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## Punxsutawney Phil Predicts 6 More Weeks of Winter

By Kay Poeth

On February 2 of every year Punxsutawney Phil, the esteemed weather prognosticator, makes his annual prediction on the length of winter. On Groundhog Day, the crowd gathered at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania witness Phil's prediction. Attendees donned their Groundhog hats and bundled for the frigid weather. It was a party atmosphere with a band performing, the crowd chanting "Wake Up, Phil", revelers dancing in the predawn hours and even fireworks.

"It's humbling to be part of one of the nation's most inclusive and fun-filled celebrations, where all Americans can come together and simply have a good time," said Punxsutawney Groundhog Club President Thomas A. Dunkel of last year's festivities.

According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow when emerging from his burrow, then there will be six more weeks of winter. If Phil does not see his shadow, then he predicts an early spring. Phil speaks only to the President of the Groundhog Club in "Groundhogese." His prediction is then translated and broadcast to the entire world.

Punxsutawney Phil was roused from his burrow at sunrise at approximately 7:00 am and held high so all his adoring fans could see him. Then he observed the weather conditions, looked for his shadow on the scroll, and made his prediction for 2026. As the comical rhyming scroll was read it concluded with "It is my job this February 2 to look to the skies and report back to you that there is a shadow here on my ground, six more weeks of winter abound."

Upon hearing the prediction of six more weeks of winter, some cheered while others booed! Usually, Phil poses for photos after his prognosticating. However, due to the extremely cold temperatures, the crowd took a selfie with Phil instead.

Punxsutawney Phil, the Prognosticator Extraordinaire, is never wrong in his prediction! 2026 will mark the 140th year that Punxsutawney Phil has been a weather prognosticator and making his predictions. All other groundhog weathermen are denounced as imposters! However, weather authorities report that Phil has only a 35% accuracy rate.

Phil's predictions mean

good news for the Commonwealth's more than 20 winter resorts from the Poconos in the east and the Allegheny Mountains in the west. Visitors will have a few extra weeks to head to the mountains or explore the winter beauty of Pennsylvania's 124 state parks before spring arrives.

So, after the proclamation of 6 more weeks of winter, will you be frolicking in the snow building snowmen or sitting by the fire munching on a scrumptious bowl of groundhog stew?



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# Deeds & Courts

# Community Calendar

# Police

**Deeds:**  
 Kenneth E. & Tonie M. Snook, Lewisburg to Eric D. Farrell, Lewisburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 220,000.00.  
 Freckles LLC, Mifflinburg to Allen & Yolanda J. Stoltzfus, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Whitney M. Troutman Ray, Sunbury & William T. Loss, Northumberland for Shirley E. Renninger to Glen W. & Anna G. Weaver, Millmont & Glen L. & Rosalie K. Weaver, Millmont property in Hartley Township for the sum of 450,000.00.  
 Steven R. & Cathy A. Weaver, Mifflinburg to Ryan W. Weaver trustee for Weaver Living Trust, Mifflinburg property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.  
 John B. & Miriam Z. Martin to John Mark & Joyce M. Hoover, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Mervin L. & Pamela S. Sander, Mifflinburg to Mervin L. Sander Jr. New Berlin & Nathaniel L. Sander, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Paul Robert & Dana Lauren Jones, Conrra Costa CA. to Love deep Singh & Divina Anand, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 393,000.00.  
 Donna L. & Michael Bastian, Williamsport to JY Realty LLC, Montandon property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 530,000.00.  
 Stone Fortress Homes LLC, Milton to John J. & Kay M. Jaramillo, Danville property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 335,000.00.

**Marriages:**  
 Jamie Lynn Dehart, New Columbia to John Robert Kopestecki, New Columbia  
 Jacqueline Louise Vincent, Milton to Brad David Lee, Milton  
 Courtney Else Collins, Lewisburg to Zachary Myles Drum, Lewisburg  
 Arnold Joel Rivera Urbina, Northumberland to Delma Judith Martinez Puentes, Northumberland  
 Chloe Elisabeth Funk, Mifflinburg to Carl Daniel Miller, Lowville NY  
 Justin Bailey Kuhns, Mifflinburg to Cameron Diana Goodyear, New Berlin

**Divorce:** None  
**DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY L. MENSCH, MIFFLINBURG**  
**Charged** James Todero, 61, of Mifflinburg, with DUI/incapable of safe driving and operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection on January 27. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 3, at 11 a.m.  
**Charged** Joshua David Roy-Morgan, 30, of Eddystone, with criminal mischief-damage property on January 28. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 10, at 10 a.m.  
**Charged** Giuseppe Mazzamuto, 42, of Mifflinburg, with two counts of unlawful to operate kennel without license, 61 counts of application dog license/fees/penalties, 16 counts of vaccination against rabies required- 4 to 12 weeks old, and one count of false statements on January 29.  
**Charged** Jennifer Tracy Zerbe, 52, of Mifflinburg, with two counts of unlawful to operate kennel without license, 61 counts of application dog licenses/fee-penalties, 16 counts of vaccination against rabies required- 4 to 12 weeks old, and false statements on January 29.

**DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY ROWE, LEWISBURG**  
**Charged** Michael Alexander Grecheck, 40, of Alfred, NY, with DUI/BAC .16% or greater, DUI/Schedule 1 controlled substance, DUI/Schedule 2 or Schedule 3 controlled substance, DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, DUI/alcohol and drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, DUI/alcohol with general impairment, and duty of driver on approach of emergency vehicle on January 30.  
**Charged** Kelvin J. Johnson Jr., 44, of West Milton, with driving under suspension DUI and driving without a license on January 29.  
**Charged** Edinson Rangel Romero, 24, of Brooklyn, NY, with theft by unlawful taking-moveable property, access device used to obtain or attempt to obtain property/service, and receiving stolen property on January 29.  
**Charged** James J. Orsag III, 37, of New Columbia, with retail theft-take merchandise (misdemeanor 1) on January 29.  
**Charged** Matthew R. Simmons, 20, of Annapolis, MD, with rape-forcible compulsion, sexual assault, indecent assault-forcible compulsion, indecent assault-without consent, false imprisonment (victim >= 18 years), and simple assault-attempt to cause bodily injury on January 28.

**Contra Dance**  
 February 14, 7-10pm, Heiter Center, 100 N. 5th St., Lewisburg  
**Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc and Senior Centers**  
 February 16, closed  
**Democratic Petition-Signing**  
 February 19, 5-7pm, 204 Market St., Lewisburg  
**MJHS Class of '65**  
 February 20, 12pm, Middleburg Hotel  
**MJHS Class of '70**  
 February 20, 11:30am, Rayaudas  
**Knitting Workshops**  
 April 11, must register and pay by March 25, info found at www.svswg.org  
**CONTINUOUS EVENTS**  
**MJHS Class '64 Luncheon**  
 Third Thursday every month, Hotel Middleburger  
**SAHS Class '65**  
 2nd Tuesday every month, 12:15pm, Perkins  
**Dinner by the River**  
 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, 6pm, 18 Market St., Lewisburg

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# Church News

**Free Community Meal**  
 February 7, 11am-12:30pm, enter from alley  
**Winter Night of Worship**  
 February 20, 7pm, Boyer Mennonite Church, 1472 West Ridge Rd.

# Jersey Shore Livestock Market LLC & Flea Market

The following items were sold on **January 29th, 2026:**  
 Beef Calves: \$12.50 to \$18.50 per pound; Beef X Calves: \$11.00 to \$15.00 per pound; Holstein Calves: \$0.10 to \$13.75 per pound; Fats: \$1.80 to \$2.28 per pound; Cows: \$0.50 to \$1.73 per pound; Bulls: \$1.61 to \$2.02 per pound; Feeders: \$0.40 to \$3.45 per pound; Goats \$190 to \$360 per head; Lambs: \$1.15 to \$3.50 per pound.  
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# Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **February 3, 2026**  
 Timothy: \$250 by the ton; Timothy: \$85; Grass: \$150 to \$300 by the ton; Grass: \$6.20 by the bale; Alfalfa: \$325 by the ton; Mixed: \$100 to \$300 by the ton; Mixed \$4.60 to \$32.60 by the bale; Straw: \$205 by the ton; Straw: \$4.20 by the bale; Oats: \$4 by the bushel; Firewood: \$45 to \$105 by the load; Calf: \$25 to \$1,860 per hundred; Fats: \$170 to \$235 by the hundred; Cow: \$45 to \$168 per hundred; Bull: \$156 to \$192 per hundred; Feeder: \$50 to \$700 per hundred; Hogs: \$5 to \$100 per hundred; Pigs: \$2 to \$45 per head; Sows: \$32 to \$74 per hundred; Boars: \$50 per hundred; Sheep: \$105 to \$145 per hundred; Goat: \$10 to \$305 per head; Lamb: \$220 to \$385 per head.

# Lewisburg's Handmade Parade



Lewisburg' Handmade Parade—the 4th annual, free community celebration of creativity, featuring upcycled handmade puppets, instruments, and enthusiastic revelers ushering in the epic Polar Bear Plunge. The event will be held on Saturday, February 7 from 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Arrive 15-20 minutes early to select a prop and march in the Parade. All are welcome! The Parade will begin at the intersection of Market Street and S. Front Street (beside The Brasserie Louis restaurant). Photo by Steve Gibson

# MILTON STATE POLICE

**Crash** 7:49 a.m. January 26, on SR 44, west of SR 15, in Gregg Township. A 2024 Subaru Crosstrek driven by Hannah M. Becker, 31, of S. Williamsport, was traveling south on SR 15 in the right lane. Becker failed to observe the steady red traffic light and proceeded through the intersection. Becker attempted to brake, subsequently striking a 2019 Grande West Transportation International LTD Briti bus driven by James Moyer, 37, of Milton, who was stopped at the traffic light in the right lane of SR 44 E. No injuries were reported or observed. Becker was cited for driving at safe speed.  
**Crash** 6:23 p.m. January 23, on Col John Kelly Road, west of Beagle Road, in Kelly Township. A 2007 Toyota Tacoma driven by Larry L. Keefer, 81, of Mifflinburg, was traveling west on Col John Kelly Road. A cow was in the roadway and Keefer was unable to avoid striking the cow. The front of the Toyota Tacoma struck the cow. After initial point of impact, the Toyota Tacoma came to rest off the roadway, facing west. No injuries were reported.  
**Harass Physical Contact** 8:40 p.m. January 26, at 207 Oak Lane, in Kelly Township. PSP responded for a report of a domestic violence. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-01.  
**Crash** 2:12 p.m. January 26, on Creek Road near its intersection with Millmont Road, in Lewis Township. A 2017 Volkswagen GTI driven by Clayton E. Miller, 23, of Millmont, was traveling east on Creek Road. A deer had run out in front of the Volkswagen GTI. The Volkswagen GTI struck the deer, which caused disabling damage.  
**Theft from Building** Between 12p.m.-2:04p.m. January 21-24, on Hoffman Lane, in Hartley Township. On January 24, at approximately 2:04 p.m. PSP was dispatched for a theft. It was reported that approximately \$10 worth of gasoline was stolen from a gas can.  
**Crash** 5:21 p.m. January 30, on SR 304 at its intersection with Stein Road, in Union Township. A 2021 Toyota Prius driven by Alexander G. Wilce, 64, of Lewisburg, was stopped at a stop sign facing north on Stein Lane and a 2016 Ford Edge driven by Renee S. Vonada, 63, of New Berlin, was stopped facing south. A 2017 Toyota Highlander driven by Erin D. Sauer, 41, of Mifflinburg, was traveling west on SR 304. Wilce pulled into the intersection in front of the Toyota Highlander, which was unable to avoid striking Wilce's Toyota Prius. Wilce's Toyota Prius was struck and then spun clockwise causing the rear of the Toyota Prius to strike the front of the Ford Edge, which had still been stationary. All three drivers refused medical treatment at the scene. Wilce was cited for duties at stop sign.  
**Hit & Run** 11:37 a.m. January 31, on New Columbia Road, in White Deer Township. An unknown vehicle was traveling west on New Columbia Road when it failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway. The unknown vehicle traveled off the roadway to the left struck a mailbox and then traveled approximately 100 feet through a yard and stuck a utility pole. After this sequence of events, the driver fled the scene in a westward direction. The complainant reported this crash likely the next day after it occurred when they noticed their mailbox had been struck. There was no damage to the utility pole. There are no solvability factors associated with this investigation.  
**Retail Theft** 3:16 p.m. December 5, at Walmart, at 120 AJK Blvd., in Kelly Township. Shawn Stout, 38, of Lewisburg, was taken into custody at Walmart after being detained by Asset Protection after being observed passing through the self checkout without paying for an item. An investigation revealed that Stout had taken items without paying on three separate dates totaling \$254.79. Criminal charges were filed through District Court 17-3-01.  
**Retail Theft** 3:52 p.m. January 31, at Walmart at 120 AJK Blvd., in Kelly Township. On January 31, at approximately 5:05 p.m., PSP responded to Walmart. This incident occurred as Belinda Frey took a DVD movie and hot cocoa and concealed them in her purse and left Walmart without paying for them. The investigation is ongoing.  
**Retail Theft** 6:26 p.m. January 8, at Walmart at 120 AJK Blvd., in Kelly Township. On January 8, PSP responded to Walmart at 6 p.m. This incident occurred as Debra Poff took miscellaneous household items and concealed them in her purse and left Walmart without paying for them. Investigation is ongoing.

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### YARD SALE

February 6, 7, 7:30am-4pm, indoor yard sale, Christ's United Lutheran Church, 13765 Old Tumpike Rd., Millmont



# Obituaries

**Alvin Ronald "Ron" Martin, 77, Mifflinburg, and recently a resident of RiverWoods Senior Community, Lewisburg**

Alvin passed away unexpectedly and went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, surrounded by his family.

Services were held January 31, 2026 at Harvest Bible Church.

**Sharon J. Renninger, 74, Mifflinburg**

Sharon entered into rest at 5:06 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2026, at Wellspan Evangelical Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born January 14, 1952, in Williamsport, a daughter of the late William and Catherine (Cummings) Cohick.

Services held privately.

**Patricia Lewis Smith, 93, Mifflinburg**

Patricia entered into rest at 9:34 p.m., January 27, 2026, at home, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 29, 1932, in Mifflinburg, a daughter of the late Hoyt F. and Nettie (Christman) Zimmerman.

A visitation and memorial service was held February 4, at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 404 Market St., Mifflinburg

**Marilyn E. Martin, 82, Mifflinburg**

Marilyn went to be with her Lord and Savior at 9:50 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at home.

She was born July 2, 1943, in Albany, Oregon, a daughter of the late Samuel J. and Esther (Nofziger) King. On April 2, 1966, in Albany, Oregon, she married Lewis L. Martin, who survives.

Services were held January 18 and 19, at the Millmont Menonite Church, 1250 Millmont Road.

# February 11 Listening Room with Maria Bacells and Nom De Plume

Edited by Kay Poeth



Nom De Plume is an eclectic indie rock band.



Maria Bacells, a singer-guitarist.

The CommUnity Zone and the Local Music Collective are proud to present the monthly Listening Room. It will be held on Wednesday, February 11 from 7:00-9:15 pm at the CommUnity Zone, located at 328 Market Street in Lewisburg. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$10 to support the musicians; children under 12 are free. Light refreshments are provided. BYOB. Free parking on the street.

Maria Bacells is a singer-guitarist and has played in a wide range of styles with various local bands, from indie-folk/Americana, gothic blues, and experimental no-wave noise to '70s-style hard rock and glam. As a solo performer, she is influenced by artists such as Ani DiFranco, Patti Smith, and Bonnie Raitt. Her original songs are chock-full of philosophical reflections and poetic symbolism, leavened with a good dose of wry, whimsical humor. Maria is also the host of the monthly Songwriters' Open Mic at the Brasserie Louis.

Nom De Plume is an eclectic indie rock band fronted by singer, songwriter, and guitarist Aris Karabelas, along with bassist Michael Magee. Their sound has a surprising pop sensibility that incorporates folk-rock, Americana, classic, and progressive rock elements to create their own resonant style.

Formed in Baltimore and later rooted in Boston's vibrant original music scene, Nom De Plume released two full-length albums, *Lovely Land* and *Ashes to Argyle*. After a period of quiet collaboration, the band has reemerged with new music that affirms their creative bonds and artistic vitality.

Their most recent work includes a series of singles and their third studio album, *Circle The Dream*. *Circle The Dream* explores themes of longing and resilience. From the hypnotic ache of "Once a Time of May" to the experimental textures of "The Shadow" and the raw vulnerability of "While My Eyes Gently Weep," Nom De Plume continues to push musical boundaries while staying true to their emotional core.

For more information, contact Cynthia Peltier at peltiercynthia4@gmail.com or call 570-713-7479.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## THE VIEW FROM HEAR

BY RON BOLT

### Sports News from 1/30

Our local ABC station, channel 16, has two of our boys basketball teams ranked in their Top 16 of teams in northeastern PA. Selingsgrove and Lewisburg are playing very good basketball but I have to question a ranking that high for both teams.

Lewisburg (12-4) is getting a total team effort with everyone contributing. All five starters scored in double figures in handily beating (10-6) Mt Carmel 78-56. The Green Dragons made 57% of their shots. Things were even easier when they beat winless Milton 68-27. The scoring was spread out again with Cooper Mowry 17, Leon Tucker 16 and Cortland Michaels and Nazir Meredith scoring 11 points each.

Selingsgrove (11-4) took care of Jersey Shore 66-61 with Xavier Jackson leading the way scoring 23. Noah Walter had 12 and Julian Torres 10 points off the bench. Ten different players scored in a 74-24 win over Mid-West with Jackson 17, Torres 15 and Mac DeFazio's 11 points leading the charge.

Zani Coley had 16 for the Mustangs against Grove and the positive to take from that game is Mid-West made all their free throws. The Mustangs (2-15) lost to Shik 58-33 as Coley had 12 points.

Mifflinburg (11-7) won their fifth straight game after handing Southern Columbia only their third loss of the year 65-58. Chad Martin had 20, Cheeky Griffith 19 and Grady Brubaker added 12 points.

The Lewisburg girls had slow starts in both of their wins last week. Mifflinburg had Lewisburg down 22-8 at halftime but the Green Dragons came back to win 36-28. Yes, they held the Lady Cats to just six points in the second half and Teagan Osunde took over the game for the Lady Dragons. Osunde filled the stat sheet with 16 points, 8 steals, 7 rebounds and 2 assists.

Osunde continued her great overall play in a 49-33 win over Milton. Teagan had 27-11-3 and 3 in bringing the Dragons back from a 10-2 deficit in the first quarter. Mifflinburg got better with a 27-25 win over Shamokin.

The Grove girls (7-12) continued their much better play from early in the season as they beat Shore 49-41 and Mid-West 56-26. Balanced scoring against Jersey Shore was the recipe for success as well as making 75% of their foul shots. Madi Merrell totaled 13, Karsen Dodge 11 and Lake Dent 10 for Grove. Merrell had a career high 32 points with 6 treys in the win over Mid-West. Izzy Walter had 10 points for the Mustangs.

The pool in Williamsport was not kind to the Mifflinburg swim team. They came up short to both Williamsport and Hazleton in the tri-meet. Malachi Moyer was the Wildcats only winner by taking the 200 individual medley.

Mid-West wrestling fell 49-19 to Northern Lebanon. The three winners for the Mustangs were Lane Yount by fall and tech falls from Charley Paige and Evan Ma-neval.

Selingsgrove (6-3) had a very impressive 38-31 win over rival Shik. Seal freshman Alex Modawar was the Grove grappler that won a huge match over Dominic Mojica. Alex was down eight points but pinned Mojica to seal the team victory for the Seals. Pins from Anthony Snook, Alex Kadryna, Gabe Paradis and Hunter Derk set the stage for Modawar's clinching pin.

Central Columbia beat Lewisburg 39-33 preventing the Dragons (10-9) from qualifying for the D4 team duals. Landon Michaels, Joel Gessner, Landen Wagner and Ethan Long had pins for Lewisburg. It was too little too late to make the district duals as Lewisburg beat Danville 57-10 and Columbia Montour Vo-tech 58-17 to climb above 500.

Mifflinburg and Selingsgrove are the top seeds for this week's D4 team duals in 2A and 3A. The finals will be at Milton on Saturday.

I am slowly turning the page to basketball as football season winds down. Fortunately, both college football and the NFL are year round entities. The Super Bowl is set with the Seahawks playing the Patriots and I'm looking forward to this matchup. Seattle's Sam Darnold will be the first USC QB to ever start a Super Bowl game. I will dive deeper into this game next week.

Miami University (OH) has long been known as The Cradle of Coaches, it's also where Mrs. Bolt went to college. Coaches from Miami include Paul Brown, Woody Hayes, Weeb Ewbank, Sid Gillman, Ara Parseghian, Bo Schembechler, John Harbaugh and Sean McVay to name a few.

Not nearly as renowned as Miami but still very impressive is the list of coaches who grew up in Pittsburgh. Chuck Knox, Bill Cowher, Mike Ditka, Marty Schottenheimer, Marv Lewis, John Calipari and Curt Cignetti.

Another native of The Burgh is Mike McCarthy, the new coach of his hometown Steelers. Mac was raised on Chuck Noll's Steelers. His father was a firefighter who owned a bar. Young Mike spent his Sundays sweeping around barstools before going to church. It doesn't get any more Pittsburgh than that.

I know people are thinking about a reunion with Aaron Rodgers who was Mac's QB when they beat the Steelers in Super Bowl XLV in 2011. There will be no reunion as McCarthy was brought in to mentor Will Howard as QB to see if they have a future with Howard. McCarthy will now have coached the three most historical franchises in the NFL. The Cowboys, Packers and Steelers.

This will not be a rebuilding year for McCarthy or any coach taking over a new team. What used to be a 3-5 year process in building a winning team as a new coach is no longer true. The two coaches in this year's Super Bowl have been coaching their new teams for just one and two years. It took Curt Cignetti two years to win a title for Indiana.

Speaking of coaches, did you know that the two current coaches of the Super Bowl and CFP champions both coached at IUP? Go Crimson Hawks!

Speaking of Crimson, remember the name Charles Bediako. He is currently playing basketball for the Alabama Crimson Tide. Bediako previously played two-and-a-half years in the pros. That is a problem and one that could change college athletics more than the recent changes over the last five years.

Bediako, who played at Bama for two years, signed a pro contract with the San Antonio Spurs G League team and later an international team. He realized he could make more money returning to college and collecting more NIL money than anywhere else outside the NBA. Prominent college coaches like Tom Izzo and John Calipari have railed on this all year.

The 7-foot Bediako played in a G League game, the NBA's minor league, three weeks ago. The following Tuesday he re-enrolled at Alabama and filed suit against the NCAA to be allowed to play for the Tide. The NCAA has a rule that if you played in college before and signed a professional contract later, you are ineligible to play that sport in college again.

The Tuscaloosa Circuit Court Judge granted Bediako a temporary 10 day restraining order declaring him immediately eligible to play for Alabama. Bediako scored 13 points in his first game back last Saturday. Lawyers will delay the hearings which will buy enough time for Bediako to complete the season before his five year eligibility clock expires.

Change the sport to college football and a good but not great player enters the NFL draft early after three years in college. He's drafted in the sixth round and signs a \$200k rookie contract. He attends off-season practices and doesn't make the final team roster. It's mid-August and he still has a year of college eligibility left and he calls up his old coach and tells him he wants to come back.

The player knows he can make \$500k in NIL but the coach says the NCAA rules don't allow a player to return to college and play after signing a pro contract. The player lawyers up like Bediako did in basketball and wins his suit.

The player that left early for NFL riches and was cut is now starting again for his old college team. It's coming to a college near you and the feckless NCAA cannot do a thing to stop it.

Recently, the NCAA approved a rule allowing colleges to add two commercial patches to their uniforms. Quoting the NCAA it's to "increase financial benefits for student-athletes" or to you and I, make more money to pay football and basketball players. Who will be the highest two bidders for Penn State? Sheetz, PSECU, UPMC, Wawa, Amazon.... Yuengling?

Is Nebraska basketball Indiana football reversed? The traditional football rich Cornhuskers are undefeated in hoops thus far though their next two games will be difficult to win. The Huskers have never won a March Madness game which is very similar to the IU Hoosier's bowl game history in football. This pronouncement will carry a lot more credence if they can beat Michigan and Illinois.

Will Penn State basketball ever be competitive? Congrats to the SEC as they can clearly claim they are the best women's basketball conference. Unlike football, it just means more in women's basketball. Comments and questions can be sent to theviewfromhear74@gmail.com

## February Gallery Events Sponsored by Lewisburg Arts Council

Edited by Kay Poeth



The Lewisburg Arts Council hosts a vibrant calendar of events and creative workshops throughout the year, offering something for every age and interest. Many events take place at The Gallery at 15 N Water Street, a welcoming space where local and regional artists showcase their work, lead workshops, and connect with the community. Whether you're looking for inspiring things to do in Lewisburg, the workshops are a great way to create, explore, and connect.

The February workshops feature: Remembering John Brown: Radical Memory, Strategic Forgetting, and the Field of Black Education \* on Sunday, February 1: 2:30 pm; Let's Talk About Art and Artists: Past and Present \* on Wednesday, February 18: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Photography Club - Meet & Greet on Thursday, February 19: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm; Watercolors: Consistency & Layering \* on Saturday, February 21: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm; Afternoon Tea \* on Sunday, February 22: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Live at the Gallery on Thursday, February 26: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm; Neographic Art - Workshop \* on Saturday, February 28: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Open Studio Sessions on Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, & 24 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; and WIP Wednesdays: Knitting and Crocheting Meetup \* on Wednesdays, February 11, & 25 from 7-9 pm

New gallery events are coming! Check the Lewisburg Arts Council calendar for details and updates. \*Registration is required for specific events. Visit the Lewisburg Arts Council Facebook page for more details.

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"Messiah in the Passover" offers the Christian community insight into Jewish traditions so that the Jewish roots and common heritage of Christianity can be better understood by both communities.

This presentation is open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend! The church, located on the corner of Third & Market Streets, will host "Messiah in the Passover", a visual presentation by Efraim Goldstein, Chosen People Ministries. A love offering will be taken following the program. For more information, please call Mifflinburg UMC at 570-966-2746.

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# A River Rat's Ramblings: 1957 A New Year

By Jim Charles; Vol. 6, Story 1

1956 had been an interesting year. President Eisenhower had been reelected, the Cold War with Russia has heated up and Elvis had appeared on The Ed Sullivan Show. From where I stood, 1957 looks like we're going to be doing much of the same, especially with regard to Elvis.

Rock and Roll has taken over the music world and Elvis is leading the way. When he appears on t.v., the cameras only show him from the waist up because he swings his hips and moves around when he sings. Girls go completely crazy when he appears on stage. They scream, throw things on the stage and some are that excited that they pass out! The guy sings real good, but he's just a guy. All this fuss will pass and next year we won't remember his name. My sisters sit in front of the t.v. when he's on it and act crazy. Dad doesn't pay much attention, but I think mom kind of likes the guy. He just released a new single record called Heartbreak Hotel. My sisters are waiting for it to hit the stores in Sunbury. And you imagine? Forty cents for a bus ride to and from Sunbury, at least one and a half dollars for the record and probably ten cents for a soda at Woolworth's Department Store. Two bucks for a stupid record—that's equal to forty packs of B.B.s. Tim has his own B.B. gun now.

The river has lots of ice on it, but our shoreline remains ice free because of the 85-degree warm water discharge from the power plant at Hummels Wharf. Now don't get me wrong, the river water is about 40 degrees when it gets to the Isle of Queand does keep an open channel until it reaches the confluence with Penns Creek. We didn't fish then because it was too hard to get bait. Back then, there were no bait shops to buy minnow, and we didn't have soft rubber lures that looked like minnow and other baitfish. Life back then was simple, you fished and played

baseball in the summer, hunted and played football in the fall, and played in the snow and listened to Elvis in the winter. I know, what about spring? Easy, if it was a late spring for us, it was still winter. If it was an early spring, it was summer. The biggest signs of the seasonal changes were what we wore on our feet. Snow boots if it was winter, sneakers or clod hoppers if it was spring or fall, and bare feet if it was summer. We only wore shorts in the summer, never to school or church, and they were usually bathing suits or cut off jeans.

I don't know what this year of 1957 will bring, but for a 9-year-old river rat on the Isle of Que, life should be easy just following the seasons through the new year.

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# Sunrise Rotary Club of Lewisburg



**Dana Kramer, Bruce Marion, and Rotarian Therese Miller**

January 7, 2026 – As a kickoff to Rotary Vocational Services month, our speakers Dana Kramer, Director and Bruce Marion, Instructor, joined the club for the first breakfast meeting of 2026 to talk to us about Berks Technical Institute in Lewisburg (formerly McCann School of Business). The school has changed some of its academic focus to the healthcare and skilled trades industries to help promote growth of trained, skilled workers in the areas of Dental Assisting, Medical Billing and Coding, Medical Clinical Assistant, Surgical Technology, Expanded Function Dental Assisting, CDL Training: Class A Tractor Trailer, Electrical, HVAC & Basic Refrigeration, and IT Support Specialist. Information about the history of Berks Technical Institute was shared along with the ways in which the industry-experienced instructors lead their students in career-focused hands-on training. To learn more about the campus at Lewisburg and its class offerings, go to <https://www.berks.edu>.



**Katie Evans and Rotarian Jan Wilson**

January 14, 2026 - The Club welcomed Katie Evans to speak about the PA Commonwealth School that is being constructed on the property of the GMC cancer center in Lewisburg on Rt 15 South. Katie focused on differences between Cyber Schools, Charter Schools, and Cyber-Charter Schools in Pennsylvania sharing information on how each type of school functions with their enrolled students. In Pennsylvania, the tax dollars "follow the student" from their public school district to the school they become enrolled in. Even though they are cyber schools, there are 19 buildings in Pennsylvania for these cyber schools to host various kinds of school activities such as proms, vehicles for field trips, etc. She also discussed the pros and cons of being educated through these schools as opposed to attending public schools, both from the impact on the student, attendance concerns, testing outcomes, and impact that charter schools have on public schools. Katie has an extensive career in education and currently is serving a 6-year term as Supervisor for East Buffalo Township where she serves on the Police Commission and is the township representative for SEDA COG.

# Selinsgrove Legion's Honor Guard Van Gets Makeover

By Jamiee Joiner



Last December, the American Legion Post 25 Honor Guard raised enough funds to purchase a much-needed new van to transport the Honor Guard and their equipment to honor veterans at their funeral service. This year, the Honor Guard is proud to unveil the newly custom-wrapped makeover of their transport van which now displays patriotic décor, the emblems representing each branch of service, and the words "Selinsgrove Honor Guard" on it ensuring they are recognized upon arrival to honor those who wore the uniform. The work to makeover the exterior of the van was expertly performed by Ace of Signs in Selinsgrove.

The members of the Post 25 Honor Guard continue to be grateful for the generous support of the community and to all the veterans and families they serve. The Honor Guard continues to accept donations to cover the cost of insuring and maintaining the new van. Community members interested in supporting the Honor Guard's efforts can make contributions by stopping by the Legion, or sending a check payable to Honor Guard, Attn.: Tamara Phillips, 524 South Market Street, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania 17870.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## THE VIEW FROM HEAR

BY RON BOLT

I got my wish of seeing Mifflinburg wrestle Montgomery. The result wasn't what I expected or wanted but the final score of 41-15 is misleading. Clearly these are the two best wrestling teams in District 4 in both 2A & 3A, sorry Selinsgrove. They both got to the much anticipated championship match by easily winning their first two matches.

Miff handled Warrior Run and Line Mountain. Montgomery beat Wyalusing and Montoursville in the D4 team duals. The Cats went 1-6 in the toss-up matches and an injury to Landon Tucker widened the gap between these two great teams. Tucker should be back for Sectionals 2/14 in Mifflinburg.

Mifflinburg traveled to Harrisburg Tuesday to face Laurel High with the winner getting D3 champ and host Bishop McDevitt.

Selinsgrove warmed up for their 3A dual championship with a 60-11 thumping of Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech. Grove had six pins and three tech falls. They then won the D4 3A district dual championship by beating Shik 31-30. It was their second win in nine days over their cross-river rival.

Grove's Alex Kadryna picked up his 100th career victory and Alex Modaver pinned his foe again. Jack Peters who is ranked #6th in the state lost to #4 Brody Rebeck for the third time this year. Selinsgrove hosted State College this week in the first round of the PIAA tournament.

The Mid-West wrestling team lost to basketball school Loy-sock 36-27. Mustang Mason Kerstetter got the match started with a 48 second pin. The tough duo of Charley Paige and Evan Maneval continued to impress as Paige won a 5-4 decision over Sock's Ivan Baker (25-7). Maneval recorded a first period fall.

Mid-West grad Avery Bassett helped Lock Haven beat Bucknell by upsetting Bison and 18th ranked Myles Takats 14-9 at 174 lbs. Bassett was ranked 32nd and is sure to move up.

The Lady Cat wrestlers lost to Shik 49-18 with only two winners being Camryn Roman and Avery Edison by falls. The Grove girls dominated CM Vo-Tech 65-6 with four pins and six forfeits.

Over on the hardwoods the Lewisburg boys basketball team (16-4) is on a roll and playing terrific team basketball. They wrapped up the HAC-2 title with a 68-60 win over Montoursville. Cooper Mowry had 5 treys and 21 total points. The Dragons' well-balanced scoring continued with Leon Tucker getting 18 and Nazir Meredith 10 with 9 boards.

Big Green followed up with an easy 78-45 win over Danville. Mowry led all scorers with 25 including six 3's. Meredith had 15, Tucker 16 and Cortland Michaels 10. They kept up their unselfish play in beating Central Columbia 69-64 and finished HAC-2 play unblemished. Five guys in green finished in double-digits. Rebra Jemama and Meredith had 10 points each. Mowry scored 15 and Michaels and Tucker both tallied 14.

Selinsgrove (12-6) dominated Shik 69-24 for their eighth consecutive win. Xavier Jackson had 17, Noah Walter 15 and Mac DeFazio 14. The winning streak surprisingly came to a halt against (7-10) Mifflin County 59-54. Jackson had 22 and Griffin Parker 16 in the losing effort. Grove had a similar result and almost the same score in losing 57-53 to Shamokin despite an 18-2 run to end the game. Jackson finished with 24 and DeFazio 12.

Mifflinburg (13-8) hung with 17-1 Warrior Run for three quarters but Chad Martin's 18 and Cheeky Griffith's 10 were not enough in the 62-47 loss. The Cats recovered with a 62-32 dismantling of Bloomsburg featuring a lockdown defense. Bloom was held to two total points in both the first and fourth quarters combined. Cheeky had 23 and Martin 13.

The Wildcats' easy stretch of their schedule continued with a 57-33 win over Hughesville. Grady Brubaker led all scorers with

17 points and Cheeky added 15.

Mid-West boys lost twice last week but Zani Coley is still pouring in points. The Mustangs (2-16) got off to a 17-10 lead but ended up losing 75-43. Coley had 16 and Chase Shattuck 11. Mid-West fell 81-51 to Jersey Shore despite Coley's game high 25 points.

It was a very busy week for the Mid-West girls basketball team. They lost 52-32 to Central Mountain despite Izzy Walter's 15. The Mustangs started slow in losing 44-23 to Jersey Shore but won the second half with Walter scoring 10. Walter's 13 and Emma Wagner's 10 were not enough in a 51-26 loss to Danville. Mid-West started this week in losing 41-16 at Milton.

Lewisburg girls (8-9) only played one game last week and beat Shamokin 40-22. Teagan Osunde keeps filling up all the stat boxes with 8 points, 10 rebounds, 6 assists and 3 steals.

The Grove girls (7-13) were also idle for much of the week except for a 50-22 loss to Shik. Madi Merrell added to her double digit efforts with 12 points.

Unlike the boys from Mifflinburg, the girls faced two teams with a combined record of 33-5. Shik beat the Cats 54-42. Avery Reibsome had 14, Brooke Gessner 13 and Parise Shuck 11 for the Lady Cats. They then faced the buzzsaw that was 19-0 Central Columbia and fell 67-37.

The Selinsgrove boys and girls swim team came up short against Bloom and Milton. For the boys, Hagen Sprengel and Reid Kerstetter took first and second in diving. Sawyer Kavaschetz won the girls 100 freestyle. She also teamed up with Holly Grayson, Addie Kolack and Issy Clark to win the 400 freestyle relay.

The Mifflinburg boys swept a tri-meet with Jersey Shore and Shamokin. The girls beat Shamokin and lost to Shore. Elliott DeLuca, Chance Moyer, Malachi Moyer and Grady Gemberling won the 200 medley relay. Malachi also won the 50 free and 100 backstroke. DeLuca won the 100 butterfly and 500 free. Chance won the 100 breaststroke. Lady Cat Natalie Gemberling won both the 200 and 500 freestyle.

We have finally arrived at Super Bowl Sunday and a lot of people are not too excited about the matchup. I cannot wait to see it. Though currently not a huge fan of either team, my roots run deep with both teams.

The Patriots John Hannah was my favorite offensive lineman back in the 70's. The Seahawks were my second favorite team behind the Steelers when Curt Warner played for them....the Penn State running back and not the grocery bagger that played quarterback.

Mike Vrabel is my favorite coach in the IFL. I will never figure out why the Titans fired him. He allows his coordinators to call the plays and manages the game like all great leaders do no matter the business. Vrabel is not a micro-manager like so many ego driven managers and presidents.

Vrabel's right-hand man is John Streicher better known as 'Stretch.' His job title is VP of football operations but he does so much more. They have been together since their Ohio State days and Stretch is the one talking to Vrabel on the headset during games. He is suggesting strategies from play calling and clock management to throwing the red flag for a ref review. Remember his name and hope your team hires him as GM.

On the field comparisons favor the Seahawks in a big way. Both defenses are top-rate so I'm not favoring one over the other. Both offensive lines are average at best. Seattle wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba (JSN) will be the best player on the field. Sam Darnold is better than Drake Maye right now. Seahawk running back Kenneth Walker III is better than any Patriot back.

Seattle has the better offense. The Seahawks went 2-1 against

the LA Rams, who I picked at the beginning of the year to win it all. The NFC conference was a much better division than the AFC which equates to a tougher schedule for the Hawks.

New England had the second easiest regular season schedule since 2002. In the playoffs they faced a Chargers team missing their two offensive tackles, a Houston team with CJ Stroud at QB and a Denver team whose QB hadn't thrown a pass in two years.

Mike Vrabel will keep the game close with his excellent game management and Stretch in his ear but better talent on the field will prevail in the end. If you plan on making a wager...take the Patriots and the points. Easier money is taking the over 2 1/2 of how many players will attempt a pass in the game. You can thank me later on that little nugget.

There is nothing more American than football. I mentioned the IFL earlier in this article. Is there any truth to the rumor that Pro Football is changing its name to that instead of the NFL? Pro football has nine International games scheduled for the 2026 regular season. I understand they want to grow the game globally but there's so many things wrong with this.

Two teams are traveling to Australia! Isn't that like an eighteen hour flight one way? What about the teams and fans that must give up a home game for global expansion? I know there are plans to add an extra game to the regular season and to only play two pre-season games, but as I always say "money"...what was the question again? Eventually the Super Bowl is going to be played in Europe. Shame on the International Football League.

What has always been International is the Olympics that will start this weekend. I feel bad for Lindsey Vonn who said she's still going to compete with a ruptured ACL.

Back home in PA, what is going on with the Eagles? They hired Sean Mannion as their new offensive coordinator. Why not Andy Kotelnicki? They might be looking for a new defensive coordinator as Vic Fangio is mulling retirement. Tom Allen is available.

New Penn State coach Matt Campbell could not have been given an easier schedule for his first year. Anything less than nine wins will be a disappointment. They will be favorites in ten of their games with USC and Michigan as their only hurdles. They don't play any of the Big 3 who are now Indiana, Ohio State and Oregon. Welcome to Cupcake Valley.

I spoke last week about Charles Bediaiko returning to Alabama to play basketball after he played professionally. This week former UCLA guard Amari Bailey who actually played in 10 NBA games is looking to play college hoops again. The door is ajar right now and if the NCAA doesn't get common sense and a spine, the floodgates will open.

Cooper Flagg is officially the best teenager to ever play in the NBA. He has scored 34 and 49 points in his last two games. He doesn't turn 20 years old until December and he grew up in Maine.

Kawhi Leonard being snubbed for the NBA all-star game is inexplicable. The game is being hosted by the LA Clippers who Kawhi plays for. The future Hall of Famer is averaging a career high 27.7 points and leads the league in steals with 2.1 per game. There's been some questionable voting in sports these last couple weeks. Joel Embiid is currently playing great basketball again, don't be surprised if an injury arises.

Do not believe that groundhog in northwestern PA. Pitchers and catchers report next week! The truest sign that Spring is near. Comments and questions can be sent to theviewfromhear74@gmail.com

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# Bar Olympics Returning to Selinsgrove

By Jamiee Joiner

Have you ever dreamed of being an Olympian, but it never quite worked out? Now is your chance to make your Olympic dreams a reality by participating in the Winter Bar Olympics. These winter games are scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2026, and will benefit the Selinsgrove Community Pool.

The fun will kick off in the Selinsgrove Commons with registration and passport pick-up beginning at 11:00 a.m. Teams of two can register for just \$20 making it an affordable way to support a great cause and have a fun day checking out the best of Selinsgrove's downtown establishments including the Selinsgrove Hotel, Selinsgrove Moose, Hidden Stories Brewing, Bot's Tavern, Axemann Tavern, and Selin's Grove Brewing, all while competing for the top prize.

At each stop, your team will get an opportunity to test your skills in a variety of non-drinking games. The competition will run from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Completed passports should be returned to the finish line in the Commons between 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To make the day even easier, a shuttle will be running throughout town during the event, so you and your teammate can move safely between the six participating venues, and even though the games are "non-drinking," each bar will be offering special deals on drinks throughout the event. Each location will also have its own prize to compete for.

When and if you make it to the finish line, an awesome prize package will be waiting for the winners. The overall team winners will take home a Selinsgrove Brewfest Basket which will include two tickets to this year's Brewfest, a 2026 Selinsgrove Pool Pass for the summer season, and assorted local prizes and swag besides the glory of being a Bar Olympian.

After the points are tallied, competitors are invited back to the Commons for a victory celebration featuring s'mores and soft pretzels by the fire. Come out and join the fun at the Winter Bar Olympics! Hope to see you there!

# Union-Snyder Community Action Agency Launches February Campaign to Stabilize and Grow the CAA Food Hub

Union-Snyder Community Action Agency (CAA) has launched its first annual February Food Hub Campaign, a month-long initiative focused on securing long-term support to stabilize and grow the CAA Food Hub—an essential resource that strengthens food access for thousands of households across Union and Snyder Counties.

The CAA Food Hub was created to address longstanding gaps in food access, including fragmented distribution schedules, uneven food supply, and limited infrastructure for fresh, nutritious food. By centralizing food storage, coordination, and distribution, the Food Hub serves as critical community infrastructure that supports families, seniors, and individuals while strengthening the region's entire food access network.

The importance of that infrastructure became especially clear during last year's SNAP halt and federal government shutdown. As disruptions left many households uncertain about their next meal, the Food Hub helped stabilize access to food by ensuring continuity, coordination, and dignity when traditional systems faltered.

"Moments like last year's SNAP halt reinforced why the Food Hub exists," said Nicole Peterson, Community Impact Director at Union-Snyder Community Action Agency. "Because the infrastructure was already in place, we were able to respond quickly and effectively. This campaign is about making sure that stability continues. Not just in times of crisis, but every day."

Throughout February, CAA will share stories, data, and community perspectives that highlight the Food Hub's impact and the role stable funding plays in sustaining and growing its work. The campaign places a particular emphasis on engaging business leaders, corporate partners, and philanthropic supporters interested in long-term solutions to food insecurity.

Today, the CAA Food Hub supports over 40 food programs that assist thousands of households annually, improving efficiency and maximizing the impact of donated resources. However, like many innovative community solutions, it relies on consistent operational support to remain strong.

"The Food Hub is not a short-term response," added Rachel Herman, Food Security Manager. "It's a system designed to work over time. Stabilizing it now ensures our community is better prepared when challenges arise."

Community members, businesses, and organizations are invited to learn more about the campaign and how they can support the long-term future of the CAA Food Hub.

For more information, visit [www.union-snyder-cao.org/foodhubfuture](http://www.union-snyder-cao.org/foodhubfuture) or contact CAA at [info@union-snydercao.org](mailto:info@union-snydercao.org) or (570) 374-0181.

# Focus Central PA to Host 2026 Industrial Development Forum

Edited by Kay Poeth

Focus Central PA is hosting the 2026 Industrial Development Forum, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, a must attend, forward-thinking economic growth event! It will be held at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

This Forum is highly recommended to anyone whose work touches any aspect of industrial development and growth, from local planners, investors, builders, brokers, community leaders, manufacturing leaders, economic development leaders, trusted advisors and resource partners to network, collaborate and innovate to advance smart economic growth in Central Pennsylvania!

Attendees of the Forum will be inspired, provided valuable insights and information, and build high value relationships and connections to advance their work in industrial and economic growth and development.


The Keynote Presenter is Ronn Cort, President, Dunmore on Industrial Investment in an AI World. Other Key Presenters include Evan Stair and Brad Zdenek on Utilizing AI, Advanced Technology for Smart Growth and Rick Siger, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) on PA Gets It Done: Impacts and Initiatives.

The 2026 Industrial Development Forum is made possible by sponsors including the 2026 Host Sponsors Zartman Construction; PPL Electric Utilities; ARCO Design/Build; and PNK Group; and over 30 Exhibitors providing valuable information and resources to advance industrial and economic growth! Visit [FocusCentralPA.org](http://FocusCentralPA.org) to learn more and register!

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**TERMS**  
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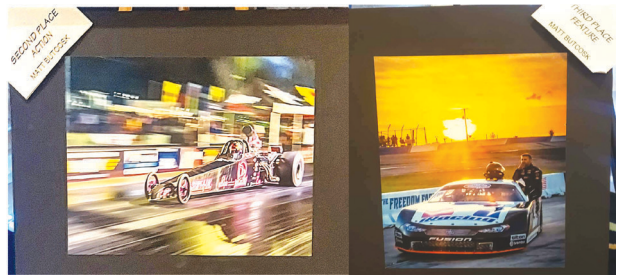
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# EMPA Convention Honors Local Photographers and Drivers

By Kay Poeth



Debbie Gastelu and Todd Dziadosz being awarded their winnings by Bill Brice, Sponsor at the EMPA Photo Contest.



Matt Butcosk formerly from Kreamer winning photo boards at the EMPA Photo Contest.



Debbie Gastelu interviewed Ken Duke, Jr. from Winfield at the Friday night Champions night for winning the 2025 Laurel Highlands Sprint Car Series Championship.

Local race car photographers and racers had success at the Annual EMPA Eastern Motorsports Press Association Convention held January 16-18, 2026 in Wilkes-Barre. EMPA is an organization of professional writers, broadcasters, announcers, videographers, and photographers working in the motorsports industry. Since its founding in 1969, EMPA has grown from a handful of members to become one of the largest motorsports media organizations in the nation.

Todd Dziadosz of Middleburg has been an EMPA member since 1992 and has been recognized for many years for his accomplishments photographing Drag Racing and various forms of racing. This year was no different as he won 3 first places; 1st in Action Sequence, 1st in Crash Action, and another 1st in Pure Art. In the feature category Todd won a 2nd place and in the unpublished color he won a 3rd place.

Debbie Gastelu also of Middleburg has been an EMPA member for over 20 years won a 2nd and 3rd place in the Action Sequence categories and also received 3 Honorable mentions in other categories. Todd and Debbie actually swept the Action Sequence category.

Matt Butcosk, who was born and raised in Kreamer now living Florida, also won a 2nd in the Action Category and a 3rd in the Feature category along with a Honorable Mention in the Feature and Portrait & Personality categories.

All winners received a plaque for their wins and prize money from sponsor, Bill Brice. Area residents that receive The Snyder County Times or The Union County

Times will recognize articles and photos by Debbie Gastelu in the Racing Events section of our newspapers. Debbie Gastelu attends and covers races at Selinsgrove Speedway, Port Royal Speedway, Clinton County Speedway, BAPS, Williams Grove Speedway and Beaver Springs Dragway. Debbie's photos have been also published in Speedway Illustrated Magazine and Area Auto Racing Newspaper.

During Champions Night on Friday evening, Debbie had the privilege of interviewing local racer Ken Duke Jr. of Winfield for earning the 2025 Laurel Highlands Sprint Series Championship. This recent championship brings his total to 13 (305) Sprint car championships along with 33 feature event wins over the years.

Congratulations Todd Dziadosz, Debbie Gastelu, and Matt Butcosk on your accomplishments at the Annual EMPA Eastern Motorsports Press Association Convention. For more information on EMPA please visit their website at: <https://empamedia.com/>

## SnowFest 2026 at R.B. Winter State Park

Edited by Kay Poeth

SnowFest 2026 will be held at Raymond B. Winter State Park, located at 17215 Buffalo Road in Mifflinburg on Sunday, February 22 from noon- 4 pm. So, break out of the winter doldrums and experience some winter adventures! There will lots of free winter activities!

Local organizations such as the Union County Conservation District, Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, and more will be setting up family-friendly displays and activities! Join is at 1 pm for a search and rescue demonstration by S.T.R.I.K.E K9 and don't forget to get your picture taken with Smokey Bear!

The Mid Penn Trailblazers will be hosting their annual 3.5-mile trail race. Make sure to visit their website for more information and to register before February 15 for this wintry run through the woods!

Join the fun in the Environmental Learning Center, where the Friends of R. B. Winter will hold a silent auction featuring items from many local businesses! Proceeds from the silent auction will be used for programs, events, projects, and needs within the park. Come on out and support this effort! Bids must be placed in person at the Environmental Learning Center by 3:00 pm. Payments for winning bids must be made via cash or check, and winners will be able to take their items home that day!

Check on SnowFest updates by visiting Facebook and Instagram or online at [www.friendsofrbwinter.org/](http://www.friendsofrbwinter.org/)

Proceeds from the sale of these items stay directly in the R. B. Winter State Park complex and help the Friends further their mission to conserve, support, and protect the park's resources by promoting education, responsible recreation, and stewardship for present and future generations.

The Park Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm and on select times during the weekend —payment for items sold by the Friends of R. B. Winter State Park must be made via cash or check only.

## Transitions of PA Launches Comfort and Courage Project to Support Children Impacted by Trauma



Lewisburg, PA — Transitions of PA is proud to announce the launch of the Comfort and Courage Project, made possible through the generous support of the Charles B. Degenstein Foundation and the Charles B. and Betty Degenstein Foundation, in partnership with Warmies®. This trauma-informed initiative ensures that every child who accesses Transitions' services receives a Warmie — a soft, weighted stuffed animal that can be gently heated or cooled — to provide comfort, calm, and reassurance during times of crisis.

Each year, hundreds of children are served by Transitions as part of our work with individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. These moments are often marked by fear, uncertainty, and emotional distress. Through the Comfort and Courage Project, every child who engages with Transitions — directly or alongside a parent or caregiver — will receive a Warmie to keep as a source of comfort, support, and reassurance.

More than a toy, a Warmie serves as a grounding tool that can help reduce anxiety and promote emotional regulation. Research shows that weighted comfort items can lower stress responses and increase children's ability to engage in supportive services — a critical step in the healing process.

"The Comfort and Courage Project is about meeting children where they are and offering something tangible that says, 'You are safe, and you are not alone,'" said Mae-Ling Kranz, Chief Executive Officer of Transitions of PA. "We are deeply grateful to the Charles B. Degenstein Foundation and the Charles B. and Betty Degenstein Foundation for recognizing the importance of trauma-informed, child-centered care, and to Warmies® for partnering with us to help maximize the impact of this support."

With the Foundations' investment and Warmies®' collaboration, Transitions is able to provide consistent, equitable comfort to every child who comes through its doors — whether as a direct survivor of sexual assault or as a child impacted by violence in the home.

While this project is supported through grant funding, Transitions is committed to sustaining the Comfort and Courage Project into the future. The organization will continue seeking support from community partners, businesses, and individual donors to ensure that every child who seeks help receives both immediate comfort and a lasting symbol of hope and resilience.



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# SUN Tech Unlimited Hosts Open House

By Chloe Eddy



Douglas Fessler shows visitor data collected through BirdNET, a device used to monitor bird vocalizations.



Jim Carpenter explains an arduino project used to create a stage prop made for a school play.



Modern prosthetics was another of the many exhibits at the open house. Visitors got to see a demonstration of various prosthetics by Kierstin Paroli-Bucher and John Werner Jr.

On Tuesday, January 27th, SUN Area Technical Institute hosted an open house for its newest club - SUN Tech Unlimited. It was an open event to anyone and everyone who has an interest in any aspect of technology.

Despite the cold weather, many came to see what this open house had to offer. Exhibits were set up by several members from the club's mentor team. The event featured Amateur Radio, Modern Prosthetics, various forms of art, Drones, RC Aircraft, various Arduino projects, and a fully self-contained portable AI Supercomputer named SUNie.

SUN Tech's Director of Technology and founder of the club, Shawn Eddy, gave visitors a tour of his in-house AI machine. Participants got to see the machine, how it works, give it prompts and watch the hardware respond in real time with its fully interactive interface. SUNie's portability allows it to be taken into classrooms, events, and community spaces to show how these types of machines work, what they can do, and what it takes to manage them.

Visitors also got to see RC aircraft brought in by Eric and Logan Turofski. After viewing the RC aircraft, those interested could try out an RC Flight Simulator, a fun and interactive way to experience what it's like to fly the models. Drones were also brought in by SUN Tech Criminal Justice instructor and certified UAS pilot, Kale Geiswite. He presented the drones, explained how they worked and how they are used in search and rescue and law enforcement operations.

Other exhibits included art and photography. Ric Jones, owner of kidRiverStudio and co-founder of Mojo Active, demonstrated his augmented reality art. This technology is a way for artists to overlay digital content onto physical art, giving it animation and sound. By just downloading the app and holding your phone up to the art, you could see the art come to life. Ric also brought a few of his wood block and serigraph-style fine art prints for visitors to look at. Sarah Moyer, Advertising Art and Design instructor and professional photographer demonstrated her photography skills and presented her equipment. Sarah is also a drone pilot and dabbles in videography. Attendees got to see her work, which included lots of astrophotography, and ask questions about her field.

The amateur radio exhibit was demonstrated by James Heath. James gave attendees a tour of his equipment and explained the versatility of the technology. Those interested in learning about amateur radio stand to gain many different skills by pursuing it.

Once done viewing and interacting with the exhibits, students in grades 10th-12th grade were encouraged to fill out a registration form and complete the interest survey to become the club's first members. These students will be provided with hands-on learning opportunities and mentors to build their skills in the technology related fields they're interested in pursuing. Meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of the month in meeting room A111 of SUN Tech West at 315 Cherry St. New Berlin, PA. More information and the registration form can be found on their website <https://unlimited.sun-tech.org>, or email [unlimited@sun-tech.org](mailto:unlimited@sun-tech.org).

# SUN Tech STAR Award



For the month of December: (back row) Coltyn Bickel, Brayden Brouse, Conor Provost, Timothy Grubbs (front row) Cody Kleman, Corbin Petruso, Natalee Edison MISSING: Xavier Croll, Skylar Stoneroad



For the month of November: (back row) Jacob Hornberger, Hunter Bordner, David Shoemaker (front row) Olivia Stroup, Gracie Trawitz, Mason Tharp & Jazlynn Alicea MISSING - Anyla Brown

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