SUN Area Technical Institute is proud to recognize Abigail Benner as the Young American for November. Abigail's dedication to leadership, service, and excellence in health care education sets her apart as a shining example of what it means to be a SUN student.

Abigail is the President of the Patient Care Technician (PCT) program at SUN Area Technical Institute, where she leads by example and consistently supports her classmates. In addition to her role within the PCT program, she serves as the Reporter for SUN Tech's chapter of HOSA—Health Occupations Students of America, helping to promote student involvement and highlight program achievements.

At her home high school, Abigail is also a member of the National Honor Society, reflecting her strong academic commitment and well-rounded character.

Known for her positive attitude and strong work ethic, Abigail is a natural leader who goes above and beyond to help others while still completing her own responsibilities. She makes a conscious effort to find the good in every situation, even when challenges arise, and her encouragement and support make a lasting impact on those around her.

Looking toward the future, Abigail plans to attend college to pursue a degree in nursing. Her long-term goal is to work in a Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and she hopes to eventually become a travel nurse, allowing her to explore the country while continuing to care for patients and make a difference in the field of health care.

Abigail's leadership, compassion, and determination truly embody the spirit of the Young American award. SUN Area Technical Institute congratulates her on this well-deserved recognition and looks forward to all she will accomplish in the future.

New Free Library Brings Books and Community Together at McClure Station Park



A new Free Library has recently been installed at McClure Station Park, offering residents and visitors a simple but meaningful way to share the joy of reading. The community-driven project invites people to "take a book, leave a book," encouraging neighbors of all ages to explore new stories and connect through a shared love of reading.

The Free Library is open to everyone and does not require a library card, making books easily accessible for children, families, and individuals who may be passing through the park. Whether someone is discovering a new author, revisiting a favorite classic, or passing along a book they've already enjoyed, the exchange is designed to promote literacy, curiosity, and generosity.

While the Free Library offers a convenient and welcoming option for casual reading, community members are still encouraged to visit and support the McClure Library, which remains an important resource for programs, research, and a wider selection of materials.

This new addition to Station Park was made possible through the efforts of two local community members who wanted to enhance the park and create another welcoming feature for residents and visitors alike. Their initiative reflects McClure's strong sense of community and commitment to creating shared spaces that bring people together.

Residents are encouraged to stop by, browse the shelves, and help keep the Free Library stocked—one book at a time.

Veterans Christmas Remembrance Celebration



Dreisbach United Church of Christ, Lewisburg was pleased to support Wreaths Across America joining the national network of volunteers that placed wreaths Dec. 13, 2025 on veteran graves across our great country. The event included

a patriotic ceremony led by Rev. John Yost (Pastor). Members of Cub Scout Pack 3538 and Boy Scout Pack 538 from Faith Lutheran Church, Lewisburg, headed by Stephen Everson Presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as helped to lay wreaths. The National Anthem was beautifully sung by Rowan White. Patriotic Hymns were sung by all with organist Ruth Romig.

Presenting of the 9 Military Branch Wreaths with flags was Dreisbach Church Veteran Army SFC (R) David Beckley.

A Veteran Profile was given by Rev. Yost in remembrance of SP-3 William "Bill" F. Bastian, U.S. Army Airborne. He was a Paratrooper serving in Army Airborne Units in Fort Jackson, S.C., Fort Benning, GA., Fort Campbell, KY., and Fort Bragg, N.C. Bill went on to spend his life as a teacher, pastor, choir director and life-long dedicated member of Dreisbach Church. Bill was buried May 19, 2024 at Hironimus Church Cemetery, Weikert, a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army Airborne. A music and slide presentation was created by Sandy Catherman, Mifflinburg. It included a running list of every veteran buried at Dreisbach Cemetery with their name, military branch and date of death.

Following the service volunteers laid 113 wreaths honoring every veteran buried in Dreisbach Cemetery. The beautiful live evergreen wreaths with bright red bows were made by Alex Haines, Reiff's Nursery & Greenhouse, Strickler Road, Mifflinburg. We gather to remember, honor and teach the value of freedom. We appreciate and sincerely thank all those that participated, donated wreaths, laid wreaths and worked together for this great patriotic cause. The service was recorded and can be viewed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/dreisbachchurch.

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