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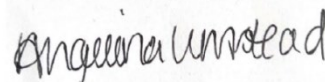
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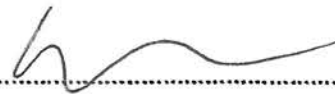
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Lawmakers leave town without debt deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans pushed debt ceiling talks to the brink on Thursday, displaying risky political bravado in preparing to leave town for the holiday weekend just days before the U.S. could face an unprecedented default hurling the global economy into chaos.

However, Speaker Kevin McCarthy also said he had directed his negotiating team "to work 24/7 to solve this problem."

At the Capitol, McCarthy, R-Calif., said that "every hour matters" in talks with President Joe Biden's team as they try to work out a budget agreement. Republican are demanding spending cuts the Democrats oppose as their price for raising the legal debt limit.

In remarks at the White House, Biden said, "It's about competing versions of America." Yet both men expressed optimism that the gulf between their positions could be bridged.

The White House said that discussions with the Republicans have been productive, including by video conference Thursday, though serious

disagreements remained as the president fights for his priorities.

"The only way to move forward is with a bipartisan agreement," Biden said. "And I believe we'll come to an agreement that allows us to move forward and protects the hardworking Americans of this country."

As the deadline nears, it's clear the Republican speaker — who leads a Trump-aligned party whose hard-right flank lifted him to power — is now staring down a potential crisis.

Lawmakers are tentatively not expected back at work until Tuesday, just two days from June 1, when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the U.S. could start running out of cash to pay its bills and face a federal default. Biden will also be away, departing Friday for the presidential retreat at Camp David and Sunday for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. The Senate is on recess and will be until after Memorial Day.

Meanwhile, Fitch Ratings agency placed the United States' AAA credit on "ratings watch negative," warning of a possible downgrade.

Democratic lawmakers lined up

on the House floor as the workday ended to blame "extreme" Republicans for the risky potential default. "Republicans have chosen to get out of town before shutdown," said House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

Weeks of negotiations between Republicans and the White House have failed to produce a deal — in part because the Biden administration has resisted negotiating with McCarthy over the debt limit, arguing that the country's full faith and credit should not be used as leverage to extract other partisan priorities.

McCarthy is holding out for steep spending cuts that Republicans are demanding in exchange for their vote to raise the nation's borrowing limit. The White House has offered to freeze next year's 2024 spending at current levels and restrict 2025 spending, but the Republican leader says that's not enough.

One idea is to set those top-line budget numbers but then add a "snap-back" provision that enforces the cuts if Congress is un-

able during its annual appropriations process to meet the new goals.

"We have to spend less than we spent last year. That is the starting point," said McCarthy.

Pressure is bearing down on McCarthy from the House's right flank Freedom Caucus not to give in to any deal, even if it means blowing past the June 1 deadline.

"Don't take an exit ramp five exits too early," said Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, a Freedom Caucus member. "Let's hold the line."

Failure to raise the nation's debt ceiling, now at \$31 trillion, to pay America's already incurred bills would risk a potentially chaotic federal default. Anxious retirees and social service groups are among those already making default contingency plans.

Even if negotiators strike a deal in coming days, McCarthy has promised lawmakers he will abide by the rule to post any bill for 72 hours before voting — now likely Tuesday or even Wednesday. The Democratic-held Senate has vowed to move quickly to send

the package to Biden's desk, right before next Thursday's possible deadline.

Pushing a debt ceiling increase to the last minute is not uncommon for Congress, but it leaves little room for error in a volatile political environment. Both Democrats and Republicans will be needed to pass the final package in the split Congress.

"We still have a ways to go," said top Republican negotiator Rep. Garret Graves of Louisiana as he juggled leading a Capitol tour for players and supporters of the championship Louisiana State University women's basketball team.

The contours of a deal have been within reach for days, but Republicans are unsatisfied as they press the White House team for more.

In one potential development, Republicans may be easing their demand to boost defense spending, instead offering to keep it at levels the Biden administration proposed, according to one person familiar with the talks and granted anonymity to discuss them.

Oath Keepers founder gets 18 years for Jan. 6 riot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oath Keepers extremist group founder Stewart Rhodes was sentenced Thursday to 18 years in prison for orchestrating a weekslong plot that culminated in his followers attacking the U.S. Capitol in a bid to keep President Joe Biden out of the White House after winning the 2020 election.

Rhodes, 58, is the first person convicted of seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack to receive his punishment, and his sentence is the longest handed down so far in the hundreds of Capitol riot cases.

It's another milestone for the Justice Department's

sprawling Jan. 6 investigation, which has led to seditious conspiracy convictions against the top leaders of two far-right extremist groups authorities say came to Washington prepared to fight to keep President Donald Trump in power at all costs.

"The Justice Department will continue to do everything in our power to hold accountable those criminally responsible for the January 6th attack on our democracy," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.

In a first for a Jan. 6 case, the judge agreed with the Justice Department that

Rhodes' actions should be punished as "terrorism," which increases the recommended sentence under federal guidelines. That decision could foreshadow lengthy sentences down the road for other far-right extremists, including former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio, who has also been convicted of the rarely used charge.

Before announcing Rhodes' sentence, U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta described a defiant Rhodes as a continued threat to the United States and democracy. The judge expressed fear that what happened on Jan. 6 could be repeated,

saying Americans will "now hold our collective breaths every time an election is approaching."

"You are smart, you are charismatic and compelling and frankly that's what makes you dangerous," the judge told Rhodes. "The moment you are released, whenever that may be, you will be ready to take up arms against your government."

Rhodes did not use his chance to address the judge to express remorse or appeal for leniency, but instead claimed to be a "political prisoner," criticized prosecutors and the Biden administration and tried to play down his actions on Jan. 6.

"I'm a political prisoner and like President Trump my only crime is opposing those who are destroying our country," said Rhodes, who appeared in Washington's federal court wearing orange jail clothes.

Mehta fired back that Rhodes was not prosecuted for his political beliefs but for actions the judge described as an "offense against the people of the country."

"You are not a political prisoner, Mr. Rhodes," the judge said.

Another Oath Keeper convicted of seditious conspiracy alongside Rhodes — Florida chapter leader Kelly Meggs — was sentenced later

Thursday to 12 years behind bars.

Meggs said he was sorry he was involved in the riot that left a "black eye on the country," but maintained that he never planned to go into the Capitol.

The judge found Meggs doesn't present an ongoing threat to the country the way Rhodes does, but told him "violence cannot be resorted to just because you disagree with who got elected."

Court sharply limits feds' authority to regulate wetlands

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Thursday sharply limited the federal government's authority to police water pollution into certain wetlands.

The outcome could threaten efforts to control flooding on the Mississippi River and protect the Chesapeake Bay, among many projects, wrote Justice Brett Kavanaugh, breaking with the other five conservatives. Environmental advocates said the decision would strip protections from tens of millions of acres of wetlands.

The justices boosted property rights over concerns about clean water in a ruling in favor of an Idaho couple who sought to build a house near Priest Lake in the state's panhandle. Chantell and Michael Sackett objected when federal officials identified a soggy portion of the property as a wetlands that required them to get a permit before filling it with rocks and soil.

By a 5-4 vote, the court said in an opinion by Justice Samuel Alito that wetlands can only be regulated under the Clean Water Act if they have a "continuous surface connection" to larger, regulated bodies of water. There is no such connection on the Sacketts' property.

The court jettisoned the 17-year-old opin-

ion by their former colleague, Anthony Kennedy, allowing regulation of what can be discharged into wetlands that could affect the health of the larger waterways.

Kennedy's opinion covering wetlands that have a "significant nexus" to larger bodies of water had been the standard for evaluating whether permits were required for discharges under the 1972 landmark environmental law. Opponents had objected that the standard was vague and unworkable.

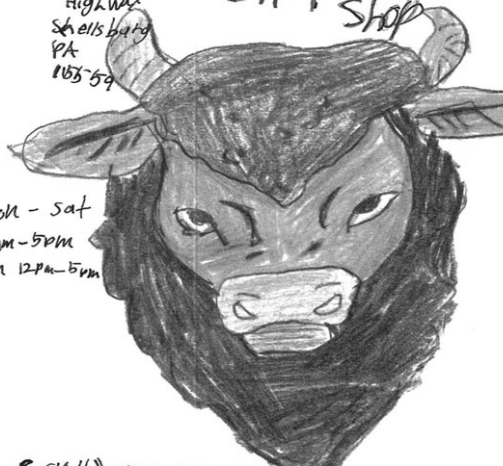
The outcome almost certainly will affect ongoing court battles over new water regulations, including for wetlands, that the Biden administration put in place in December. Two federal judges have temporarily blocked those rules from being enforced in 26 states.

Congress voted in March to overturn the administration's new water rule and, even though President Joe Biden vetoed the measure, the prospect of legislative action to restore wetlands protections anytime soon is remote.

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Michael S. Regan, credited the Clean Water Act with leading to "transformational progress" in cleaning up the nation's waterways.

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Supreme Court limits EPA protection for wetlands, ruling for property rights over clean water

By **DAVID G. SAVAGE**
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON (TNS) — The Supreme Court on Thursday limited federal protection for millions of acres of wetlands, ruling for property rights over clean water.

In a 5-4 decision, the justices said the Clean Water Act does not forbid discharges of pollutants into marshy areas or dry creek beds because water does not flow directly from them into a river, lake or bay. The decision will allow the development of those areas without federal review.

The court ruled for a couple who were blocked from building a home on a soggy vacant lot next to scenic Priest Lake in Idaho.

"We hold that the CWA extends to only those 'wetlands with a continuous surface connection to bodies that are waters of the United States in their own right,' so that they are 'indistinguishable' from those waters," said Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. for the conservative majority.

That definition leaves out many wetlands, and its effect could be greatest in the West and other areas where streams are dry for part of the year.

Justices Brett M. Kavanaugh, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented and said Congress intended to protect more wetlands from development, including marshy areas that are near rivers or streams but are not directly connected to them.

The decision in Sackett vs. EPA is a victory for landowners and developers and a defeat for environmentalists.

Sam Sankar, vice president of programs at Earthjustice, denounced the decision. It "undoes a

half-century of progress generated by the Clean Water Act. Almost 90 million acres of formerly protected wetlands now face an existential threat from polluters and developers," he said. "This decision is the culmination of industry's decades-long push to get conservative courts to do what Congress refused to do."

West Virginia Atty. Gen. Patrick Morrisey welcomed the ruling. "We

now have a clearer definition for Waters of the United States, and we're pleased the Supreme Court ruled in a way that state lands and waters are less subject to the whims of unelected bureaucrats," he said. "Today is a big day for farmers, homebuilders, contractors, property owners and those who care about economic activity not being subject to overreach by the federal government."

All nine justices agreed

the Idaho couple's vacant lot was not a protected wetland, but they disagreed on how to define that term.

Alito, joined by four conservatives, adopted a view espoused by the late Justice Antonin Scalia that the federal law protected only connected bodies of waters, not adjacent wetlands.

But Kavanaugh and the court's three liberals said that Congress and the court had taken the

view for decades that wetlands that were adjacent to rivers or bays were protected.

Thursday's decision effectively overturns a moderate position set by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy in 2006. He said the law should protect marshy areas or dry creek beds that can sometimes send water flowing into a river or bay. He rejected Scalia's view that the EPA could protect only continuously flowing

bodies of water.

But with the addition of Justices Neil M. Gorsuch and Amy Coney Barrett, the court has adopted Scalia's view and cast aside Kennedy's view.

Thursday's ruling limiting the EPA does not prevent states like California from protecting wetlands. But developers, home builders and farmers have argued that they should not be prevented from using land that includes marsh areas.

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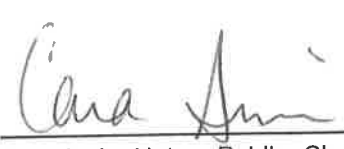
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P-O Board honors middle school track and field standouts

By Jacob Michael

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PHILIPSBURG — After a good showing at the middle school track and field championships, two exceptional performers for Philipsburg-Osceola Middle School earned the recognition of the school board this Wednesday.

Samuel Massung and Robert McClenahan earned top honors at the meet, with each of them being recognized on the podium for their respective events.

Massung brought home first place in the javelin throw, and McClenahan took home sixth place in the 300-meter hurdles.

“We are exceptionally proud to have such awesome athletes doing our school proud at such a young age,” said Superintendent Gregg Paladina III. “They’ve made us all so proud and we can’t wait to see what they can do at the high school level.”

The two young men were brought forward and recognized by the board and all those in attendance.

They were then gifted certificates of achievement by the board, posed for a photo with Board President, Timothy Bainey, and were then applauded by all those in attendance.

“We’re pretty fortun-



Jacob Michael
Samuel Massung and Robert McClenahan are shown posing with Board President Timothy Bainey after being recognized for their athletic feats.

nate at this district to have such awesome students coming up through

our classes,” Bainey said. “It feels like every meeting we’re recog-

nizing someone new for their achievements, and that’s pretty awesome.”



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Elliot Gelfand, Jennifer Jackson and Pat Reasinger (from left) ran write-in campaigns for elected positions in the City of DuBois. According to unofficial results, all three were victorious in the primary.

Write-in candidates win DuBois races, according to unofficial tally

By Ben Destefan and Elaine Haskins

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DuBOIS — The unofficial write-in results from the primary election for the City of DuBois have been released to the Courier Express by Clearfield County Director of Election/Voter Registration Dawn Graham.

The election should be certified on Monday, June 5, said Graham.

Although still unofficial, three write-in challengers for mayor and city council appear to have defeated the incumbents.

In the race for DuBois mayor, voters were able to vote for one person on both the Republican and Democratic ballots.

On the Republican ballot, Pat Reasinger received 730 write-in votes, defeating incumbent Ed Walsh, who had 198 votes.

Reasinger also received 408 write-in votes for mayor on the Democratic ballot, sweeping both the Republican and Democratic bids for November.

In the race for Du-

Bois City Council, voters were able to vote for two people on both the Republican and Democratic ballots.

On the Republican ballot, Jennifer Jackson received 722 write-in votes, followed by 601 write-in votes for Elliot Gelfand. They both defeated incumbent Shannon Gabriel, who received 354 votes.

On the Democratic ballot, Jackson received 384 write-in votes, followed by 382 write-in votes for Gelfand. They both defeated incumbent Diane Bernardo, who received 179 votes.

Like Reasinger, Jackson and Gelfand swept the Republican and Democratic bids for two council seats in November.

Graham said Reasinger, Jackson and Gelfand will all go on the November ballot with a party designation of Democratic/Republican. Anyone can still run a write-in campaign, if they choose.

Other write-in results from around Clearfield County should be available in the coming days.

Glendale board hires special education instructor

By Dianne Byers

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FLINTON — Glendale School Board hired a special education instructor at its recent meeting.

Richard Wiewiora III was hired to fill a vacant position for the 2023-24 school year at a salary of \$43,012.

Directors also authorized the transfer of Michelle Visnofsky from a part-time food service worker to a full-time food service worker and approved advertising the part-time position.

The resignation of Gregg Mazenko as assistant varsity volleyball coach was accepted by the board. Directors authorized advertising the position.

The board retroactively approved memorandums of agreement with both the Glendale Education Association and Glendale Education Support Professionals Association concerning retention bonuses, its members authorized in January.

Under the agreement full-time employees, who were employed by the district on Dec. 23, 2022 and received a paycheck for that work week will receive \$500 and part-time employees, \$250. Funding for the gesture will come from the school district’s allotment of American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief III funds.

Directors accepted a contract with The Nutrition Group Inc., for a guaranteed nutrition program for the 2023-24 school year. The pact guarantees the program’s loss will not exceed \$115,746.

Michelle Erculiani of The Nutrition Group told the board there has been a tremendous increase in the number of students who eat cafeteria-prepared meals each day.

“The (U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Eligibility Provision) has really helped to increase the numbers. Twenty-seven percent of students eat breakfast at school and 80 percent, lunch. Those are really good numbers. During the 2021-22 school year only 60

percent of students ate a school-made lunch.”

The operational budget approved by the board must also be approved by the state Department of Education.

Extra-curricular positions for the 2023-24 school year were approved. They are: Jeremiah Dobo, band director and jazz band director; Lawrence Putorek, choral director; Julie Noal, band front advisor; James Arnold, summer and fall weight room advisor; John Kutz, winter weight room advisor and Justin Sedlock, spring weight room advisor.

Club and class advisors for the coming school year were also authorized by the board. They are: Jennifer Putorek and Lawrence Putorek, grade 12 class advisors and drama club advisors; Melissa Fontanella and Daphne Pusey, grade 11 class

advisors; John Kutz and Amy Snyder, grade 10 class advisors; Alyse Gittings and Robert Reams, grade 9 class advisors; Melissa Fontanella and Crystal Graffius, high school yearbook advisors; Nancy Gobert and Daphne Pusey, high school scholastic scrimmage advisors; Ethan Maneval, science club advisor; John Kutz, varsity club advisor; Amy Snyder, SADD advisor; Lawrence Putorek, National Honor Society advisor; Wil-

liam Damiano and Tyler Hrubochak, Take Pride in America advisors; Cassandra Irvine and Rachel Lees, high school newspaper co-advisors; Justice Hudak, high school reading competition advisor; Nancy Gobert and Christyn Lloyd, high school student council advisors; Ashlee Rowles, elementary newspaper advisor; Jeanette Williams, elementary yearbook advisor; and Suzanna Coakley, elementary reading competition advisor.

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perhaps council should consider limiting the amount of chickens living on a resident’s property to the size of their lot.

Others said they wanted to hear what Hammond had learned during his recent training before making a decision on or-

dinance revisions.

Council did not take action on revising the ordinance. Clark and Councilman Robert Moore made and seconded a motion to allow council time to review the ordinance and comment on any proposed changes.

Police Continued from A1

commission voted to hire Anthony Lash as a full-time police officer pending final certification. Lash is currently enrolled in the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Police Academy and is graduating on June 9. He will be taking his final certification test on June 12, McGinnis said.

The commission also

voted to hire Terry Lingenfelter on a part-time basis at \$25 per hour plus mileage to conduct background checks on prospective employees of the police department.

The motions to hire the new employees were approved with a 4-0 vote.

Commission member Dr. Michael McSkimming was absent

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Third suspect held for court in fatal shooting of Erie woman in 2021

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Erie Times-News
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An Erie woman charged with two others in the fatal shooting of 33-year-old Rhonda Glover in November 2021 testified Wednesday that she employed her two co-defendants to help her in a matter involving stolen and damaged property.

Aiyanna R. Atkinson said she was upset a former boyfriend had reportedly stolen an iPad and other items from her, and she wanted to get the items or at least the cost of the iPad back. She said she told her cousins, Darryl R. Gates and Javon R. Cason, about it, and suggested that they consider robbing her ex-boyfriend if he didn't turn over the property or money. She said she then drove them to the residence where her ex-boyfriend was staying with Glover.

Atkinson testified that she later drove Gates and Cason to another area of Erie, where she said Gates, armed with a gun Cason had given to him, shot Glover as she sat in a vehicle.

Glover died of a gunshot wound to the head, an Erie police detective testified Wednesday.

Atkinson, 22, and Gates, 40, are awaiting trial on charges in the death of Glover on Nov. 17, 2021. Detective Sgt. Patrick Ginkel testified Wednesday investigators always had information indicating that Cason, 21, was also involved in the homicide. But police didn't charge him until late February.

Erie 2nd Ward District Judge Ed Wilson held Cason for court on all charges, including homicide and conspiracy to commit robbery, following his preliminary hearing on Wednesday morning.

Atkinson, Gates and Cason remain in prison without bond.

Glover was fatally shot as she sat in the passenger seat of a vehicle driven by her boyfriend, Tariq Sheppard, shortly after the vehicle arrived in the 600 block of East 13th Street, according to Erie police.

Atkinson testified under questioning by Assistant District Attorney Emily Downing on Wednesday that she was upset about Sheppard reportedly stealing things belonging to her, and told Gates and Cason about it. She said she and Gates drove to Cason's house, where she said she witnessed Cason handing Gates a handgun.

Atkinson said she then drove the group to Glover's residence on East 19th Street, where Sheppard was also staying. She said she wanted to talk to Sheppard but didn't want to go alone, because she said Sheppard had put his hands on her in the past.

She said under questioning by Downing that she wanted her items or the value of the iPad. When asked by Downing if there was going to be a robbery if none of those things happened, Atkinson replied yes.

Atkinson said she remained in her vehicle after arriving on East 19th Street as Gates and Cason went to the residence. When the two came back to the vehicle a short time later, she said Gates was irritated because Sheppard had reportedly lied to him and smirked at him. Cason said they should go back and talk to him again, but as they were getting ready to leave the vehicle they saw Sheppard and Glover get into a vehicle and drive away, according to Atkinson's testimony.

She said they followed the other vehicle until they arrived on East 13th Street, where Gates got out of the vehicle and ran around it as it was still moving. Cason opened a vehicle door where he was sitting, but before he could get out he heard gunshots and he closed the door, Atkinson testi-

fied. Atkinson said she could see Gates shooting and saw Glover get hit by bullets and slump over. She said when Gates got back into the vehicle, she asked him why he did that and if Glover was OK. She said Gates replied that Glover "slumped."

Atkinson said Cason told Gates that wasn't the plan, and that she thought the plan was to confront Sheppard. As the group drove away from the shooting scene, Atkinson said Cason told her to pull over at one point, and he exited the vehicle with the gun before returning without it.

Atkinson said under cross-examination by Cason's lawyer, Anthony Logue, that she did not see or hear anything from the initial confrontation at the East 19th Street residence.

Ginkel testified that police obtained surveillance video that showed the group arriving on East 19th Street and two people he identified as Gates and Cason going to Glover's residence at the time of the confrontation.

Ginkel also said under questioning by Downing the gun used in the shooting was never recovered.

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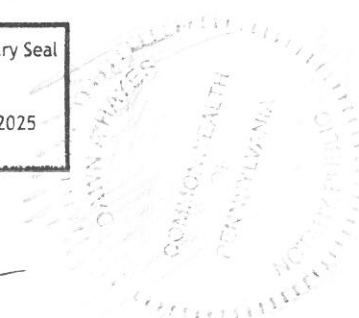
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ARIN monthly meeting tackles personnel matters

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A long list of employments were among personnel matters for the ARIN Intermediate Unit 28 Board of Directors at its latest meeting Tuesday night.

The board approved and authorized conditionally the employment of:

- Laura Anne Dougherty, full time special education teacher, effective July 10, at an annual salary of \$79,468, prorated to days worked.
- Shila Jones as lead staff for the IU's 21st Century After School and Summer Program, at \$13 an hour, and, as regular hourly staff at \$12 per hour, Trevor Diehl (retroactive to April 13) and for the Summer Program from June 5 through Aug. 11, Suzanne Andrews, Zeb Brown, Donna Busani, Jesse Chovanec, Chrissy Cooper, Spencer Coy, Tulia Dietz, Michael Dolan, Kathleen Dumm, Alexis Dunmire, Emily Ferraro, Debra Flint, Devin Flint, Susan Harris, Macy Koren, Haylee Lemmon, Logan Lombard, Emily Lybarger, Patricia Moorehead, Addison Mosco, Ella Mosco, Robyn Nicewonger, Katie Offman, Rebecca Pawluck, Mary Resides, Chelsea Romagna, Maddie Serwinski, Shaelynn Sheesley, Davea Simmons, Paige Shultz, Abbygail Travis, Kathy Vasbinder and DaLeisha Williamson.

Separately, the board also approved for the 21st Century After School Program wages of \$15 per hour for part-time regular staff and \$16 per hour for part-time lead staff.

Also approved were:

- Lauren Carloni as a special education substitute teacher for up to 20 days per school year, at \$125 per day, effective June 12.
- On a supplemental basis, of these staffers to provide an Extended School Year program during the summer of 2023 for those pupils with disabilities who meet eligibility requirements: Teachers Tammy Brumling, Abigail Cunningham, Alexa Emmonds, Carrie Grudzien, Courtney Kundla, Amanda Malkey, Joellen Nelson, Paige Spang and Amy Vincent; Speech/Language staffers Natasha Doyle, Katelyn Hines, Stephanie Lamantia, Michaela Lydic, Madeline Palmiere, Jennifer Rising and Lauren Walmsley; Vision staffer Christina McMullen; and Paraprofessionals McKenna Bothell, Haley Bowser, Kathleen Gibson, Penny Graham and Robin Miller.

The board also approved the volunteer tutor services of Mike Colella and Devan Delp by the ARIN Adult Education programs, under the supervision of Director of Early Childhood, School and Community Services Andrea Sheesley.

And it approved Indiana University of Pennsylvania Master's participant Rayne Davidson for an 80-hour practicum with mentor Carrie Grudzien during the summer 2023 Extended School Year program at Homer-Center.

The board accepted the resignations of 21st Century After School Program lead staffer Jenny Ressler and regular hourly staffer Rebecca Mack, and also accepted the resignation of Megan Frycklund as a part-time drivers education instructor, effective May 31. She will remain in her full-time position as special education teacher.

It also accepted, with regret, the resignation due to retirement of Tamara Duff as full-time supervisor of special education, effective Aug. 5.

The board also approved for the 2023-24 school year:

- Service agreements with Margaret A. Swanson, CRNP, and J. Lindsay Parks, D.O., to provide required medical review of IEPs for Access Billing, in each case at \$10 per IEP.
- An agreement with Achieving True Self for the use of Room D at ARIN IU 28 Mondays through Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. during the school year and noon-2 p.m. during the summer, at a cost will be \$2,400 per year, billed monthly, from June 1, 2023,

through May 31, 2024;

- A professional services agreement with United School District and the statement of work to provide an emotional support teacher, at no more than \$112,640 for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- An agreement with St. Bernard Regional Catholic School for the lease payment of \$95,000 to Mobile Modular Management Corporation. All costs are covered through the EANS II (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools) grant for nonpublic schools.
- A cooperation agreement with the County of Indiana detailing duties and responsibilities during the workforce development activities proposed for the 2023-2024 Whole-Home Repairs Program.
- An agreement with Indiana County for ARIN IU 28 to provide child welfare services to children and youth of Indiana County.
- A rental agreement with Cousins Self Storage, for ELECT (Education Leading to Employment and Career Training) supplies, at the cost of \$996, for the year from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024.

The board also authorized ARIN IU 28 Executive Director Dr. Brigitte D. Matson to enter into a Parent Transportation Agreement with Jane Thompson for the

transportation of her child for approved daily miles and per diem rates; and a five-year Transportation Contract with Barker Inc. to provide transportation services from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2028, with two one-year extension options, for a variety of rates.

It approved agreements:

- With Link Computer Corporation for the purchase after July 2 of networking hardware and installation services needed to replace existing obsolete devices, at a cost of \$18,260.97 for the coming school year.
- With Liberty Paper for white xerographic dual-purpose paper for local educational agencies within ARIN Intermediate Unit 28, Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 and Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 territories, at an initial bid of \$330,685.87.

Due to the bid terms and conditions, participating LEAs that did not initially request quantities reserve the right to order paper, therefore increasing the initial bid amount.

The board also accepted low bids received for General School and Art Supplies for LEAs within the ARIN, Riverview and Northwest Tri-County intermediate units.

The board also adopted retroactively to April 18 the 2023-24 ARIN General Operating Budget in the

amount of \$3,414,949, while revising 2022-23 and proposed 2023-24 budgets:

- For the Cooperative Service Fund, \$1,000 for 2022-23, \$1,350 for 2023-24.
- For the Unemployment Compensation Fund, \$2,616 and \$12,086 for 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively.
- For the Vision Insurance Self-Insured Fund, \$22,185 and \$26,585.
- For the Dental Insurance Self-Insured Fund, \$111,768 and \$121,690.
- For the Local Parenting Matching Funds, \$7,798 and \$7,810.
- For the Local PPT Matching Funds, \$41,529 and \$33,605.
- For the Local Prevention Matching Funds, \$22,050 and \$22,050.
- For the Local Family Center Matching Funds, \$600 and \$600.

The board also approved and authorized the transfer of \$40,000 from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to the Capital Project Fund, for the purchase of a vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

It also approved a review and approval of the ARIN IU 28 Health and Safety Plan, with no updates needed at this time, and a schedule for meetings of the ARIN IU 28 board of directors in 2023-24.

The next such meeting will be on June 20 at 7 p.m. at the ARIN Central Office.

IFA marks Emergency Medical Services Week

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The black-and-white picture on the Indiana Fire Association Facebook page, of a Citizens' Ambulance Service vehicle outside the main IFA station in downtown Indiana, probably was only a posting that wasn't in color.

However, it also helped call attention to IFA's observance of Emergency Medical Services Week, which runs through Saturday.

"We don't run an EMS response, but we are very fortunate to have 13 Emergency Medical Technicians, 3 Advance Life Support paramedics, and a Registered Nurse who also is certified as an EMT on our active roster," IFA posted along with the picture.

During this EMS week, IFA posted that it wanted "to thank all that provide prehospital emergency care to our community," adding, "whether it be

paid or volunteer these people are giving others a chance."

The sentiment is similar to that issued by the Indiana County Board of Commissioners when it issued its proclamation of EMS Week earlier this month.

"The members of emergency medical services

teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their life-saving skills," Board Chairman R. Michael Keith read at the May 10 meeting, from a proclamation also approved and signed by fellow Commissioners Robin

A. Gorman and Sherene Hess.

"There is mandatory continuing education to maintain a certification," IFA posted on its Facebook page. "Many of our members do not benefit financially from being certified, but maintain these skills so they can be prepared to help when

called upon."

IFA also expressed its thanks "to our mutual aid EMS provider Citizens' Ambulance Service," which covers IFA's entire response area as well as regions in Indiana and neighboring counties. "Sometimes it feels like a thankless job, but know you are appreciated."



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Westmoreland offers summer classes in White Twp.

By **The Indiana Gazette**

Westmoreland County Community College is conducting registration for summer credit classes which will be offered in four sessions, with the first beginning Tuesday.

The sessions will be conducted in several formats, including on-ground classes at the White Township (Westmoreland-Indiana County) center as well as campuses and centers in Youngwood, Mt. Pleasant, Latrobe, Murrysville, New Kensington and Uniontown.

Also available are remote classes, taught at specific times via web conferencing, and a blend of remote and traditional classes.

The 10-week session and the first five-week session start Tuesday, May 30, with an eight-week session starting June 12 and the second five-week session beginning July 3.

Classes are open to current and new students, including those who attend other colleges and universities.

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For a complete schedule, visit the westmoreland.edu/summer website.

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State House Dems rail against GOP's opposing retirement plan

BY ERIC SCICCHITANO CNHI STATE REPORTER

HARRISBURG – Legislation creating a new retirement savings program that advanced through the Pennsylvania House saw Democrats accusing Republicans of opposing a bill that seemed tailored for their support.

House Bill 577, introduced by state Rep. Kyle Mullins, D-Lackawanna, would create the Keystone Saves program – an individual retirement account (IRA) program administered by the Pennsylvania Treasury for workers whose employers don't offer retirement savings plans.

The Pew Charitable Trusts and Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity, a

Republican, support the proposal. They raised alarms earlier this year based on a Pew-funded study that found that Pennsylvanians' lack of retirement savings risks a near \$18 billion fiscal cliff for the commonwealth by 2035 due to increased spending on social services combined with lost taxes.

The House cast a 106-95 vote advancing the bill to the state Senate. Five Republicans joined all 101 members of the Democratic Caucus in support.

More than 2 million Pennsylvania workers would be eligible for the program, according to Mullins. He said his bill largely mirrors one offered in the 2021-22 session by a former Republican House member, Tracy Pennycook, who

has since been elected to the state Senate. That bill received no further consideration after being assigned to the Commerce Committee in February 2022.

"If this plan got any more Republican-friendly, I'm not sure I'd be allowed back in the Democratic Caucus room," Mullins said during floor debate Wednesday.

Under the bill's current terms, employees would be automatically enrolled for payroll deductions with the ability to opt out. The default contribution rate is 4% of gross wages. The maximum is 10% or the annual maximum contribution limit set by the Internal Revenue Code, whichever is greater.

Employers with five or more work-

ers, those open for business for longer than 15 consecutive months and those that haven't offered a tax-favored retirement plan in the preceding three years would be required to participate.

There is no penalty in the bill for employers who do not register and participate in the program.

Rep. Marla Brown, R-Lawrence, called Keystone Saves an "unnecessary mandate." She noted fierce opposition by the National Federation of Independent Business. According to the group, 84% of its members oppose the program.

"Managers and owners of businesses are going to have to become financial advisors under this legislation," Brown said.

Rep. Joseph D'Orsio, R-York, said he likes Keystone Saves, but not as a mandate. Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton, said the federal SECURE Act – Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement, enacted under the Trump administration and revised under the Biden administration – accomplishes some of what Keystone Saves seeks, making it redundant. The SECURE Act looks to incentivize small businesses in setting up 401(k) or IRA plans.

"Automatic means that it is not an option. Automatic means that it is a mandate," Minority Leader Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, said of the bill's automatic enrollment provision.

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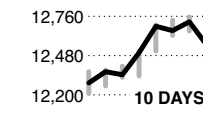
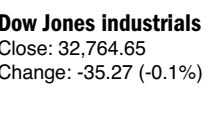


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Lawmakers look to raise penalties for littering, dumping

BY ERIC SCICCHITANO CNHI STATE REPORTER

HARRISBURG – A state-wide study estimates that more than 500 million pieces of litter are strewn about Pennsylvania roadways, and a bill that advanced out of the state House of Representatives looks to make the penalty harsher for anyone contributing to the mess.

House Bill 95, introduced by Rep. Donna Bullock, D-Philadelphia, passed Wednesday by a vote of 122-79, with 21 Republicans joining the entire Democratic caucus in support. It now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

The bill proposes increasing the maximum fine on a first offense to \$2,000, up from \$300. A second conviction could bring a \$5,000 fine, up from \$1,000 maximum.

Trash businesses violating the law would see fines increase to up to \$10,000 for a first offense and \$20,000 thereafter. Minimums would remain at \$500 and \$1,000, respectively.

The proposal sought even stiffer penalties, but a unanimous committee vote last month stripped language that would have enhanced the respective charges from summary offenses to third-degree misdemeanors. The amendment also prevented the floor for minimum fines from being raised above \$50 on a first offense.

Existing standards for community service and potential imprisonment of up to 90 days remained untouched in the bill.

A financial impact statement for the bill found that counties and municipalities annually collected \$73,912 annually in littering fines on average over the past five years, skewed by a significant drop-off in fines in 2022.

210 dump sites

Bullock paid particular attention to illegal dumping in her

bill, not just littering from vehicles. A study by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) exploring illegal dumping in 2020 found that a combined 210 illegal dump sites were discovered in 50 of 67 counties – a 213% increase over the year prior.

Household trash, building materials from renovations and construction, and used tires were the most common items dumped illegally, the report states. The State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) separately found that the cost to local municipalities to clear illegal dump sites averaged about \$600 per ton, or roughly \$3,000 per site.

"Some of these offending companies treat fines for illegally dumping trash as the cost of doing business. We cannot allow that to continue to be the case," Bullock said.

Final floor debate on the bill veered away from the bill's intent and toward enforcement, or lack thereof, particularly concerning gun crime.

Minority Leader Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, called it ironic that on the same day the House considered a potential expansion of Pennsylvania's Clean Slate Law to broaden the courts' sealing of certain non-violent criminal offenses, a bill was also being considered to increase fines and penalties for littering.

He took exception with a potential maximum penalty of 90 days in jail – a penalty already in the existing state law. Cutler referred to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, which he said, citing internal memos, is not prosecuting prostitution and marijuana possession charges, is seeking lesser penalties for shoplifting and retail theft, and is too lax in pursuing gun crimes – an accusation that fueled the impeachment of the current officeholder, Larry Krasner.

New COVID cases drop, deaths up

BY RANDY GRIFFITH RGRIFITH@TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT.COM

New cases of COVID-19 continued to dwindle in Pennsylvania this week, with only 1,051 new cases recorded for the seven days through Tuesday, the state report showed.

That's the fewest new cases for a week since July 2021, bringing the state's 10-week average to 2,794 cases a week. It is the lowest 10-week average since the summer of 2021.

After only five deaths in last week's report by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, there were 96 new COVID-19-related deaths in this week's report.

Cambria County added 11 new cases and one COVID-19-related death.

Somerset County added 10 cases and one death.

Bedford County added four cases with no deaths.

Blair County added 13 cases and one death.

Indiana County added two cases and two deaths.

Clearfield County had no new cases or deaths.

Centre County added 15 cases and one death.

Westmoreland County added 46 cases and five deaths.

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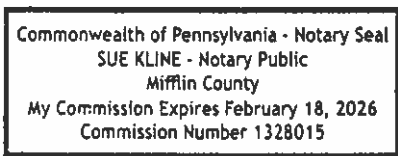
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LOCAL AND NATION

Calendar

The Sentinel offers nonprofit and other community organizations an opportunity to promote upcoming events for free in the community calendar for three days before the event. Events requiring reservations may be promoted for up to two weeks before the reservation deadline.

Events that require a purchase from a for-profit business, even if a donation is made to the organization, are not eligible for the calendar.

Submit items at least one week in advance via email, events@lewistownsentinel.com; call (717) 248-6741; online, Virtual Newsroom at www.lewistownsentinel.com; or mail or drop off, The Sentinel, 352 Sixth St., P.O. Box 588 Lewistown, PA 17044. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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• **Lewistown Kiwanis Club blueberry sale** — 10 pound box for \$30. Pickup 4-7 p.m., June 20 at Mifflin County Junior High gym entrance. Order by calling (717) 247-6155 or (717) 543-1929. Prepay by check to Lewistown Kiwanis, 20 Ort Valley Rd., Lewistown Pa. 17004 or pay upon pickup. Deadline to order: June 6.

• **Drive-thru chicken barbecue** — Pickup is Saturday, June 10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Crossroads Church of God of Prophecy on Rt. 235 in Maze (approx. 2.5 miles east on Rt. 235 from East Salem). Must pre-order by calling the church at (717) 463-2389 by Friday, June 2. Half of chicken or dinner. Dinner includes baked beans, choice of mac salad or coleslaw and choice of cake: chocolate w/ peanut butter icing or angel food. When ordering dinners, please include your choice of side and cake. Deadline to pre-order is June 2.

Friday, May 26

• **Coffee with friends** — 9 a.m.-noon at Lack-Tuscarora EMS, 9320 South Route 75, East Waterford.
• **Single mom support**

group — 6:30-8 p.m., New Life Church Cafe, 101 Beech St., Burnham. Dinner served from 6:30-7 for mothers and children. Child care from 7-8 while mothers meet in a group. More information: call or text (717) 437-4946.

Saturday, May 27

• **Wesley Chapel's Church-wide yard sale** — 7 a.m., West Granville Fire House, 8392 S., Lewistown

• **Keystone State Muscle Cars Cruise Ins** — 5-8 p.m., auction barn across from Ruters in Milroy. All cars, trucks, bikes are welcome. No membership needed. For more information, call (717) 437-6050. (Runs through end of October)

Monday, May 29

• **McVeytown Lions Memo-**

rial Day service — 10 a.m., Town Square, McVeytown.

• **Vira 136th Community Memorial Day service** — 10 a.m. at Vira United Methodist Church. Dedicated to the memory of Don Corbin. Sermon by Michael Bailey.

• **Bingo** — 10 a.m.-1 p.m., McVeytown Senior Center.

Reunions

Upcoming reunions, including missing classmate requests, are published as part of the calendar and should be sent to events@lewistownsentinel.com. Brief reports of reunions and class reunion photos with the people identified in the order in which they appear are accepted for publication in the Saturday Living section and should be sent to living@lewistownsentinel.com.

Jury wraps in synagogue massacre with testimony

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jury selection concluded Thursday in the trial of a man charged with killing 11 worshippers at a Pittsburgh synagogue in the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history.

Prosecutors and the defense agreed on a panel of 12 jurors and six alternates who will hear the evidence against Robert Bowers, 50, in the 2018 massacre at Tree of Life synagogue.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Testimony is expected to begin Tuesday.

Jury selection began April 24, with each side grilling scores of potential jurors about their views on capital punishment. The jury consists of 11 women and seven men.

Bowers faces 63 counts in the Oct. 27, 2018, attack, including 11 counts of obstruction of free exercise of religion resulting in

death and 11 counts of hate crimes resulting in death. Prosecutors have said Bowers made antisemitic comments at the scene of the attack and online.

Bowers, a truck driver from the Pittsburgh suburb of Baldwin, had offered to plead guilty in return for a life sentence, but federal prosecutors turned him down. Bowers' defense attorneys also recently said he has schizophrenia and brain impairments.

HS photos needed for 'I Remember When'

LEWISTOWN — The Sentinel's "I Remember When" special edition for 2023 will soon be published. This year, we are highlighting high school memories. If you have a favorite high school photo of friends, events, teachers and more from your high school days, we would like to include it in the publication. Provide your name, high school, details of the people in the photo, the event and the year. Accepting email submissions only. Deadline is Friday May 26. Email tlaub@lewistownsentinel.com.

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Pick 2: 3-2 Pick 3: 7-9-1 Pick 4: 9-5-5-7 Pick 5: 9-3-3-8-1 Wild: 5	DOUBLE PLAY: 7-25-29-40-45 Powerball: 12
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Remains of 5 more Native American children to be disinterred in Pennsylvania

CARLISLE, Pa. (AP) — The remains of five more Native American children who died at a notorious government-run boarding school in Pennsylvania over a century ago will be disinterred from a small Army cemetery and returned to descendants, authorities said Thursday.

The remains are buried on the grounds of the Carlisle Barracks, home of the U.S. Army War College. The children attended the former Carlisle Indian Industrial School, where thousands of Indigenous children were taken from their families and forced to assimilate to white society as a matter of U.S. policy.

The Carlisle school put children through harsh conditions that sometimes resulted in their deaths. Founded by an Army officer, the school cut their braids, dressed them in military-style uniforms and punished them for speaking their native languages. European names were forced upon them.

The Office of Army Cemeteries said the latest disinterment of remains will take place beginning Sept. 11. It will be the sixth such disinterment operation at Carlisle since 2017 as the military transfers remains to living family members for reburial. Twenty-eight children have been returned so far, according to cemetery officials.

The remains to be moved this fall include those belonging to 13-year-old Amos LaFromboise, of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribe of South Dakota, who died in 1879, only 20 days after

his arrival at the school. The tribe had written to the U.S. Army's cemetery office in March to urge a faster return of the boy, who has been described as one of the tribe's most celebrated leaders. The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate want to bury him next to his father on the Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota.

The other students to be moved died between 1880 and 1910 while attending the Carlisle school, according to the Office of Army Cemeteries. They are Edward Upright from the Spirit Lake Tribe of North Dakota,

Beau Neal from the Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming, Edward Spott from the Puyallup Tribe of Washington state, and Launy Shorty from the Blackfeet Nation of Montana.

More than 10,000 children from more than 140 tribes passed through the school between 1879 and 1918, including famous Olympian Jim Thorpe.

Starting with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819, the U.S. enacted laws and policies to establish and support Native American boarding schools across the nation.



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Memorial Day observations in Crawford County

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Here is a listing of Memorial Day events scheduled as reported to The Meadville Tribune.

To submit an observance, an official should email information including the date, time and place to tribune@meadvilletribune.com.

■ The Means Flynn American Legion Post 615 holds its Memorial Day ceremony at the Conneautville Cemetery off of Washington Street at 9 a.m. Monday.

■ The Cochranon American Legion Post 836 announced the Memorial Day observance held at the Cochranon Cemetery at 10 a.m. Monday will include the annual parade. The parade forms at the Cochranon Area Public Library and proceeds up Adams Street to the cemetery, starting at 9:30.

The main speaker for the service will be Cochranon resident and Vietnam veteran Stephen Carroll. The program will include patriot readings, including Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and Joyce Kilmer's World War I poem, "In Flanders Field." Music will be offered by the Cochranon High School Marching Band and a special choral selection by the Cochranon's Women Club.

Special guests will include members of the 150th Pennsylvania



Meadville Tribune file photo

The Meadville Area Memorial Day observance is Monday. The parade route in downtown Meadville will be closed off from 9:30 a.m. until roughly 10:30.

"Bucktail" Brigade and World War II historian Pat Emig. The Cochranon Heritage Society has provided a self-guided tour of the resting places of those local residents who were killed in action. A display of military "Honor Rolls" pays homage to local residents who served during

the nation's wars. The ceremony concludes with the final roll call of recent interred veterans and the traditional rifle salute and "Taps."

In the event of inclement weather, the observance begins at 10 at Cochranon Junior-Senior High School.

■ The Southside Cemetery Asso-

ciation will hold its annual public memorial service at the cemetery located at 7627 Conley Road, Conneaut Lake, at 2 p.m. Sunday. More information: Call (724) 456-2904.

■ Richmond Township will hold a Memorial Day observance at 10 a.m. Monday at the township recreation building, 30031 State Highway 408, Townville. The observance will include a roll call of township veterans and active servicemen and women. Patriotic music will be provided by the New Richmond Church choir. Pastoral duties will be performed by Pastor Harry Zurasky, and master of ceremonies will be Ray Crocker. The guest speaker will be Greg Armstrong.

■ Conneaut Lake Kiwanis Club will hold the Memorial Day observance in Memorial Park at 10 a.m. Monday. Invocation and benediction will be given by Pastor Dan Mealy. The speaker will be retired Lt. Col. Gary Hough. John Skendall will sing the national anthem and Jordan Vaughn will play "Taps." The event will be recorded by Chuck Groger, so it can be viewed on the Conneaut Lake Historical Society Facebook page. Decorative red, white and blue wreaths will be available for purchase. Grilled hot dogs, chips and beverages will be

on sale at the Conneaut Lake Historical Museum, which will be open until 2 p.m. The Conneaut Lake Garden Club will sell plants at Livingston's and the Margaret Shontz Memorial Library will sell books at Ralston's Hardware Store. More information: Call Margaret Staahl at (814) 382-8870.

■ The Meadville Area Memorial Day observance is Monday. The parade route in downtown Meadville will be closed off from 9:30 a.m. until roughly 10:30. Diamond Park itself will be closed to traffic from around 9 until noon. The parade starts at 10 and the observance at 11. Charles Castelluccio will be the parade marshal and guest speaker. The Meadville Area Memorial Day Observance Committee is issuing a reminder to all Meadville-area churches that it is customary to toll their bells at noon on Memorial Day to commemorate all those who have lost their lives in service to their country. The official observance in Diamond Park is expected to be timed to end for that tradition.

■ Memorial Day observance at Rocky Glen Cemetery, West Fallsfield Township near Adamsville, will be at 1 p.m. Monday. Retired Senior Master Sgt. Korene Rooks will be the speaker.

Flag

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recalled on Thursday. "He said 'I have a flag that was flown there if you guys would like to use it.'"

The friend, Meadville resident Tom Kafferlin, brought the flag home with him when returned to the U.S. in early 1970 after 14 months in Vietnam.

Citing his role as a clerk at the helicopter base, Kafferlin downplayed the significance of his service.

"I don't have any real heroic story to tell you," he said, laughing, "and I'm OK with that."

As for the flag, Kafferlin said the story there wasn't too exciting either, but it made for an interesting piece of history — one that fits in nicely with the color guard's role and the observance's theme this year: "Vietnam veterans, welcome

YOU CAN GO

The Meadville Area Memorial Day Parade and Observance will take place Monday. The parade departs from the intersection of Water and Willow streets at approximately 10 a.m., making its way north on Water Street to Poplar Street, then continuing north on Market Street before turning east on Chestnut Street and continuing to Diamond Park. The observance, which will feature guest speaker and Vietnam veteran Charlie Castelluccio, begins in Diamond Park at 11. The parade route will be closed to traffic from about 9:30 to 10:30. Diamond Park will be closed to traffic from about 9 to noon with barricades on North Main Street at North Street and at the various streets around the park.

home. POWs/MIAs, we will never forget."

After flying over the base for months, with guards raising it each morning and taking it down each night, the flag was eventually replaced and stored in the orderly room where Kafferlin worked.

And there it stayed.

A formal retirement and disposal ceremony didn't seem likely and the flag was largely forgotten as new troops rotated through the base. Kafferlin thought it might end up simply being thrown away at some point.

"I think our captain said 'if you want it, you can take it' about the time I was going home," he recalled.

Kafferlin did just that — he took it home, had it dry cleaned and then stored it for the next half-century and more.

"I was tickled to have it, and nobody else wanted it," he said. "I've never flown it. It's just hung in the closet on that hanger from the dry cleaners."

Now the flag that flew over Camp Holloway — that was lowered to half-mast at the death of President Dwight D.

Eisenhower — will fly above the Meadville Memorial Day parade on Monday.

Like the other veterans of the Vietnam War marching in the parade, the flag may show some wear and tear. Camp Holloway was located in Vietnam's central highlands, Kafferlin said, and helicopters arrived and departed regularly, "all night, all day." The region's red dirt blew all the time during the dry season, then turned to mud when monsoons brought rain.

Despite some stains, Kafferlin brought the idea of using the flag to Post 52. Davis, who coincidentally served at Camp Holloway just after the period Kafferlin was there, and others were excited by the prospect.

"It's a pretty awesome story," Davis said.

It won't be the only bit of history that audience members experience and perhaps marvel at, according to Joe Galbo, who chairs the event's

organizing committee.

"It's a privilege, more than anything else," he said, "to pay tribute to those that made our way of life possible."

The solemn nature of the traditional observance will be sounded with an element introduced last year — a recorded reading of the names of Crawford County residents killed in action. This year, the names of 31 county residents killed in the Vietnam War will be read during the observance.

Other traditional elements will be present, including music from the Meadville Area Senior High (MASH) marching band" the reading of the Gettysburg Address by the MASH governor, Elizabeth Kellick; and the reading of "In Flanders Fields" by the MASH lieutenant governor, Cooper Breckenridge.

The guest speaker will be Navy veteran Charlie Castelluccio of Titusville. Castelluccio, who has written the

Veterans Corner column for The Meadville Tribune for nearly 20 years, served from 1969 to 1973, including a year in Vietnam, where he celebrated his 21st birthday on the Mekong River.

Kafferlin said that memories of Vietnam have not always drawn the receptive audience likely to be present Monday. Whether they were clerks or combat veterans, their experience at home after the war left many veterans with a "kind of a scar" when it came to talking about their experiences.

"Coming home was not a fun thing. You just went back to work," Kafferlin said. "Nobody said where were you or how are you doing or anything like that, it was just back to work — and that was it. You really didn't talk about it."

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Refuge

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York down through Erie, Crawford, Mercer and Venango counties in Pennsylvania before it joins the Allegheny River at Franklin.

A proposed new national wildlife refuge to be located throughout portions of the five counties was first proposed in early April and was reported first by The Meadville Tribune on April 8. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hosted informational public meetings about the proposed refuge in Edinboro on April 25 and Meadville on April 26.

The letter by commissioners Eric Henry, Christopher Soff and Francis Weiderspahn states a better option for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is to "redirect its efforts toward assisting in scaling up the great work already underway to manage and protect the French Creek watershed, rather than duplicate those efforts by increasing the number of acres under federal ownership in the watershed."

Commissioners have made a copy of their letter available on the county's website, crawfordcountypa.net, which residents may print and sign to send to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Meanwhile, a joint letter from U.S. Reps. Mike Kelly and Glenn Thompson of Pennsylvania and Rep. Nick Langworthy of New York expresses concern the new federal refuge would result in unnecessary regulations and unintended consequences to

an area "that is currently thriving under local supervision."

According to that letter, federal ownership of land for the refuge would take the properties off local tax rolls, depleting the various affected communities' ability to maintain existing protections.

"Instead of working against ongoing conservation, the USFWS should support our local land trust and conservation groups who have decades of experience in protecting this asset," the letter states.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service understands potential concerns from public officials and the public at large, Mark

Maghini, the realty chief for the service's northeast U.S. region, told the Tribune on Thursday.

"We're early in the process and this is informal public scoping of comment," he said. "We're looking to draft a land protection plan and an environmental assessment."

Maghini acknowledged that seeing a map of the entire watershed generates questions and putting lines on a map for potential areas of the refuge within the watershed will generate even more.

"A line on the map means where we may acquire land from willing sellers," Magh-

ini said, stressing the words "may" and "willing."

"It means working with landowners, land trusts, federal agencies and NGOs (non-governmental organizations). It may mean we only acquire easements. Easements may be appropriate in some areas."

Maghini said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service won't look at using eminent domain. Eminent domain is when the government takes private property for public use, but gives proper compensation for its value.

"Our practice is to work with willing sellers," he said

of the agency's acquisition practices.

"Ultimately, what would be proposed we'd want it to be successful. It would only be a success with the support of the residents.

"We're gathering preliminary info to help chart the course of a mutual conservation effort," he said. "We're willing to meet with folks to discuss options."

A proposed land development plan with an environmental assessment is expected later this year, according to Maghini, which then would have a formal public comment period. Any proposed

plan would have at least two options.

Establishment of any type of refuge, if at all, would not start to take place at least until 2024, he said.

"This would not be an overnight kind of thing. Any acquisition is quite slow taking a year or more."

Those wishing to comment on the proposed French Creek National Wildlife Refuge may send an email to fw-5frenchcreekplan@fws.gov.

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Honorable Knight Scott Walters talks to Franklin Area High School students Nate Fozell, foreground, and James on Wolford during lunch hour on Wednesday. Walters has coached Wolford in basketball. 'He's got the catchphrase,' added Fozell of Walters.



Honorable Knights, from left, Jim Johnson, Lou Stauberback and Ron Richburg talk during lunch hour at Franklin Area High School on Wednesday.

Franklin

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school district that had been decreased at several school board meetings.

"This was really because of school board members of parents and community members coming to the school board and saying, 'We're not gonna let this go, we've got to do something,'" Jones said.

Lawrence said Superintendent Rogers Thon is "a real big guy" and took action on the issue when he came to the district last year.

As part of their larger role to support students and help promote a positive culture at the school overall, Honorable Knight Scott Walters said the Knights have the opportunity to "be part of the solution."

Walters currently coaches seventh- and eighth-grade basketball at the high school.

Lawrence said for any students who are people of color it helps simply to see people in the school who look like them.

"I think one of the interesting things is how a lot of students we have here aren't very diverse in terms of students," she said. "Students come up to us because they say, 'You look like me.'"

The volunteers noted while racial tensions are often the ones who are talked, bullying goes beyond race.

"Kids can be cruel regardless of the issue," Stauberback said. "They create each other on social media."

Richburg said parents tell him that the Knights have helped students in situations in which they didn't feel they could go elsewhere, such as to a teacher, for help.

The volunteers also emphasized they are there to support teachers as well as students, and build trust between the two. "We need teachers to deal with us here for their help as much as the students, and they're doing a great job," Walters said.

He said the administration at the Franklin School District has been "amazing" and really wants to know the history of their students and what they are carrying with them when they come to school.

"Often, these kids have a tough background," Stauberback said.

Walters noted he was "thoroughly impressed" with the students' behavior overall in the schools, and said they

were generally respectful. "I don't have any screaming and yelling at teachers."

Student response

The students have been responding well to the volunteer outreach.

"A perfect example is when I first came, nobody said hello," Lawrence recalled. "They were quiet to me, they looked down. So when I came in I just said hello to every student I met. And now when they say hello, I know they say hello."

Honorable Knight Jim Johnson, who also is a Franklin City councilman, said toward the beginning of the program, a student asked him why he was there. "I said, 'I'm here for bullying. He went over to get his lunch, and later he came back with his tray and said, 'I've been bullied. Can't sit with you.'"

Scott Walters has gone to making classes to help children read, and other shared stories of students' grades going up after connecting with and being encouraged by volunteers.

"All we know is, one-on-one, we have unit by unit on this," Lawrence said.

The principals said they feel the program is going well. "They're a very enthusiastic group of volunteers," high school co-principal K.C. Miller said. "The students accept them and are comfortable."

He said several of them have expressed interest in becoming individual students in the future through the district's Check and Connect program.

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Plea and Sentence Court

Tonya S. Geist, Jefferson County Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, reports the following from plea and sentence court held May 17 in the Court of Common Pleas in front of the Honorable John H. Foradora.

Standard Abbreviations: JCY-Jefferson County Jail, RP-Restrictive Probation, ARD-Accelerated Rehabilitative Dispositive Program, JCAPD-Jefferson County Adult Probation, SCI-State Correctional Institution.

Arraignments: Arraignments are a time-keeping device in the criminal system; individuals at arraignment are informed of their rights, advised of charges against them and informed of their right to counsel.

- Wendy Celinski, Falls Creek, DUI.
- Ashley McGarvey, Reynoldsville, Intentionally Possess Controlled Substance.

Plea and sentence court: All of the following persons have entered into a plea of guilty, unless noted otherwise, and must follow standard terms and conditions of JCAPD if put on probation, as well as any specific court-ordered conditions.

- Stefon Bagacki, Reynoldsville,

DUI, costs, fine, RP 6 months.

- Janet Nelson, Brookville, Fail to Report Accident, costs, fine.

- Daniel Barrick, Brookville, Aggravated Assault, costs, fine, SCI 1 year to 5 years, restitution.

- Tracy Diehl, DuBois, DUI, costs, fine, JCY time served to 6 months. Drivers Required to Be Licensed, costs, fine.

- Kris Nevling, SCI, Theft By Unlawful Taking, costs, fine, restitution, SCI 6 months to 3 years sentence to run concurrent with existing sentence. Drivers While Required to Be Licensed, costs, fine.

- Shaina Spade, Mahaffey, Delivery of Controlled Substance, costs, fine, JCY 6 months to 12 months followed by 4 year probation. Count two, Delivery of Controlled Substance, costs, fine, probation 5 years sentence to run concurrent with Delivery count one.

- Simranjeet Singh, Bakerfield, California, DUI-Commercial Vehicle, costs, fine, JCY time served to 6 months.

- Derraick Burkett, DuBois, DUI, costs, fine, RP 2 years, JCY or Rehab 30 days.

The following are bench warrants

issued for failing to appear for sentencing:

- Brandon Pierce, Punxsutawney, Use/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The following persons were admitted into the ARD program: ARD, Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, is a program offered to individuals who meet qualification. The primary purpose of the program is the rehabilitation of the offender; secondarily, the purpose is the prompt disposition of charges. The program is intended to encourage offenders to make a fresh start after participation in a rehabilitative program and offers them the possibility of a clean record if they successfully complete the program.

ARD:

- Kayla Lippert, West Mifflin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Small Amount, Disorderly Conduct, ARD 1 year, administrative fee, costs.

ARD/DUI:

- Dakota Younes, Falls Creek, ARD/DUI 12 months, administrative fee, costs, license suspension 60 days.

- Isaac Krause, DuBois, ARD/DUI 12 months, administrative fee, costs, license suspension 90 days.

College News

Grove City College

GROVE CITY — The following local students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester at Grove City College. Students eligible for the dean's list have a GPA of 3.40 to 3.59; for the dean's list with distinction, a GPA of 3.60 to 3.84; and for the dean's list with high distinction, a GPA of 3.85 to 4.0.

Emma Fiscus, a Design and Innovation major at from Brookville, has been named to the dean's list with high Distinction for the spring 2023 semester. Emma is a 2021 graduate of Brookville Area Junior/Senior High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jed Fiscus (Jenny).

Kevin Hamby, a Computer Science major from DuBois, has been named to the dean's list with distinction for the spring 2023 semester. Kevin is a 2019 graduate of DuBois Area Senior High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamby (Dana).

Melva Loock, a Computer Science major from DuBois, has been named to the dean's list with distinction for the spring 2023 semester. Melva is a 2019 graduate of Wilson Hill Academy and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobus Loock (Emma).

The following resi-

dents were among 435 who received degrees from Grove City College on May 20:

- Kevin Hamby earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and is from DuBois.

- Melva Loock earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science and is from DuBois.

- Mason Muir recently earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Conservation Biology and is from DuBois.

Harding University

SEARCY, Ark. — Emma Smith of Brookville is one of more than 600 students who received diplomas and were recognized as Harding University graduates for Spring 2023 during a commencement ceremony on May 6, 2023. Smith received a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice.

Graduates include students from the College of Allied Health, College of Arts and Humanities, College of Bible and Ministry, Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration, Cannon-Clary College of Education, Carr College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Sciences and University College.

University President Mike Williams recognized the candidates as they were recommended by the

faculty for graduation.

Commonwealth University-Lock Haven School of Nursing

CLEARFIELD — The Commonwealth University-Lock Haven School of Nursing recently held a pinning ceremony for all graduating Associate of Science in Nursing students at the Clearfield location.

Among the students receiving their pins were:

- Nathan Burkett, of Sigel

- Juliann Burke, of Ringold

- Lexis Hatzinikolas, of Brookville.

- Brandi Ishman, of Reynoldsville

- Mackenzie Johnson, of DuBois

- Zane Puhala, of Brockway

- Amber Weisner, of DuBois

During the ceremony, the students pledged their oath to the profession of nursing and received their pins and honors students also received their cords.

Speaker for the ceremony was Therese Sayers, retired Lock Haven faculty member, and Dr. Jennifer DellAntonio, nursing department chair, conducted the pinning ceremony. The student speaker was Rebekah Cutler.

"The pinning ceremony

is the celebration of the students' hard work and dedication," said faculty member Dr. Darlene Ardary. "Graduates recite the Nightingale Pledge and take an oath to uphold the standards of the nursing profession, as they begin their career as a professional nurse.

"Our students have now transitioned to our colleagues," said faculty member Amy Haagan. "We welcome them to the time-honored profession of nursing and wish them success on their upcoming National Council Licensure Examinations."

"It's been said that nursing isn't about the grades, it's about the nurse you become. We know that each student will make their way in the nursing profession doing great things, and as their teachers, we will be right there cheering them on," said faculty member Dr. Joy DuGan.

Chatham University

The following local students have been named to the Chatham University Falk School of Sustainability & Environment dean's list for the spring 2023 term. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must carry a GPA of at least 3.5 and complete a minimum of 12 credits for a letter grade.

- Sara Muders, Brookville

Indiana County NAACP invites community to Juneteenth commemoration

For The Spirit

INDIANA, Pa. — Indiana County NAACP invites the community to its annual Juneteenth Commemoration Cookout on Monday, June 19, at Mack Park.

Swimming for all ages will be available starting at 2 p.m., and the program opening will be at 5 p.m. at the pavilion. Activities will close at 9 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

This year's theme is Futurama: There's No Turning Back. The event will feature a healthy children's fair, special guests, and the dedication of a park bench in honor and memory of longtime Indiana County NAACP officer and member Sandra K. Williams, formerly of Creekside.

The event will also include live entertainment, music, dancing, delicious food, awards, raffles, membership opportunities and other fun activities.

Registration is required for this free event and can be completed on

Eventbrite.

Registration and information about sponsorships, donating, advertising and hosting a vendor table are also available by phone at 724-464-9152 and by email at naacp.Indiana.county@gmail.com. Payments may be made by Cash app at Snaacppa or by check or money order to Indiana County NAACP, PO Box 7, Indiana, PA 15701.

Juneteenth is also known as Freedom Day, Emancipation Day, and Jubilee Day. It represents one of the most important moments in the nation's history, the end of legalized slavery by the last state to do so — Texas, in 1865. More than 150 years later, on June 17, 2021, Juneteenth became a federal holiday that is recognized in 50 states, most of which offer it as a paid holiday.

Indiana County NAACP has held its annual Juneteenth Commemoration Cookout for approximately 25 years. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Recently the Punxsy Borough assumed management of the George C. Brown Community Pool. In doing so, they issued a statement that this year there would be no pool passes. This means that many of the former pass holders will not be able to frequent the pool due to the financial restraint this places on them.

George C. Brown did not give the pool to the community to make a profit from it. He donated the property and paid for the pool to provide recreation. He made it possible for anyone to learn the life skill of swimming, not just those who can afford it. Reynoldsville, DuBois and Indiana all have season passes. Why? Because community pools need to be affordable to anyone in the community. It must be available to all who wish to swim. The pool is not here to necessarily make money, but to learn to swim, recreate and socialize.

Also among those frequenting the pool are the elders who seek relief from aches and pains, those who water walk for exercise, and those who seek the soothing calm of the water. We meet, we swim, we talk, we laugh, we compare notes on parenting and we watch our children learn. But not this year, not without the option of a season pass.

Let me share some

math. A family of five can swim for \$8. Individual passes are \$5 per day. A family of eight, six kids and two adults, would pay \$23 for one day, \$115 for a five-day week; \$460 for one month and a whopping \$1,380 for the summer! Even going three days a week amounts to over \$800 for the summer. Did whoever thought this up forget that we live in an economically disadvantaged area, and that you are significantly restricting a large portion of people who frequent the pool? I implore the borough to revisit this decision, read-just it or reject it.

— Sandy Pavlak, Punxsutawney

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Police Reports

PSP-Punxsy

- Police are investigating a report of identity theft at 11:19 a.m. May 19 on Tunnel Hill Road in Rose Township, Jefferson County.

- Police responded to a report of harassment at 2:55 p.m. May 19 on Belgiumtown Road in Rose Township, Jefferson County. The juvenile arrestee reportedly shoved the victim.

- Police responded to a one-vehicle crash at 2:15 p.m. May 18 on Route 30 in Union Township, Jefferson County. A 2005 Dodge Durango went out of control down an embankment, then left the scene. The driver was later identified. The crash is under investigation.

- Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at 5:01 p.m. May 19 on Route 36 in Gaskill Township, Jefferson County. A 2009 Subaru Impreza made a U-turn and struck a 2004 Honda Element. No injuries were reported. The driver of the first vehicle was cited.

PSP-DuBois

- Police conducted a traffic stop at 9:38 p.m. May 20 on Larkeytown Road in Sandy Township, Clearfield County. The driver was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of a controlled substance. Charges are pending.

- Police conducted a traffic stop at 7:10 p.m. May 17 on Holiday Lane in Sandy Township, Clearfield County. A

K-9 detected an odor of narcotics, but consent to search the vehicle was denied. It was subsequently impounded until a warrant

was obtained May 18. Suspected methamphetamine and assorted drug paraphernalia reportedly were found. Charges are

pending.

- Police cited a Jeff Tech student for harassment after an incident at the school at 9:36 a.m. May 2.

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Pat Patterson, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Publisher of the Courier Express/Tri-County Weekend, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following

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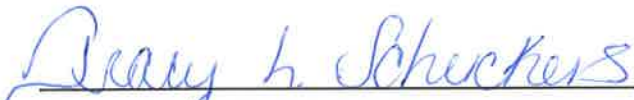
That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

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CLEARFIELD COUNTY DEEDS

CLEARFIELD — The following deeds have been filed in the office of Clearfield County Register and Recorder Maureen Inlow from May 3 to May 10:

- Gwendolyn Ruth Walker, to Krista A. Verne, property in Troutville Borough, \$1.
- Sandra Thomas and Blair M. Thomas, to Robert Timothy Weise and Christine Ann Weise, property in Girard Township, \$58,000.
- Scott E. Nishida and Heather D. Kovalick, to Scott E. Nishida, property in Bradford Township, \$25,000.
- Brian K. McIntyre, to Deanna J. Kennedy and Michael J. Rupinski, properties in Beccaria Township, \$50,000.
- Bonnie Winters, to Arthur R. Winters, property in Decatur Township, \$1.
- Paula Jean Stapel, to Matthew Scott Graham and Kristen Anne Graham, property in Sandy Township, \$220,000.
- Lori L. Srock, to Elizabeth K. Klopfenstein and Stephen A. Wilcox, property in Sandy Township, \$242,500.
- Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau and Dennis L. Hodges Sr., to Jeffrey Zeigler, property in Sandy Township, \$400.
- PHH Mortgage Corporation and REO Management Solutions LLC, to Alisha D. Himes, property in Huston Township, \$69,000.
- John Leroy Smeal,

to Daniel W. Smeal and Margaret A. Smeal, property in Bigler Township, \$1.

- Sharon L. Seger, to Angela Marie Young, property in Pike Township, \$58,500.
- Karen Haky, Michael Haky, Darlene McFate and Okie McFate, to Ricky Pape and Jo Ellen Pape, property in DuBois City, \$1.
- Clifford R. Henry and Theresa M. Henry, to Michael A. Henry and Stephanie D. Henry, property in Jordan Township, \$39,000.
- Joyce E. Davidson and Elaine Marie Hunter, to Sharon Ann Jenkins, properties in Bell Township, \$37,580.
- Mary K. Swoop, to Jared M. Keith, property in Bigler Township, \$6,500.
- Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau and Walter L. Passmore, to Robin W. Shomo, property in Mahaffery Borough, \$500.
- Clearfield County Tax Claim Bureau, Michael Pearce and Rhea Pearce, to Eugene D. Garber Jr. and Rose V. Garber Jr., property in Burnside Township, \$2,000.
- Coleen B. Kronenwetter, Karen A. Scull and Arnold Living Trust, to Steven W. Kronenwetter, Colleen B. Kronenwetter, Jess D. Kronenwetter and Nicole Kronenwetter, property in Sandy Township, \$5,000.
- Clearfield County

Sheriff, Matthew J. Hayward and M&T Bank, to M&T Bank, property in Osceola Mills Borough, \$1,816.

- Alfred E. Swatsworth and Freda C. Swatsworth, to Gregg E. Swatsworth, property in Lawrence Township, \$1.
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- David Tutokey and Betty Lou Tutokey, to Alexander W. Delong, property in Bradford Township, \$237,000.
- Dawn L. Aughenbaugh, to Michael W. Owens III and Ashley N. Owens, properties in Curwensville Borough, \$40,000.
- Evan Farrell and Tessa Farrell, to Wayne S. Buzzard and Mary A. Buzzard, property in Clearfield Borough, \$130,000.
- Richard A. Funke and Cynthia R. Funke, to Richard A. Funke, property in Clearfield Borough, \$1.
- Melissa A. Shaw, Cheryl D. Hrenko, Patrick Hrenko and Mary Elizabeth White, to Joshua M. Weymer and Ashlynn M. Marshall, properties in Osceola Mills Borough, \$71,400.
- Mary E. White and Katherine A. Ruffatto, to Justin W. Conaway and Brandi N. Conaway, property in Boggs Township, \$100,000.
- Alma L. Campbell,

to Frederick M. Campbell and George E. Campbell, property in Brady Township, \$1.

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- Richard L. Laurent, and Janice G. Laurent, to Brian P. Laurent and Pamela S. Laurent, property in Sandy Township, \$1.
- Kurt Blose, Kayla Blose and Luke Bernard, to Ronald Thompson and Kristen Thompson, property in Sandy Township, \$400.
- Robert A. Timblin and Mary Timblin, to David Kennedy II and Charlotte Kennedy, property in Girard Township, \$10,000.
- Scott Sharp and Carrie Sharp, to Timothy Klark and Laura E. Brown, property in Sandy Township, \$405,000.
- Property Development LLC, to Frank Robinson, properties in Goshen, Brady, Bradford, Greenwood, Boggs, Decatur and Bloom Townships, \$1.
- Charles R. Medzie and Donna L. Medzie, to Bonnie Gomola and Donald Gomola, property in Morris Township, \$1.
- Harry Andrew Seibel, Amy Seibel, Robert Morris Seibel, Pattara Seibel, Carl Elmer Seibel, Melissa Lucille Bratcher Seibel, Eugene Marshall Shoop Jr. and Christine Bennett Shoop, to Timothy J. Sabol and Donna J.

Sabol, property in Girard Township, \$150,000.

- Victoria L. Holbert, Victoria Richner and Chad Richner, to Jennifer Nicole Dechaves, property in Curwensville Borough, \$60,150.
- Marya J. Reinbott, to Dry Hollow Rentals LLC, property in Bigler Township, \$30,000.
- Steven K. Smith and Judith K. Smith, to Kelly A. Wood and Steven K. Smith Family Irrevocable Trust, properties in Sandy Township, \$1.
- Evan Mitchell, to Zarnigor Yakhyoeva, property in Bigler Township, \$7,500.
- Anne V. Hawkins, to Herbert Hawkins Jr., property in Glenn Hope Borough, \$1.
- Lanette M. Potutchnig and Daniel Potutchnig, to Nathan Ferrel, property in Beccaria Township, \$1.
- Gary W. McGarvey, Clark W. McGarvey, Gertrude E. Adam and Wilna A. Thurston, to Gary W. McGarvey, property in Chest Township, \$1.
- Clearfield County Sheriff, William L. Royer Jr. and Denise A. Graham, to UMB Bank and LVS Title Trust XIII, property in Curwensville Borough, \$1,597.
- Scott Perry, Denise A. Perry and Denise A. Graham, to Patricia L. Perry, property in Sandy Township, \$1.
- Brian M. Julie and Maria Lepon, to Sunnysvale LLC and Cory Gump,

property in Lawrence Township, \$90,000.

- Troy E. Lucas and Angela D. Lucas, to Angela D. Lucas, properties in Karthaus Township, \$1.
- Kirstan A. Eger, to Timothy M. Eberhart and Kathleen S. Eberhart, property in Lawrence Township, \$169,500.
- Gregory Kay, Gregory S. Kay Sr., Debra D. Kay and Debra D. Baine, to Sean Domanick and Shantelle Domanick, properties in Decatur Township, \$1.
- Adam S. Curry and Kayla M. Curry, to Adam S. Curry and Heather Curry, property in Pike Township, \$1.
- Richard A. Witherow, Kathleen Witherow, Dennis R. Witherow, Donald D. Witherow and Angela Witherow, to Gabriel K. Ponist and Laura D. Kohute, property in Houtzdale Borough, \$85,000.
- Gary E. Pfaff, Jeffrey S. Pfaff, Janice Anderson and Paul Anderson, to Emanuel J. Raber and Sarah J. Raber, properties in Brady Township, \$100,000.
- Treasure Lake Property Owners Association Inc, to Thomas E. Scull, Stephanie Marie Scull and Allen K. Scull, property in Sandy Township, \$250.
- Treasure Lake Property Owners Association Inc, to Dustin E. Obuchowski and Kaylyn I. Obuchowski, property in Sandy Township, \$250.

Pa. high court appears split over plan to force power plants to pay for carbon emissions

By MARC LEVY

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Justices on Pennsylvania's Supreme Court indicated Wednesday that they are likely to have split opinions on whether a governor has the right to force power plant owners to pay for their planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions, or whether he first needs approval from a Legislature that refuses to go along with the plan.

Hanging in the balance is Pennsylvania's effort to become the first major fossil fuel-producing state to adopt carbon pricing.

On Wednesday, the state's highest court listened to arguments on whether a lower court was right last summer to halt Pennsylvania's participation in a multistate consortium that imposes a price and declining cap on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

But the justices repeatedly turned the conversation to the underlying legal question still being considered by the lower court: whether former Gov. Tom Wolf usurped the Legislature's constitutional authority to approve any form of taxation.

In that dispute, Republican lawmakers contend the carbon-trading plan is an unconstitutional tax because it lacks legislative approval; state lawyers contend it is a fee that a state agency has the authority to impose to operate a program.

Justice Christine Donohue, a Democrat, suggested it might be difficult to rule on one issue without settling the other.

"I don't even know how we would make that holding without tipping

our hand as to whether or not it's a tax or a fee and we just don't play 'hide the coin' that way," Donohue told a lawyer for Senate Republicans.

At stake is no small amount of money: Pennsylvania would have raised more than \$1 billion had it begun participating in 2022 when Wolf intended, according to calculations by the Natural Resources Defense Council, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group.

Taking part in the consortium became the central plank in Wolf's plan to fight global warming. It also is a political minefield for Gov. Josh Shapiro, Wolf's successor and a fellow Democrat who was endorsed by labor unions that fought the plan.

The high court comprises four justices elected as Democrats, two as Republicans and one vacancy.

Justice Kevin Brobson, a Republican, signaled a number of objections to the plan.

At one point, he questioned whether the cost of the carbon-dioxide allowances that power plants would have to buy is too excessive to be considered a fee that pays for a regulatory process.

Then he suggested the plan is a "chicken and egg thing" through which an agency imposes a fee before deciding how to spend it, an avenue that he said could be abused by agencies with an underfunded program.

"Then aren't we by-passing the General Assembly's authority and the governor's authority and we're just basically allowing agencies to pump up their inadequate funds and just build these coffers?" Brobson asked a lawyer representing Shapiro's administration.

The lawyer, Matthew White, said the money must be spent in accordance with the state's air pollution laws and that the regulation envisions the money being used to enhance energy-efficiency programs, renewable energy usage and efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

White also said there is no evidence that the fees are adequate to address the problem of greenhouse gas pollution.

Democratic justices closely questioned assertions by a lawyer for Senate Republicans that the carbon-pricing plan cannot legally be a fee, partly because it works through regional auctions that impose costs and requirements on power plants in certain states, but not others.

"So because it doesn't address everything, it shouldn't address anything in terms of region-

al impact?" Donohue asked.

Donohue also seemed to suggest that the aims of the carbon-pricing program could be protected by an environmental rights amendment to Pennsylvania's constitution.

Shapiro has maintained that he does not support entering the consortium, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, on Wolf's terms.

But he continues to fight for it in court and his top environmental protection appointee told lawmakers in March that joining the consortium is "a vehicle" that could help meet Shap-

iro's "strong and very aspirational goals" to help the environment.

Republican lawmakers, fossil fuel interests, industrial power users and trade unions oppose it, saying it will hurt the state's energy industry and drive up electric bills.

State officials, independent researchers and environmental advocates say the money reaped through the auction of emission allowances would stabilize electricity bills, or lower them, while cutting greenhouse gas emissions and helping transition fossil fuel workers into new industries.

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Tractors

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most tractors are driven right off the trailer, unhooked and hosed down to look spiffy.

Last year, several tractors went home from the school's parking lot around lunchtime, before the kids who drove them left the school, because the tractors were needed on the farm. The students found another way home.

"I just want for the kids to have a good, safe day," Hay said. His grandfather owned a farm near Berlin and his parents live there now. He admits he knows something about driving a tractor. He enjoys engaging with the kids and every year he has two of them oversee the event.

For the 2023 graduates, the leaders are Luke Housley, of Friedens, and Tyler Zimmerman, of Somerset. They were all smiles at the school's parking lot at the end of the journey that included about 25 tractors and even more students.

"It is a great tradition to keep going," Housley said. "This year we had record numbers. It is really great."

Zimmerman said the event is something everyone enjoys.

"It is a day for us to do something fun at the end of the year. We get smiles from everyone we pass," he said.

The tractors were driven first to the Summit Diner in Somerset for breakfast. The Summit Diner opened an hour early to accommodate them. From there, they drove their equipment up



Don Shinn with his grandchildren, Carly Richard, a senior, and Westley Richard, in junior high, at the Somerset Area High School parking lot after driving tractors to school Thursday. JUDY D.J. ELLICH/DAILY AMERICAN

North Center Avenue onto West Main Street to Franklin Avenue, which led them to the school's parking lot. Along the way, small groups of watchers gathered at the intersections, laughing, waving and taking pictures. A larger group of fans did the same as the parade passed the field house and down the street to the parking lot, where the parade ended. Some of the observers were wrapped in blankets for the chilly morning. It was a festive and energized atmosphere along the route.

"To me it is a fabulous event, because it shows the importance of agriculture," said Don Shinn, who came to the event to support all the kids, and specifically his two grandchildren driving in the parade. "It gives the kids an opportunity to

show off what they like about agriculture."

His granddaughter, Carly Richard, a senior and the county FFA president, smiled at her grandfather and then said, "I have to get to school" as she grabbed her school materials.

Thursday was also awards day for seniors in the Somerset Area School District.

Shinn and his daughter, Donna Richard, watched as Donna's children, Carly and Wesley, an eighth-grader, took off, and then said, "We all know that kids love tractors."

The tractors ran the gamut from collector models to brand-new equipment to everything in between. What they all had in common was a teenager driving them, proud to be part of rural Somerset County's farming heritage.

Hay admitted it is a little nerve-racking with the students driving heavy equipment on the town's streets. He followed the parade of about 25 tractors driving a tractor from West Central Equipment.

"I wanted to make sure none of the kids were left in the dust, like with a stalled tractor," he said.

None were. "It is just for the kids to have a good day," Hay said.

Memorial Day

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Windber

Windber VFW Post 4795 and members of the local churches will place flags at the gravesites of military veterans around Windber cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day. Windber will celebrate Memorial Day with a parade at 10 a.m. Services will follow in Windber Veterans Park.

This year's guest speaker is Sarah Hamilton, a homeschooled high school junior who was born in Johnstown, and lived in Richland with her three siblings and her parents, Ron and Robin Hamilton.

Jenners

A rededication ceremony for the newly-updated Jenner Community Veterans Honor Roll will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Jenner Rod & Gun Club, 5154 Front St., Jenners. In addition, the ceremony will honor two Purple Heart veterans and feature Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar, the Somerset County commissioners and the Somerset Honor Guard.

Somerset

Memorial Day will be observed at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Somerset County Courthouse in a ceremony sponsored by the Somerset Memorial Day Committee.

A parade will follow immediately after the ceremony.

The ceremony will include patriotic readings, speakers, musical selections and the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the County's war monuments.

This year's guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. Walter Piatt. Piatt enlisted in the Army in 1979 after graduating from Somerset Area High School. Piatt served in numerous positions all over the world including tours in Korea, Panama, Hawaii, Alaska and Germany. He completed several operational deployments to include Suriname, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, and published two

books from his experience in Afghanistan.

A flag will be presented posthumously to Master Sgt. John Chapman, a member of a special forces team of Army Rangers and Navy Seals, who died under heavy enemy fire in Afghanistan on March 4, 2002. Killed while attempting to rescue a fellow American soldier who had toppled from a Chinook helicopter onto the Mountain Takur Ghar during Operation Anaconda. Chapman has been awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions. Although a native of Connecticut, Sgt. Chapman's wife and family are from Windber, where he is interred at St. Mary's Byzantine Church. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Rita Novak of Windber, will receive the flag.

During the observance, the Somerset County Honor Guard and Rifle Squad will present the colors and perform a 21-

gun salute following the traditional wreath-laying ceremony. The Rev. Brenda Shaffer of the Grace United Methodist Church of Somerset will offer the invocation and benediction. The Somerset Area High School Band and the Somerset Community Band, and the Somerset Area High School Choral Ensemble, will perform patriotic musical and vocal selections.

Somerset Troop #131, Cub Scout Pack #131, and Friedens Troop #152 of the Boy Scouts of America will raise the colors and conduct the flag-folding ceremony and presentation. Somerset Girl Scout Troop #52906 will assist with program distribution and participate in the ceremony.

Meyersdale

A Memorial Day celebration will be held at dusk on Sunday at the Paul Fuller Playground in Meyersdale.

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DDAP acting secretary receives recognition for treatment efforts

FOR THE REVIEW

Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

PITTSBURGH— The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) announced that Acting Secretary Dr. Latika Davis-Jones was honored by Three Rivers Youth as a recipient of the Nellie Leadership Award for her contributions to the drug and alcohol field.

Three River Youth (TRY) was founded in 1880 and provides programs and services designed to help youth, adults, and families who are at risk of developing a substance use disorder (SUD), experiencing homelessness, unemployment, and other hardships. TRY's mission includes combating those hardships, enhancing educational opportunities, and building life skills for youth and families they serve.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized by Three Rivers Youth – an organization whose mission is very near and dear to my heart," said Davis-Jones. "As the leader of DDAP, this award has a profound effect on me and the work that my department does every day to serve historically underrepresented and vulnerable Pennsylvanians."

Annually, TRY provides behavioral health, SUD services in prevention, intervention, treatment, assessments, outreach, and recovery supports, foster care, in-home

family preservation and homelessness programs and services to over 5,500 youth, adults, and families.

The Nellie Leadership Award was presented to Dr. Davis-Jones at TRY's 2023 Nellie Leadership Awards Gala on May 19.

Under Governor Josh Shapiro's leadership, Dr. Davis-Jones is placing continued focus on improving and expanding access to high-quality SUD treatment and recovery programs, while implementing evidenced-based and data-driven prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery strategies as part of a multidisciplinary approach to tackling the overdose crisis.

This multidisciplinary approach can be seen through her accomplishments since assuming the role of Acting Secretary. Since January, DDAP has awarded:

- nearly \$9 million in grant funding to four Single County Authorities (SCAs) to establish or expand crisis stabilization services for individuals with co-occurring mental health and SUDs
- \$4 million in grant funding for the establishment of regional recovery hubs to enhance resources for individuals in recovery and promote recovery within communities across Pennsylvania; and
- more than \$6 million in grant funding for organizations to establish or expand SUD services, community outreach and education to underrepresented and underserved communities.



Photo provided by Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs Acting Secretary Dr. Latika Davis-Jones recently received the Nellie Leadership Award for her contributions to the drug and alcohol field. Three Rivers Youth presented the award to Davis-Jones.

SEARCHES

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improve given their decline overtime. The disparities peaked in 2008 when Black and Hispanic drivers were 3.0 and 2.6 times more likely to be subject to a discretionary search than white drivers.

Researchers also found disparities in the rates of seizures during discretionary stops. The seizure rate for such searches conducted in 2022 is much higher in general across racial and ethnic groups than rates from between 2002 and 2010, according to the report. But differences remain.

As in previous analyses, the researchers found police most often seized items — including drugs, weapons, and money — from the cars of white drivers.

During searches based on probable cause or reasonable suspicion, where troopers had reason to believe the driver could be committing a crime, they found items to seize in 75.8% of cars of white drivers, 73.5% cars of Black drivers, and 65.1% cars of Hispanic drivers. In searches initiated only with the consent of the driver, troopers seized items in 52.4% of the vehicles of white drivers, 41.5% of the vehicles of Black drivers, and 32.9% of the vehicles of Hispanic drivers.

The 2022 analysis is the first in more than a decade after State Police ceased collecting traffic stop data in 2012.

State Police announced in 2021 that they would again have Engel independently analyze traffic stop data. The announcement followed a 2019 Spotlight PA investigation that found the department halted the practice without explanation or public notice.

Engel and her team were slated to produce their first new report by April 2022, but the researchers found the first year of data unusable because 85% of trooper stations did not record demographic information during all types of traffic stops.

This was mostly because troopers in some stations did not realize they had to complete the form for stops that resulted in only a verbal warning, Engel told Spotlight PA last year.

The newest report examines stop outcomes, but does not examine whether certain drivers are more likely to be pulled over than others. This is because the research team was unable to find a reliable benchmark to use to compare the data.

In 2022, Pennsylvania

State Police made 441,329 traffic stops. Of those, officers marked 71.1% as white, 14.4% as Black, and 8.2% as Hispanic. Officers are required to rely on their perception to record race or ethnicity, a common practice among departments that collect data to better understand how an officer's bias might affect policing outcomes.

But comparing these findings to the most readily available benchmark, residential population, is inadequate, Engel said at the news conference, because where people live is not necessarily the same as where they drive.

"It doesn't tell you where you drive, when you drive, how you drive, what you drive, whether or not there's an organizational enforcement in a particular community at a community's request, whether or not there's a DUI traffic point as part of your travels," Engel said. "There's a whole host of reasons why you could be stopped or at risk of being stopped, none of which is measured by the residential

census population."

Engel's team attempted to find a better benchmark in the early 2000s with assistance from Pennsylvania State University students, who sat beside roads and interstates across the state to observe the characteristics of drivers. The results confirmed the people driving in an area are not necessarily the same as the people living in that area.

Decades of research have not produced a reliable, affordable way of finding a benchmark comparison, Engel said, so "that's why it's so important to take that next step and say okay, given that a stop has been made, what do we see in terms of the treatment of motorists after that stop is made and that's the best indicator that we have."

In the newest report, the researchers made several recommendations for State Police. They encouraged the agency to continue to refine data collection methods; assess patterns and trends in traffic stops at the troop and station levels; and enhance accountability and

oversight mechanisms for trooper conduct during traffic stops, particularly those that result in a consent search.

The researchers also recommended continued study of the department's specialized "criminal interdiction" training courses, which are designed to prevent crimes from occurring on state highways.

While citizens often demand training to address issues such as implicit bias or deescalation in policing, few studies have determined if these courses actually affect police behavior, Engel said.

"This is true across all types of police training and it's true across the country, which is why the Pennsylvania State Police willingness for an outside research team to come in and look at and study their criminal interdiction training is quite significant," she said.

State Police Commissioner Christopher Paris endorsed Engel's work Tuesday and said the department would continue to use the findings to

improve police services.

"I fundamentally believe in all sectors that which gets measured gets improved," he said at the news conference. "...The fact that we can track this data over time, you know, really we think is only a positive, so I would expect our members to embrace this."

Throughout 2022, the researchers audited the data to identify additional collection issues and ensure the number of stops officers recorded matched the stops in the department's dispatch system.

"I am really thrilled to say the error rate is well below 10%," Engel said Tuesday, "and for the missing data fields, it's in the less than 1%," well below the threshold the researchers established.

The researchers will work with State Police through 2025 and plan to provide annual reports to the department for the next two years. The four-year contract will cost State Police \$696,000.

This is the second time State Police have partnered

with Engel to examine traffic stop data for evidence of racial disparities. Officials initially told Spotlight PA they stopped collecting the data because the analysis, which spanned 2002 to 2010, showed no evidence that troopers conducted traffic stops based on race or ethnicity.

While Spotlight PA's review confirmed that researchers did not find evidence that state troopers stopped Black and Hispanic people at a disproportionate rate, the analysts did find that once pulled over, troopers subjected people of color to searches more often than white people.

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A very kindhearted woman, Sharon devoted her career to the care of others. After graduating from the Robert Packer School of Nursing, she served as a nurse for her entire working life in Mechanicsburg and Lebanon, Pa. Throughout her life, she maintained her deep curiosity, always up to date on the latest news

in politics and sports, and of the achievements of her sons and grandchildren, for whom she had tremendous pride.

She is survived by three sons, Wardell II, James, and Jon Jackson, and six grandchildren, Wardell III "Jay", Dessie, Ariel, Samuel, Kailey, and Evan Jackson.

A memorial mass was held at St. James Catholic Church, Waverly NY, at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

Elsie Jean Winston

Elsie Jean Winston, 82, of Hagerstown, MD passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 16, 2023 in Commonwealth Senior Living, Hagerstown.

Born Nov. 11, 1940 in Sayre Pa., she was the daughter of the late Gordon and Frances (Horton) Langford.

Elsie known as Jean to family and friends, attended Athen's area schools graduating in 1958. She then attended Robert Packer School of Nursing graduating in 1961.

Jean lived and worked in the Philadelphia area for years. While living there she went back to school earning a Business Degree. She then went to work for Pfizer and relocated with the company to Clermont, FL.

After her retirement, she volunteered visiting hospital patients with her beloved dog, Hayley. She volunteered at the local hospital's emergency room and then moved on to volunteer at hospice.

Jean was an avid reader and she enjoyed playing the piano, golfing, and watching ice skating, basketball, and football. She was involved with social activities at

Kings Ridge Clermont FL, where she made her home.

Jean is survived by four children, Elizabeth "Betsy" Winston and her husband Gene of Colorado, Mark Winston and his wife Jody of Manie, Scott Winston of Pennsylvania, and Susan Smith and her husband Jim of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, Matthew Winston and his wife Samantha of Maine and Brianna Flag and her husband, Darrell of Manie; and two great-grandchildren, Lydia and Adelyn; a sister; Sharon Knudsen and her husband Flemming of Chambersburg, Pa.; a brother; Ralph Langford of Idaho; brother-in-law; Charles Rossi of New York; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents Jean is preceded in death by a sister Shirley Rossi, and her sister-in-law Doris Langford.

Arrangements are entrusted to SimpleChoice Cremation Services Inc., Chambersburg, Pa.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to your local SPCA Chapter.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.simple-choicecremation.com.

Shirley M. Ropp

Shirley M. Ropp, 89, of Bath, NY, formerly of Sayre, Pa. passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2023, at the Steuben Center, Bath, NY, following an extended illness.

She was born on Oct. 29, 1933, in Scranton, Pa., the daughter of the late David and Elizabeth Parfrey.

Shirley was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Waverly, NY and was very involved in the church. She loved to listen to music and singing. She enjoyed arts and craft, loved reading, and watching scary movies.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by husband Harry C. Ropp, sons Harry Clifford Ropp and David C. Ropp, daughters Shara Buell and Melissa Ropp, and grandchildren Ricky Sinsabaugh and Anne Ropp.

Shirley is survived by her son Michael Ropp, grandchildren Christopher Buell, Timothy Buell, Rasha Clark, and Anthony Sinsabaugh, and great-grandchildren Mitchell Buell, Rey Sinsabaugh,

Janeah Thomas, Janelle Thomas, Jacob Ropp, and Tyler Ropp.

Following Shirley's wishes, services will be private for the family. The family is being assisted by Lowery-Urban Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Athens, Pa. At Shirley's request,

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Local News

Burham to be extradited back to Jamestown

By JOHN WHITTAKER

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Following his capture Wednesday in South Carolina, Michael Burham will be extradited back to Jamestown.

The FBI, along with its law enforcement partners, arrested Burham, 34, on federal and multiple state arrest warrants late Wednesday afternoon, following a multi-day manhunt. Burham was arrested in South Carolina near the Berkeley-Charleston county line. Authorities credit an observant Berkeley County resident who spotted Burham near his home and immediately called 911. Responding law enforcement agencies used K-9s to track Burham, which aided in his arrest. No one was injured when Burham was taken into custody.

"He obviously looked like he had been in the woods for some time," Berkeley County Sheriff Duane Lewis told reporters about his Wednesday capture, according to an ABC News report. "We gave him some water ... he blurted out that you know he had been on the run and he wanted something to drink."

Burham had been on the run since May 11, when Jamestown police began investigating a homicide on Williams Street, Jamestown. By May 15 arrest warrants had been issued for Burham in relation to a car fire on Fulton Street at the same time Burham was wanted for questioning in the death of Hodgkin. The 34-year-old man also is wanted on charges of first-degree rape and unlawful imprisonment stemming from a March 13, 2023, incident to his most recent charges in New York of third-degree arson, fourth-degree criminal mischief, endangering the welfare of a child and two counts of second-degree criminal contempt and the FBI warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution that was issued in U.S. District Court on Monday.

"Jamestown Police have been working this case with our law enforcement partners at the local, state and federal level, since May 11, 2023, after the homicide of Kala Hodgkin," said Jamestown Police Capt. Robert Samuelson. "Through this collaboration, law enforcement agencies, across sever-



Michael Burham

al states, were able to safely bring Michael Burham into custody. We thank the community for their tips and support throughout these past 13 days."

On Saturday, more than a week after the Jamestown homicide and fire, Burham allegedly kidnapped a Sheffield couple whose family notified police they were missing when they didn't attend a soccer game with the rest of their family. The missing couple were found in South Carolina at 6:30 a.m. Sunday at a cemetery in North Charleston and told police they had been kidnapped at gunpoint. The couple was unharmed.

The search intensified from there. Burham began. Burham had reportedly been sighted multiple times in the following days in the North Charleston area. A Berkeley County sheriff's deputy encountered Burham on Tuesday, but Burham ran for another day until he was caught.

"Every single law enforcement team, from Buffalo to South Carolina, was determined and committed to finding this dangerous man,"

said Matthew Miraglia, special agent-in-charge of the FBI Buffalo Field Office. "Burham had evaded law enforcement long enough. I am thankful no one was injured and grateful to all the law enforcement agencies that came together and of course, the community members who provided tips along the way. We all came together. Our communities are safer tonight because of those efforts."

Agencies involved in the roughly two-week search include the FBI Buffalo Field Office, Jamestown Police Department, Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office, New York State Police, Dunkirk Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, FBI Pittsburgh, FBI Columbia, and all the agencies that assisted with the arrest in Charleston, South Carolina, including: SLED, the U.S. Marshals, SC PPP, Charleston County Sheriff's Office, SC DNR, North Charleston Police Department, Summerville Police Department, City of Charleston Police Department and Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Two guilty pleas entered during hearings

By JOSH COTTON

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Two guilty pleas were entered while one defendant was held for court as a result of preliminary hearings held Wednesday at the Warren County Courthouse.

The following defendants entered guilty pleas:

Justin E. Mueller, 38, Warren, to theft.

A count of receiving stolen property was withdrawn.

Nicholas G. Reardon, 20, Warren, to disorderly conduct. A count of terroristic threats was withdrawn.

William W. Birchard, 23, Warren, was held for court. Birchard has been charged with two counts of strangulation, simple assault, disorderly conduct, harassment and criminal mischief.



Times Observer photos by Brian Ferry

Beaty-Warren Middle School eighth graders, Kobe Zaffino (left) and Michael Lore, attach the igniters to the engine in their rocket Thursday during Rocket Day.



Pictured in the photo on the left are Beaty-Warren Middle School eighth graders, Paiden Johnson (left) and Attie Corey, loading the parachute into their rocket at the recovery system table Thursday at Rocket Day. And, the photo on the right shows Beaty-Warren Middle School eighth graders, Desiree Hilliard (left) and Kyrielle Bailey, attaching the igniters to the engine in the rocket Thursday at Rocket Day.

Rockets...

Then, they moved to the engine table for engines. Each group's first engine was an A - the smallest amount of propulsion, with altitudes up to 500 feet. On subsequent launches, groups could opt for B and even C engines, that have the potential to send rockets over 1,500 feet into the sky.

Groups then waited for their turns at the launch

table. They placed their rockets on the launch pads, attached igniters, and stood back and counted down before sending electrical signals into the engines to fire them.

More often than not, the rockets took off on the first try. Some required a little more encouragement - or a new igniter.

Most students charged off after launch to catch or

pick up their rockets. But, properly packed parachute or not, some rockets were not recoverable.

Toward the end of the day, two consecutive rockets rode the wind south and west. One was last seen floating in Conewango Creek. The other crossed the creek and disappeared among trees in the backyard of a Water Street residence.

Flags...

"I think all the clubs feel this is a good way for us all to jointly work on a project that's important to our communities," he said.

The rising cost of the flags, which will then be up all summer, has outstripped

what the clubs can fund on their own.

"The City of Warren and several other community organizations assist us to a great degree," Reed said. "But I think we'll start to look for more financial sup-

port, including charitable foundations in our efforts."

The flags have been a decades-long tradition.

Three of the flags were raised for the first time in 1968 while the Seneca flag was added in 1986.

On The Record

Persons with information that can assist police may call local police agencies directly or, if confidentiality is desired, may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-83-CRIME

W. Warren County - District Judge Todd Woodin

Katie L. Ellsworth, 35, Erie, was charged by City of Warren police on May 23 with criminal trespass - enter structure and criminal mischief from an incident that occurred on May 22 in the City of Warren.

James T. Kerle, 25, Strattonville, Pa., was charged by City of Warren police on May 23 with aggravated assault, two counts of terroristic threats, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, defiant trespass and public drunkenness from an incident that occurred on May 23 in the City of Warren.

Jacob R. Stover, 26, Oil City, Pa., was charged by Warren-based Pennsylvania State Police on May 22 with two counts of DUI and two traffic violations from an incident that occurred on May 2 in Eldred Twp.

Charges...

One of the three girls Champlin had previously been accused of assaulting testified at that hearing.

Following that hearing, which resulted in Champlin's case being bound over to the court of common pleas, Champlin was informed that he faced 17 counts of felony firearms possession.

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State police remind public of DUI dangers for Memorial Day

Pennsylvania State Police in Erie would like to remind the public about the dangers of driving while impaired with alcohol or drugs, a news release said.

This problem continues to persist, causing needless deaths every year. Police would like to tell everyone that if anyone plans on drinking alcohol, designate a sober driver.

Police would like to also caution citizens about the use of legal and illegal drugs.

Even the use of prescription drugs can also render an operator incapable of safe vehicle operation.

To combat the problem of impaired operators, the state police will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint sometime over the weekend of May 26 to 29 to deter driving under the influence infractions.

Police ask that everyone keep themselves and others safe, and don't drink and drive.

Jury selection wraps in Pittsburgh synagogue massacre with testimony expected Tuesday

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Jury selection concluded Thursday in the trial of a man charged with killing 11 worshippers at a Pittsburgh synagogue in the deadliest antisemitic attack in U.S. history.

Prosecutors and the defense agreed on a panel of 12 jurors and six alternatives who will hear the evidence against Robert Bowers, 50, in the 2018 massacre at Tree of Life synagogue.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Testimony is expected to begin Tuesday.

Jury selection began April 24, with each side grilling scores of potential jurors about their views on capital punishment. The jury consists of 11 women and seven men.

Bowers faces 63 counts in the Oct. 27, 2018, attack, including 11 counts of obstruction of free exercise of religion resulting in death and 11 counts of hate crimes resulting in death. Prosecutors have said Bowers made antisemitic comments at the scene of the attack and online.

Erie County Libraries celebrate HistERIE Week

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In addition, stop by any Erie County Public Library location to pick up an information packet containing maps, activities and a passport to document your visits (while supplies last).

Event organizer and librarian Jenny Martin says, "It is so fun to explore history in the library's Heritage Room, but also out there in the world. I hope everyone enjoys this week of discovery around Erie County."

For a full listing of events and registration information visit <https://eriecountypa.libguides.com/HistERIE2023>.

"We're so thankful to all the local museums, historical societies, history interest groups and library staff that are helping to make this possible," said Andrew Miller, Adult Services Manager. "Last year's HistERIE Week was a huge success, and we hope people will notice more of the history that's all around them after this year's event."

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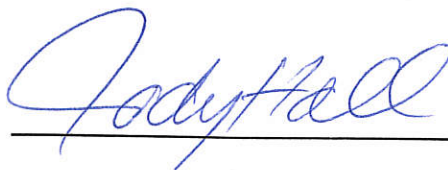
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Ford EV owners to get access to Tesla network next spring

By TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — All of Ford Motor Co.'s current and future electric vehicles will have access to about 12,000 Tesla Supercharger stations in the U.S. and Canada starting next spring.

Ford CEO Jim Farley and Tesla CEO Elon Musk announced the agreement



Mark J. Terrill — staff, AP

FILE — A Tesla auto charges on May 10, 2023, in Westlake, Calif. All of Ford Motor Co.'s current and future electric vehicles will have access to about 12,000 Tesla Supercharger stations starting in 2024.

Thursday during a "Twitter Spaces" audio chat.

"We think this is a huge move for our industry and for all electric customers," Farley said.

Musk said he didn't want Tesla's network to be a "walled garden" and that he wants to use it to support sustainable transportation.

"It is our intent to do everything possible to support Ford and have Ford be on an equal footing at Tesla Superchargers," Musk said.

Farley said there will be a cost to Ford owners, perhaps a monthly subscription, but he didn't give specifics. Details of any financial arrangement between Ford and Tesla were not announced.

At first, Ford's current electric vehicles will need an adapter to hook into the Tesla stations, which have their own connector. But Ford will switch to Tesla's North American Charging Standard connector with its second-generation EVs starting in 2025, Farley said.

Ford said Tesla's connector is smaller and lighter than those in use by other automakers.

Farley said Tesla's Super-

chargers have great locations.

"We love the locations. We love the reliability," he said. They will join Ford's own Blue Oval charging network which has about 10,000 fast-charging stations, he said.

Ford EV owners will be able to access the Tesla chargers seamlessly with Ford's app, Musk said.

Tesla has about 17,000 Supercharger stations in the U.S. There are about 54,000 public charging stations in the U.S., according to the Department of Energy, but many charge much more slowly than the Tesla stations.

The Ford-Tesla deal is separate from a plan to open part of Tesla's charging network to all EVs.

The White House announced in February that at least 7,500 chargers from Tesla's Supercharger and Destination Charger network would be available to non-Tesla electric vehicles by the end of 2024.

The chat between Musk, who last fall bought Twitter for \$44 billion, and Farley came off without the embarrassing technical glitches that plagued Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis' announcement

Wednesday that he was running for president.

With Musk, DeSantis released the news that he would seek the Republican nomination, but the chat was delayed by glitches for nearly

a half hour. Musk blamed it on straining of servers because so many were trying to listen in.

The Farley-Musk chat had a much smaller audience, than DeSantis, about 18,000 listeners at the start.

The number on the DeSantis chat topped out at 420,000, far from the millions who have watched televised presidential announcements. After the problems were fixed, the audience remained under 500,000.



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P.S. We read your column in the Tribune Chronicle. — **ANN H., NILES, OHIO**

Ann, what a clever idea! Do you grow roses, marigolds or other flowers? If so, you can make your own potpourri by drying out your flowers. After they are dry, remove the petals and spray them with a little essential oil in your favorite scent, poured in a spray bottle. You can put the petals in a glass jar and give them out as a gift, or scent your own home with your creation. — **HELOISE**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU CAN'T GET SPOILED IF YOU DO YOUR OWN IRONING. — MERYL STREEP

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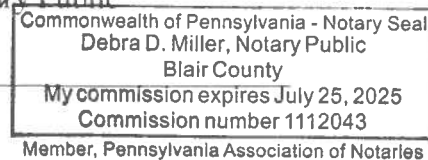


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My Commission expires



Home search leads to charges

Guy faces felony drug counts for large meth stash

By JULIE RAE RICKARD
For the Mirror

CLEARFIELD — A West Decatur man is facing felony drug charges for allegedly possessing a large quantity of methamphetamine.

Anthony Dominic Guy, 50, was charged by the state Office of Attorney General with felony possession with intent to deliver, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia in relation to a search of his home by state

parole agents in March.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, state parole agents discovered a bag with suspected methamphetamine during a home inspection of his residence. They applied for a warrant, and the home was searched.

This effort uncovered \$9,900 in cash, an "owe sheet," digital scales, pipes, a revolver and the bag, which had about 577 grams of crystal methamphetamine, according to the report.

After a preliminary hearing Wednesday during centralized court in Clearfield County, District Judge James Glass ruled that the

charges be sent on to the court of common pleas.

Guy remains in the county jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

In February 2022, Guy was sentenced to one to four years in state prison for misdemeanor simple assault and recklessly endangering another person, according to a previous article.

These charges stemmed from a robbery in Clearfield Borough in January 2021.

Police said the victim was attacked by Guy and Richard Allen Demko, 28, of Northern Cambria, after parking his vehicle at his home.

Demko asked "where's the money" and the victim refused to acknowledge the question leading to Demko taking a swing at him and then shooting him while they were on the back stoop of his home, according to the report.

The victim was able to pull himself into the residence and shut the door.

After pleading guilty, Demko was sentenced in March 2022 to serve three to six years in state prison for felony criminal attempt/robbery and 40 months to eight years for aggravated assault giving him a total minimum sentence of over six years and a maximum of 14 years.

City teen accused of television theft

From Mirror staff reports

A city teen is behind bars after being accused of stealing a 48-inch TV, an act allegedly captured on a neighbor's Blink camera, according to court documents.

Wyatt Bayden Hanley, 18, was arraigned Wednesday before Magisterial District Judge Andrew L. Blattenberger on a felony charge of burglary, misdemeanor charges of theft, receiving stolen property and possession of drug paraphernalia, along with summary charges of public drunkenness, purchasing alcohol by a minor and disorderly conduct.

Unable to post \$50,000 bail, he was remanded to the Blair County Prison. His preliminary hearing is set for Wednesday before Magisterial District Judge Benjamin F. Jones.

The victim told police that he left his home on the 2600 block of West Chestnut Avenue earlier Tuesday and when he returned, his TV was gone. The door had been unlocked for the landlord to complete work in the residence, the victim said.

The victim was told by a neighbor that a surveillance camera captured Han-

ley leaving the residence with the TV about 9:01 p.m. Police viewed the video and noticed juveniles addressing the man carrying the TV as "Wyatt," records state.

During the investigation, police noticed a man involved in a disturbance at a home on the 1500 block of 13th Street. During that incident, a woman called out "Wyatt." Police identified "Wyatt" as the man seen in the video, and during a search incident to arrest, police found a HDMI cord that belonged to the stolen TV, a homemade smoking device with residue and an empty C4 cannabis flower.

When police read Hanley his Miranda warnings, he denied wanting to speak with officers, the report states. Police stopped questioning Hanley at that time. A witness told police Hanley arrived at her residence and stated he had just stolen a TV from someone's house.

While at intake, Hanley blurted out that he drank two Four Loco alcoholic beverages and took a benzodiazepine. Hanley then said he knew that he would possibly go to jail, so he wanted to get drunk, court documents state.

Woman held on drug counts

Grimm charged after home search

From Mirror staff reports

An Altoona woman faces drug charges after a search of her apartment turned up fentanyl, methamphetamine and Suboxone.

Jennifer Rae Grimm, 40, was arraigned Wednesday night before Magisterial District Judge Andrew L. Blattenberger on felony charges of possession with intent to deliver and dealing in unlawful proceeds along with misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. Unable to post \$200,000 bail, she was remanded to the Blair County Prison.

Her preliminary hearing is set for June 6 before Magisterial District Judge Paula M. Aigner.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, police on patrol Wednesday morning were flagged down by the driver of a vehicle that just left a residence on the 1300 block of North Fourth Avenue in Logan Township. The driver, who was found to be operating a vehicle under a suspended driver's license, told police that he and his girlfriend just left Grimm's apartment where the girlfriend purchased a gram and a half of methamphetamine from Grimm for \$90. The girlfriend told police that she purchased methamphetamine from Grimm on numerous occasions and said Grimm had a lot more heroin in the house, along with a large amount of money related to selling drugs. She completed a written statement regarding the purchase of methamphetamine from Grimm, and a search warrant for Grimm's apartment was applied for and granted by Aigner, the report states.

A search of Grimm's apartment later that day turned up 105 stamp bags of fentanyl, about 30 grams of methamphetamine, 13 packs of Suboxone film strips and about 3,000 unused empty stamp bags and other paraphernalia related to the distribution of controlled substances, police reported.

After being read her Miranda warnings, Grimm told police that not everything in the house belonged to her. She said that last Tuesday she went to Philadelphia and purchased 40 bundles of fentanyl, according to court documents.

Man arraigned for throwing eggs, confetti from vehicles

From Mirror staff reports

A city man faces a number of charges after allegedly fleeing police who were investigating a report of eggs and confetti being thrown from vehicles.

Joshua Scott Novy, 29, was arraigned Thursday before Magisterial District Judge Fred B. Miller on a felony charge of fleeing police, two misdemeanor counts each of propulsion of missiles onto roadway and disorderly conduct, and multiple summary charges, including harassment, reckless driving, careless driving, driving without lights to avoid identification and speeding.

Unable to post 10% of \$25,000 bail, he was remanded to the Blair County Prison.

His preliminary hearing is Wednesday before Magisterial District Judge Benjamin F. Jones.

Police responded to the 2900 block of Broad Avenue at 11:39 p.m. Wednesday for a report of people in two vehicles throwing eggs and confetti at a male victim.

The victim said he wasn't hurt, and police observed egg yolk on his clothing and confetti, egg shells and yolk on the sidewalk at 29th Street and Broad Avenue.

Altoona police told the victim they had just come from a similar call in the area of City Hall Commons and began to search the area for the vehicles the victim identified.

While searching the area near the 1100 block of 15th Street, police saw a white sedan with three white males inside going toward the 10th Avenue expressway and following behind was a Toyota Corolla with four males inside. The vehicles matched the description provided by the caller for City Hall Commons and the victim, police reported.

Police attempted a traffic stop on the vehicles and the sedan traveled at a high rate of speed toward the 19th Street exit, while Novy, driving the Corolla, took the 17th Street exit, court documents state.

Police followed Novy, who was traveling at a high rate of speed with the

vehicle's lights turned off. Police said he failed to stop at several intersections and at one point, police trying to catch up noted the patrol unit's speedometer marked 80 mph.

As police crested the hill at 17th Street and First Avenue, the Corolla's lights were back on and the car was slowing down.

Novy pulled the car over on the 1900 block of Pleasant Valley Boulevard, police reported.

While Novy allegedly agreed with police about the traffic violations, he denied being involved in the egg-throwing incidents.

Police observed egg yolk down the passenger side of the vehicle and a used confetti popper inside the passenger compartment.

Novy was arrested for fleeing police.

When asked, he said he didn't know who was driving the white car, police reported.

The occupants of Novy's vehicle have not yet been charged, according to a search of online court records.

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NEWS

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allows anything higher, a maximum of 45 feet.

Jared and John Cooperman and Herb Tannenbaum approached the borough Planning Commission in January to ask questions about the process of gaining borough approval for the project.

The owner of the property, RJJR, LLC, is under a contract to sell it to Barker Street Partners, LLC.

Councilor Ann Monaghan briefed council in January about the proposal.

She said that the number of apartments would depend on how much of a setback they need to meet. "They are thinking 36; they ideally would like to go to 48 and right now with 36 they would have 54 parking spaces they would need," Monaghan said.

The developers are planning "moderate" rent levels, Monaghan said, and it is not designed as "senior housing."

Monaghan said in a reply to questions for this article that she believed the height of Barker Street Apartments was checked, and it is 60 feet. She said she believed the current regulations were not in place at the time Barker Street Apartments, a six-story structure with 73 apartments, was opened in 1980, or the three-story Hawley Village building opened in the mid-1990s.

These two properties are designated for senior citizens and those with disabilities.

The Hawley Silk Mill is 70 feet high at its greatest extent (the north end). The silk mill was built in 1880.

The Wayne County tax parcel map shows a 3.20-acre undeveloped parcel southeast of and behind Hawley Village. It is bounded on the north by the railroad bed and on the south and east by numerous private properties on Church Street and a couple lots on John and Bishop Streets. There is a right-of-way off the end of Barker Street and a narrower right-of-way off Church Street.

More in Hawley

Among items covered at the Hawley Council meeting May 10 were:

- Repairs and renovations of the bandstand in Bingham Park were to begin that week. Work is expected to be substantially complete by the end of June. A re-dedication ceremony with various bands is being planned for July 29, coordinated by descendants of Christopher Ellingsen, the civil engineer from Hawley who oversaw the bandstand construction in 1932, and designed the original park layout.

- The annual carnival in Bingham Park, tentatively set for late August, was pending Hawley Police receiving back the proper contract from the carnival company. Mayor John Nichols said he still planned to host concerts in the bandstand Aug. 26 regardless of whether there is a carnival that evening.

- Hawley Council meets on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Borough Hall.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Virgin Galactic completes final test flight before launching paying customers to space

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Virgin Galactic completed what's expected to be its final test flight Thursday before taking paying customers on brief trips to space.

Six of the company's employees, including two pilots, landed at Spaceport America in southern New Mexico after the short up-and-down flight that included a few minutes of weightlessness. It took about an hour for the mother ship to carry the spaceplane to an altitude where it could fire its rocket and make the final push to the edge of space.

"Successful boost, WE HAVE REACHED SPACE!" Virgin Galactic tweeted.

Virgin Galactic has been working for more than a decade to send paying passengers on short space hops and in 2021 finally won the federal government's approval.

The initial commercial flight expected later this year will include members of the Italian Air Force who will conduct experiments.

Former Calif. corrections officer charged with sexually assaulting 13 at women's prison

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A former correctional officer at the biggest women's prison in California has been arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting at least 13 inmates over the past nine years, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Gregory Rodriguez, who worked at the Central California Women's Facility, faces 96 counts including rape, sodomy, sexual battery and rape under color of authority, the Madera County District Attorney's Office said in a news release.

It couldn't be determined Wednesday if Rodriguez, 54, has an attorney who can speak on his behalf. He was being held in lieu of \$7.8 million bail, the DA's office said.

The charges involve 13 separate victims, but investigators are looking into the possibility that there are more, according to the DA's office. If convicted on all charges, Rodriguez could be sentenced to more than 300 years in prison.

CORRECTION

Hawley Spring Run website link corrected

The article in the May 23 edition about the 10th annual Hawley Spring Run 5K Run/Walk, "A Race Against Suicide," set for Sunday, June 4 (not June 5), contained an error in the website link for registering. The correct link is: runsignup.com/hawleyspringrun.

Parade

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County Judge Honorable Janine Edwards, District Attorney A.G. Howell, Magistrate District Judge Bonnie Carney, grand marshals Walter Grub and John Mowatt, Wayne County Treasurer Brian Field, Wayne County Prothonotary Ned Sandercock, Honesdale Mayor Derek Williams, Honesdale Borough officials, Waymart Mayor Chip Norella.

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DIVISION 5- Local fire departments.

DIVISION 6 - EMS agencies.

Honesdale

Commander Dale Pepper, VFW Hogencamp-Schupper Post 531, Honesdale, announced that the Memorial Day parade is set Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. Step-off is on lower Main Street at 4th

Street, heading north on Main to 9th Street and turning to Central Park.

The veterans ceremony at the park starts at approximately 10:45-11 a.m. Dr. Rev. William Lewis, retired National Guard Chaplain and former pastor at Central United Methodist Church, Honesdale, is the keynote speaker. Afterwards, American Legion Post 254 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter 114 host a wreath ceremony at the Church Street Bridge. VFW follows with a brief ceremony at noon at Veterans Memorial Park on Fair Avenue.

Lackawaxen

VFW Ecker Haupt Post 5635, Lackawaxen, hosts a ceremony at their post Monday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m., Commander Thomas Dowd announced. The post is located at 560 Route 590, between Lackawaxen village and Greeley. Two Wallenpau-pack seniors who won the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen contests will speak, as well as Pastor Neal Cadel of Bethel Lutheran Church, and Post officials.

Milford

American Legion Marsch-Kellogg Post 139, Milford, hosts a parade and veterans ceremony Monday, May 29. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at Ann Street Park. The ceremony follows the parade at the veterans monument on Broad Street, opposite the borough offices and police station.

Gouldsboro

American Legion Post 274 (34 3rd St., Gouldsboro) will hold a parade and ceremony at 10 a.m. Monday. Light refreshments will follow.

Kathryne Rubright contributed to this report.

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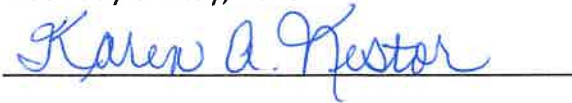


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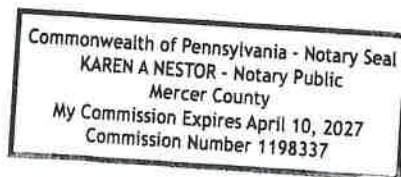
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Lawmakers look to raise penalties for illegal dumping

By ERIC SCICCHITANO
CNHI State Reporter

HARRISBURG — A statewide study estimates more than 500 million pieces of litter are strewn about Pennsylvania roadways, and a bill that advanced out of the state House of Representatives looks to make the penalty harsher for anyone contributing to the mess. House Bill 95 introduced by Rep. Donna Bullock, D-Philadelphia, passed Wednesday by a vote of 122-79 with 21 Republicans joining the entire Democratic caucus in support. It now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

The bill proposes increasing the maximum fine on first offense to \$2,000, up from \$300. A second conviction could bring a \$5,000 fine, up from \$1,000 maximum. Trash businesses violating the law would see fines increase to up to \$10,000 for a first offense and \$20,000 thereafter. Minimums would remain at \$500 and \$1,000, respectively.

The proposal sought even stiffer penalties but a unanimous committee vote last month stripped language that would enhance the respective charges from summary offenses to third-degree misdemeanors. The amendment also prevented the floor from minimum fines from being raised above \$50 on a first offense.

Existing standards for community service and potential imprisonment of up to 90 days remained untouched in the bill. A financial impact

statement for the bill found that counties and municipalities annually collected \$73,912 annually on average over the past five years, skewed by a significant drop-off in fines in 2022.

210 dump sites

Bullock paid particular attention to illegal dumping in her bill, not just littering from vehicles. A study by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) exploring illegal dumping in 2020 found that a combined 210 illegal dump sites were discovered in 50 of 67 counties — a 213% increase over the year prior.

Household trash, building materials from renovations and construction and used tires were the most common items dumped illegally, the report states. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) separately found that the cost to local municipalities to clear illegal dump sites averaged about \$600 per ton, or roughly \$3,000 per site.

“Some of these offending companies treat fines for illegally dumping trash as the cost of doing business. We cannot allow that to continue to be the case,” Bullock said. “More than just being an eyesore, illegal dumping does long-term damage to the environment and health of community ecosystems and costs taxpayers money with the strain it puts on municipalities.”

KPB, DEP and the Department of Transportation jointly commissioned a study published in 2019 that gave the

above highway-litter estimate. Most of the 500 million pieces of litter tossed roadside were cigarette butts and plastics, and the study estimated there are 1,030 pieces of litter for every mile of local roads.

Trash, guns

Final floor debate on the bill veered away from the bill’s intent and towards enforcement, or lack thereof, particularly concerning gun crime.

Minority Leader Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, called it ironic that on the same day the House considered a potential expansion of Pennsylvania’s Clean Slate Law to broaden the courts’ sealing of certain non-violent criminal offenses, that a bill was also being considered to increase fines and penalties for littering.

He took exception with a potential maximum penalty of 90 days in jail — a penalty already in the existing state law. Cutler referred to the Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office and citing internal memos, he said it’s not prosecuting prostitution and marijuana possession charges, is seeking lesser penalties for shoplifting and retail theft, and is too lax in pursuing gun crimes — an accusation that fueled the impeachment of the current office-holder, Larry Krasner.

“The majority of Philadelphians possessing an illegal firearm right now have no reason to fear prosecution or legal repercussions, but if you litter you might. At least if they won’t charge for

all the crimes that I just listed maybe they will charge them for littering when they leave the shell casings at the murder scenes,” Cutler said.

Rep. Matthew Bradford, D-Montgomery, used Cutler’s rhetoric to criticize the far majority of House Republicans who voted against gun reform measures earlier this week.

Bills seeking to institute extreme risk protection orders and enact universal background checks narrowly passed

with scant bipartisan support while a third proposing mandatory reporting of lost or stolen guns failed and was opposed by all Republican members along with one Democrat.

“This is really about the city of the first class (Philadelphia) trying to deal with the issue of illegal dumping, not about littering,” Bradford said. “If the gentleman wants to have an honest discussion about gun violence, really, after the votes, the Republican-only votes,

put up? Come on. Come on. When are we going to have a serious discussion.”

Cutler argued that passing laws that will go unenforced makes no sense.

Laws, he said, must be enforced evenly. Bradford said opponents were too consumed with perceptions of enforcement in one portion of the commonwealth, allowing that to influence how they vote on a law that would impact the entirety of Pennsylvania.

Pa. House Dems rail at GOP’s opposition to retirement plan

By ERIC SCICCHITANO
CNHI State Reporter

HARRISBURG — Legislation creating a new retirement savings program that advanced through the Pennsylvania House saw Democrats accusing Republicans of opposing a bill that seemed tailored for their support.

House Bill 577 introduced by State Rep. Kyle Mullins, D-Lackawanna, would create the Keystone Saves program — an individual retirement account (IRA) program administered by the Pennsylvania Treasury for workers whose employers don’t offer a retirement savings plan.

The Pew Charitable Trusts and Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity, a Republican, support the proposal. They raised alarms earlier this year based on a Pew-funded study that found that Pennsylvanians’ lack of retirement savings risks a near \$18 billion fiscal cliff for the commonwealth by 2035 due to increased spending on social services combined with lost tax.

The House cast a 106-95 vote advancing the bill to the state Senate. Five Republicans joined all 101 members of the Democratic Caucus in support.

More than 2 million Pennsylvania workers would be eligible for the program, according to Mullins. He said his bill largely mirrors one offered in the 2021-22 session by a former Republican House member, Tracy Pennycuik, who was since elected to the state Senate. That bill received no further consideration after being assigned to the Commerce Committee in February 2022.

“If this plan got any more Republican-friendly I’m not sure I’d be allowed back in the Democratic Caucus room,” Mullins said during floor debate Wednesday.

Under the bill’s current terms, employees would be automatically enrolled for payroll deductions with the ability to opt out. The default contribution rate is 4% of gross wages. The

maximum is 10% or the annual maximum contribution limit set by the Internal Revenue Code, whichever is greater.

Employers with five or more workers, those open for business longer than 15 consecutive months and those that haven’t offered a tax-favored retirement plan in the preceding three years would be required to participate.

There is no penalty in the bill for employers who do not register and participate in the program.

Rep. Marla Brown, R-Lawrence, called Keystone Saves an “unnecessary mandate.” She noted fierce opposition by the National Federation of

Independent Business. According to the group, 84% of its members oppose the program.

“Managers and owners of businesses are going to have to become financial advisors under this legislation,” Brown said.

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When is Memorial Day and why do we celebrate it?

Krys'tal Griffin
Delaware News Journal
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Americans are accustomed to celebrating Memorial Day annually, eager for the three-day weekend and what many consider the unofficial start of summer.

The weekend may be associated with the unofficial kickoff of the beach season, backyard barbecues and community events, but do you know what Memorial Day is all about?

Before you jump into party planning mode or pack the car for a road trip, here's a refresher on why we recognize the holiday and a crash course in its origins.

What is Memorial Day?

Memorial Day began under the name "Decoration Day" in 1868 — three years after the Civil War ended — and was declared a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers and otherwise honor those who died while serving in the U.S. military, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

It is one of 11 permanent federal holidays observed in the U.S.

When is Memorial Day?

Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday in May. This year, the holiday falls on Monday, May 29.

History of Memorial Day

On May 5, 1868, Gen. John Logan officially ordered that May 30 be designated as a day of remembrance for those who died serving in the Civil War. It is believed this date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the coun-

try, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

By 1890, all Northern states recognized the holiday, but Southern states chose to honor those who died in the Civil War on separate days.

This divide continued until the holiday changed after World War I to honor Americans who died

fighting any war, not just the Civil War.

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York, as the birthplace of Memorial Day after Gov. Nelson Rockefeller made a similar declaration that same year.

By the end of the cen-



Many veterans continue to serve and lead, from different locations across the country. SCYTHERS, GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

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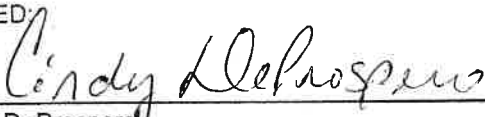
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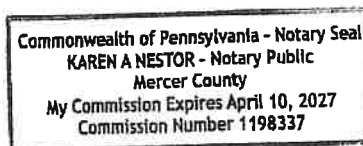
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Union OKs RV park, campground

BY NICHOLAS VERCILLA
NEW CASTLE NEWS

A recreational vehicle and camping park is coming to Union Township.

Township supervisors, on Thursday, approved a conditional use request by Ricki Trinidad, the president of Royalty Camping 1 LLC, for a RV camping park called Royalty Camping.

The camping park will be located in a 30-acre area of land just off Old Youngstown Road in the Central Commercial zoning district.

Trinidad said Royalty Camping would include "luxury cabins" with modern amenities and utilities and spaces for RVs, vans, teardrop campers and tents.

It will also have volleyball, basketball and pickleball courts, picnic tables and gazebos, a playground, bathhouses, a reception and recreation facility and a lazy river pool.

Trinidad said he already has verbal confirmation for funding from banks and private donors, needing an official confirmation from the township for formal letters of financial backing to be presented.

Township Solicitor Jason Medure said the original design plan, which was presented during an April 17 public hearing, had the park located in the R-3 Residential zoning district, but after concerns from residents, the design was changed to move the park to the Central Commercial district.

The supervisors approved the conditional use request with different conditions that must be followed.

"The approval of this application is contingent upon receipt of all permits and the ongoing compliance by the applicant with the conditions imposed," Medure said.

The conditions



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Union Township supervisors, on Thursday, approved a conditional use request by Ricki Trinidad, the president of Royalty Camping 1 LLC, for a RV camping park called Royalty Camping. Pictured is the site plan for the park.

imposed for Royalty Camping are:

- Entry and exit to and from the RV park will proceed off Dworman Way or any other right-of-way off West State Street.

- The entrance to the RV park will be gated, while the entire park will be enclosed by a six-foot vinyl fence.

- The park must be closed Nov. 1 through April 1, and when the park is open, it must have 24-hour manned security.

- For any residential property that is abutting the park, shrubbery or an evergreen tree will be planted to cover the park.

- Any road created for ingress and egress must be at least 33-feet wide and must meet PennDOT standards.

- No individual or group can stay longer

than 30 days cumulative during a season, regardless of whether they change spots in the park.

- The park will have one mixed-use building, 49 RV lots, 24 pull-through RV lots, 24 van/teardrop lots, 25 van lots, 18 tent sites, 12 rental cabins, five bathhouses, one playground with the courts, eight picnic shelters, four gazebos, one lazy river, one man-made pond and at least 30 parking spaces for the cabins.

- The park will have public sewage and water, follow all township ordinances, have LED lighting and must have ringed campfires.

- The prices for the park must not be lower than \$60 a night for the standard RV lots, \$70 for the pull-through RV lots, \$40 for the van/teardrop lots, \$30 for the tent sites and \$80 for the cabins.

Debt ceiling talks teeter on the brink

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans pushed debt ceiling talks to the brink Thursday, displaying risky political bravado in leaving town for the holiday weekend just days before the U.S. could face a default hurling the global economy into chaos.

However, Speaker Kevin McCarthy also said he had directed his negotiating team "to work 24/7 to solve this problem."

At the Capitol, McCarthy, R-Calif., said "every hour matters" in talks with President Joe Biden's team as they try to work out a budget agreement. Republicans are demanding spending cuts the Democrats oppose as their price for raising the debt limit.

"We've been taking to the White House all day," he told reporters in the evening. "We're working hard to make it happen."

In remarks at the White House, Biden said, "It's about competing versions of America." Yet both men expressed optimism that the gulf between their positions could be bridged.

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Lawmakers are tentatively not expected back at work until Tuesday, just two days from June 1, when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the U.S. could start running out of cash to pay its bills and face a federal default. Biden will also be away, departing Friday for the presidential retreat at Camp David, Maryland, and Sunday for his home in Wilmington, Delaware. The Senate is on recess and will be until after Memorial Day.

Meanwhile, Fitch Ratings agency placed the United States' AAA credit on "ratings watch negative," warning of a possible downgrade.

Democratic lawmakers lined up on the House floor as the workday ended to blame "extreme" Republicans for the risky potential default. "Republicans have chosen to get out of town before sundown," said House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York.

Weeks of negotiations between Republicans and the White House have failed to produce a deal — in part because the Biden administration has resisted negotiating with McCarthy over the debt limit, arguing that the country's full faith and credit should not be used as leverage to extract other partisan priorities.

McCarthy is holding out for steep spending cuts that Republicans are demanding in exchange for their vote to raise the nation's borrowing limit.

Oath Keepers founder sentenced to 18 years in Jan. 6 attack

WASHINGTON — Oath Keepers extremist group founder Stewart Rhodes was sentenced Thursday to 18 years in prison for orchestrating a weeks-long plot that culminated in his followers attacking the U.S. Capitol in a bid to keep President Joe Biden

out of the White House after winning the 2020 election.

Rhodes, 58, is the first person convicted of seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack to receive his punishment, and his sentence is the longest handed down so far in the hundreds of

Capitol riot cases.

It's another milestone for the Justice Department's sprawling Jan. 6 investigation, which has led to seditious conspiracy convictions against the top leaders of two far-right extremist groups authorities say came to Washington

prepared to fight to keep President Donald Trump in power at all costs.

Before announcing Rhodes' sentence, U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta described a defiant Rhodes as a continued threat to the United States and democracy.

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A panel of experts from various agencies around Mercer County manage the opioid settlement fund. It determines the best use of the millions of dollars that will be trickling in to the county over the next 20 years, totaling about \$6.5 million.

The funds are coming from a multi-state opioid settlement with major pharmaceutical companies, including Johnson & Johnson, Amerisource Bergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson, part of a \$26 billion action to settle claims against the companies accused of fueling the opioid crisis.

Also Thursday: ■ Chief Clerk Ann Morrison reported an update on the ERAP funding disbursement for displaced residents of the Sharon State Towers, which was deemed unsafe, saying fewer than 10 families remain in temporary housing at the Park Inn in West Middlesex.

Because of upcoming events scheduled prior to the temporary moves, Morrison said the families will be moved to another hotel until housing can be established, as all of the families have applied for housing but are still waiting for placement.

Morrison said the ERAP funds, which are being used as emergency rent and utility assistance, are dwindling to the last \$50,000, and will likely be spent by August or September.

■ Speaking after attending an Area in Aging meeting, Commissioner Tim McGonigle learned that Pennsylvania currently ranks fifth in the nation for its population of residents 65 and older.

Within less than a decade, the population of residents 65 and older is expected to be one-third of the state's total population.

Gov. Josh Shapiro, who spoke Thursday morning at a press conference, has mandated, via an executive order, that the Department of Aging develop a master plan for the next 10 years.

McGonigle said part of that plan increases the property tax/rent rebate payout from \$650 to \$1,000 for eligible seniors.

In order to expand eligibility, McGonigle said Shapiro's plan also raised the income threshold for seniors, ages 65 and older, from \$35,000 to \$45,000.

With the increase of the threshold, an additional 175,000 state residents are expected to benefit.

McGonigle said Shapiro has also budgeted a \$10 million to benefit the Area Agencies on Aging statewide.

Also Thursday, commissioners:

■ Approved proclamations for three Mercer County residents — U.S. Army Specialist Edward M. Slavic, U.S. Army Sgt. Jerry A. Gawne Sr., U.S. Army Warrant Officer Thaddeus M. Yonkia Jr. — who served during the Vietnam War, to be recognized posthumously during the Mercer Memorial Day 500 for their "individual military service, honors, awards and heroism" in their service to the United States.

■ Approved human resource actions in accepting new hires, separations from employment, and the addition to two interns — Keegan McConahy and Kayla Young — who will work with Mercer County Coroner John Libonati.

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jobs."

The career center celebrated its graduating seniors Thursday night in a ceremony at Mercer High School. It was the second year for the night-time event, after traditionally holding separate events for the morning and afternoon students during the day.

"It makes it so more parents can come," Miller said.

And they have a lot to celebrate.

This class of students is leaving the career center with more than 240 business and industry certifications.

"Our kids are really knocking it out of the park," Miller said.

He estimated that traditionally, the career center sees 60 percent of its students placed in jobs within six months of graduation, with the bulk of the rest split between military and college and post-secondary education.

Some of those entering the work force right away are young entrepreneurs.

Hayden Brest of Greenville, for example, plans to use the welding skills he picked up at the career center eventually, but in the short-term has seen the lawn care busi-



Caleb Stright/R-A

MERCER — (From left) Dan Buchanan of Jamestown, Colt Parks of Jamestown, and Hayden Brest of Greenville reminisce about their time at the Mercer County Career Center ahead of its awards ceremony Thursday at Mercer High School.

ness he started up in recent months take off.

Similarly, Colt Parks of Jamestown has a pressure-washing business he started up three years ago.

Other students will be going on to build on an educational and training base they built at the career center.

Jake Arnold of Grove City, Cole Myers of the Creative Learning Christian School in Mercer, and Chris Oehlbeck of Mercer all were pleased with the education they got in the Computer Information

Technology program and will continue it at the next level.

They say it's the hands-on approach of the career center that works for them.

"Building computers, building networks," Arnold said.

"I learn a lot better hands-on," Myers said, who will be studying network engineering at the Laurel Technical Institute.

Miller said that's a common refrain from students. And after finding themselves more engaged

at the career center, he said it also often sparks more engagement at their home school.

Students were looking forward to new jobs and new schools, and Miller said things also continue to look up for the career center.

"As we look forward to next year, our enrollment looks better than ever," he said. "I think people are seeing there's a viable job market out there for skilled trades."

COLD

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of Korea. He was sent back for the shots needed for the tropics. He now was vaccinated for any disease you could get in Korea or Hawaii.

But there was more.

After he had received his other shots, his orders again changed; he was now heading to Germany. He had to get another round of inoculations against European diseases.

"I could've gotten bit by a rattlesnake, and it wouldn't have bothered me," Pacifico said.

He arrived in Nuremberg, Germany, when Cold War tensions between NATO and the Warsaw Pact were very high.

Pacifico remembers tanks driving 60 mph on the Autobahn, the German highway system, which was constructed in the 1930s while Hitler was preparing for World War II with Russia, and was

built to withstand the weight of tanks.

One day in formation, the troops were asked if anyone had a driver's license. Pacifico raised his hand and became the company commander's Jeep driver.

After World War II, the victors split Germany into four occupation zones. The Soviets controlled the eastern part of Germany, and the Americans, British and the French, the western side.

From the end of the war in 1945, the border was open, and people could cross at will. That ended May 26, 1952, when the Soviets put up fences that became known as the Iron Curtain.

During the Cold War, American troops in Germany were on a high state of alert against a Soviet invasion of the west and patrolled the border at all times against a possible

attack.

Being a Jeep driver wasn't exactly the safest position during the patrols.

The Soviets strung wire across the roads at neck height. Jeeps were required to have their windshield down while patrolling the border.

Though the windshields were down, a wire cutter was installed on the front of the Jeep to prevent drivers and passengers from becoming casualties.

"I was scared as hell, but you get used to it," Pacifico said.

Being in Nuremberg was interesting duty. During the war, it had been the headquarters of Military District XIII. Pacifico's unit was housed in the barracks that housed Hitler's SS.

After Pacifico discharged, he came home, got married and raised a family. He moved his

young family to the new housing being built on the former Camp Reynolds.

Ironically, Pacifico had made spending money while in school by catching the bus in Sharon and going to the base to shine soldiers' shoes.

His mom and sister had worked at a canteen for soldiers at Sacred Heart Church in Sharon.

"At one time, we had three cars in our garage from soldiers going overseas," Pacifico said.

And all three made it back from the war to reclaim their cars.

Pacifico was very instrumental in getting VFW Post 7599 started, there from day one. His membership card number is No. 2.

The Reynolds VFW first met in a 29-by-29-foot concrete building with a wooden floor, built by the members.

Back in the day, the

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Summit elementary ag program honored

By Zach Petroff

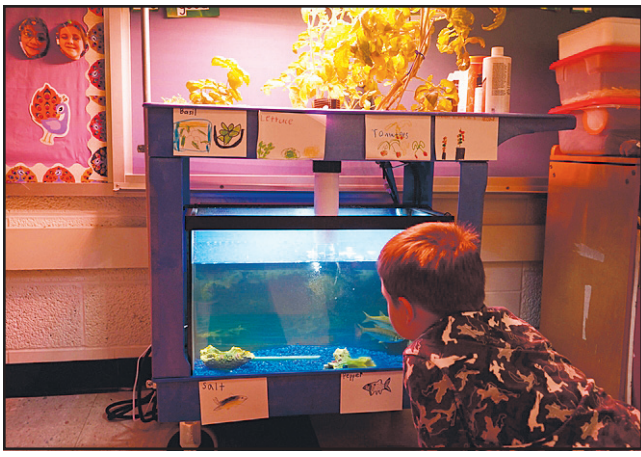
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SUMMIT TWP — For students at Summit Elementary School, STEM education starts — literally — from the ground up.

Teachers have been integrating the typical subjects such as math, reading, science and social studies into agriculture lessons such as tilling crop areas, planting various flowers, setting up aquaponics or raising chickens and ducks. And their efforts reaped national recognition.

On Thursday, the school was presented with the 2023 Partnership in Agricultural Literacy Award. The National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization honored the Community Agricultural Partnership at Summit (CAPS) in front of excited students, parents, teachers and faculty in the outdoor classroom.

CAPS was selected for “its innovative effort to use an agricultural focus to expand student learning



Killian Eakim keeps tabs on Salt and Pepper. The fish are part of the aquaponics curriculum that the students at Summit Elementary School.

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and meet the needs of the whole child.” The program is centered around “cultivating lifelong learners” and instilling an appreciation for conservation, agriculture and the environment.

“The award means a lot to us,” said principal Chad Broman. He said it was a lot of hard work from the entire staff to make the program successful.

“When I’m watching

the teachers really doing their craft,” he said, “and they’re out here working on the beds. They’re talking about ‘Oh the packet says we have to plant them 6 inches apart, how do we figure that out?’

“And the students are figure out the ways of using those skills. The students are learning things and they don’t realize it.”

Speaking at the award ceremony was Chris Hoff-

man, president of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau and chairman of the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation.

“Today as I think about agriculture and what our needs are,” Hoffman said. “What you’re doing here is a great opportunity to spread across Pennsylvania to see us grow. It inspires me as I walk through the classrooms.”

Juliet Swartfager, on behalf of U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly, R-16th, presented an

plaque to Broman and the facility.

Charlene Shupp Espenshade, the executive director of Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation, said she hopes that the success of the program spreads to other schools throughout Pennsylvania.

“These dedicated individuals have built a program that, with the right leadership and commitment, could be replicated at other schools,” Shupp

Espenshade said.

And while this national recognized award does bring a level of prestige to Summit Elementary, the goal is clear — teaching students important skills for the future.

“To see a group of teachers and administrators looking at agriculture, the food that we eat and learning how we can get our children to engage them in the learning process,” Hoffman said. “These are skills that people need to know.”



Third-grader Holly Rome, right, and older sister Chesley Rome take part in the family planting Thursday at Summit Elementary School.

City council hears follow-up on BASA financial proposals

By Irina Bucur

Eagle Staff Writer

Presentations regarding the financial planning for the \$231.5 million sale of Butler Area Sewer Authority to Pennsylvania American Water Company are finalized, but discussion lingers in Butler City Council about what financial route to take.

Butler and Butler Township are in the midst of selling BASA’s assets to Pennsylvania American Water, a sale that is being evaluated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission before the transfer can be official. The city would receive about \$115 million from the agreement.

Jeff Geibel, financial planner with Edward Jones Investments, addressed council Thursday with a follow-up presentation.

“Probably the biggest difference is a fee-based versus a commission-based structure,” Geibel said, referring to the different approaches the council could decide to take to manage the city’s share of the sale.

“Our approach was to buy and never sell, find the securities, hold them as they mature,” he said.

Forgoing a prepackaged approach to the sale — in which the city would pay an annual fee to a financial adviser — would lower costs, Geibel said.

On June 29, representatives from NexTier Wealth Management will offer additional points to their presentation, which took place March 23.

Other news

Council also approved payment to C.H.&D. Enterprises in the amount of \$60,815 for a Streetscape

Grant in Downtown Butler which involved the replacement of old trees, installation of an ADA-compliant sidewalk and purchase and install of new trash cans.

Butler residents can also expect newly installed poles and traffic signal

heads, along with lane detection devices in downtown to soon be in use. Part of a \$2.4 million Pennsylvania Department of Transportation project, these devices could be ready to be tested by the end of June, Mayor Robert Bob Dandoy said.

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All proposed activities must conform with applicable federal and state laws and regulations and must meet one or more of the following national objectives: principally benefit low to moderate income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and/or blight; address an immediate situation that poses a threat to the health and/or safety of the community. We anticipate an allocation similar to 2022. (\$402,688) Any person(s) with limited English proficiency should contact the CDBG Office at 724-284-5303 for translation.

These funds can be used for the variety of purposes within the county such as water improvement and sanitary sewer projects, rehabilitation of low/moderate income owner occupied structures and public facilities and improvements. The County must insure that no less than 70 percent (70%) of the funds awarded will be used for activities, which principally benefit low/moderate income person. If the County of Butler would undertake activities that result in displacement then the County policy for minimizing such would be in effect and possible replacement of housing units may result as the use of CDBG funds. Any proposed projects that could result in displacement will be minimized and any such housing units will be replaced with in the township. Any possible displacement will be discussed at the hearing and citizen may also comment on prior use of the CDBG funding.

A complete listing of eligible activities may be obtained from the Butler County Planning Commission, 124 W. Diamond Street, PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003-1208.

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'We need to act now': Stipend proposed for student teachers in Pennsylvania

BY CHRISTEN SMITH
The Center Square

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Legislators believe a \$10,000 stipend may encourage student teachers to stay in Pennsylvania long term. Sens. Ryan Aument, R-Lititz, and Vincent Hughes, D-Philadelphia, say their proposal offers

another incentive to ease the state's educator crisis. As it is, student teachers must perform 12 weeks of training unpaid. "Our current system puts a financial burden on prospective teachers and in turn we're seeing many individuals who would be great educators turn to other professions," Hughes said. "We need to act now to reduce

this financial burden for future teachers to improve the quality and diversity of our teacher pipeline. Further inaction will only harm the future of our students." A report published in February found annual teacher certifications plummeted from 20,000 to fewer than 7,000 over the last decade. The state Department

of Education issued just 5,000 new teaching certificates last year, mirroring data collected by Penn State and the Center for Rural Pennsylvania that concluded this shortage will continue for the foreseeable future. "If we do nothing to get more teachers into Pennsylvania schools, our children will suffer consequences like overcrowded

classrooms, impersonal instruction, and fewer course options," Aument said. "Teachers will have less time to help our most vulnerable children, resulting in more students being left behind." In addition to the bill's \$10,000 stipend, student teachers will receive an additional \$5,000 for training in schools with more vacancies or

wouldn't traditionally provide training. Teachers who agree to mentor the trainees will be paid \$1,000. It's not the only incentive program on the radar, however. Gov. Josh Shapiro wants to give tax credits to residents who choose in-demand professions - including teachers, health care workers, and law enforcement officers. Although disagreement persists about the best way to grow the workforce, consensus exists that reversing the state's demographic imbalance tops the list of priorities.

Debt ceiling deadline approaching fast, but talks are still slow

BY RACHEL SIEGEL, CAMILA DECHALUS AND MARIANA ALFARO
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON

With the debt ceiling deadline dwindling to a matter of days, talks between the White House and congressional Republicans are moving very slowly, with no certain path to avoiding a calamitous default before the government runs out of money. Going into the holiday weekend, a familiar rhythm had set in on Capitol Hill. Talks never imploded or paused altogether, as they did the week before. Rather, negotiators appeared to trudge from one meeting to the next, without indicating much concrete progress. Even as the need to find agreement intensified, House Republicans and the White House remained at odds over the extent and duration of new restrictions on federal spending, with each side



House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., speaks with reporters about the debt ceiling negotiations on Wednesday.

accusing the other of violating their respective red lines. On Wednesday, the bipartisan discussions were held at the White House and lasted roughly four hours. Earlier in the

week on Capitol Hill, Biden's negotiators stayed tight-lipped as they shuttled to and from their black van to House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's (R-Calif.) office. Republicans, mean-

while, have repeatedly held court with reporters, saying there are still "significant gaps," and that they had already made a concession to Democrats by offering to raise the debt ceiling.

"It is not my fault that the Democrats cannot give up on their spending," McCarthy said at a news conference Wednesday. Briefing reporters, White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Wednesday shot back, saying Republicans put forward an "extreme package of devastating cuts that would slash support for education, law enforcement, food assistance. The list goes on and on and on and on." "We've also heard some House Republicans refer to preventing default as the only concession they are willing to make," Jean-Pierre said. "But preventing a catastrophic default is not a concession. It's their job. Period." There is always the possibility that talks could turn around quickly. As recently as Monday, after McCarthy and Biden met in the Oval Office, both leaders emerged with a more upbeat tone. Republicans and Democrats have also consistently said that the United States will not default on its debt. But even as negotiators say talks have been "productive," they are in danger of running out of time. Treasury Secretary Janet

L. Yellen says the government might be unable to cover all its payment obligations as soon as June 1 - a week from Thursday. Other estimates say the so-called "X-date" when the money runs out might come anywhere in early June, but few analysts think there's much more than a couple of weeks to maneuver. If negotiators do reach an agreement in principle, it would still need to be written into a bill - a process that could trigger new disagreements and tack more time onto the process. House rules pushed by conservatives as McCarthy sought the speakership in January also require 72 hours for lawmakers to review legislation before they can vote. Then both chambers would need to vote on a bill, which could take days. At that point, the deadline could be measured in hours. The Senate is out of town, and McCarthy told reporters Wednesday night that House members would also be sent home Thursday for Memorial Day weekend, though they'd remain on notice to return if a deal comes together.

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Caribbean-style carnival headed to Hagerstown

Dave McMillion
The Herald-Mail | USA TODAY NETWORK

A touch of the Caribbean is headed to downtown Hagerstown.

The news came during a Hagerstown City Council work session last week when organizers of a Caribbean carnival said it will bring the excitement of a new cultural event to the city.

The carnival, to be held on South Potomac Street on Saturday, July 1, was announced by Erika Bell of Tribe Cold Press Juice Bar downtown and Brittany Arizmendi, the city's community engagement officer.

How did the idea for the carnival come about?

Bell told the council and Mayor Tekesha Martinez during a work session last Tuesday that she wanted to have the carnival to bring awareness to the area's growing Caribbean population. In recent years, several eateries and shops have opened in the city offering Caribbean fare.

Bell said she wants the event to be similar to colorful Caribbean carnivals illustrated by women wearing ornate, feathery outfits. Participants will be encouraged to wear costumes, and Bell said she talked to the principal of the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts about students at the school offering face painting.

The carnival, which will also have live music, food and other vendors, will run from noon to 6 p.m.

"The good thing is, it's a holiday weekend, so hopefully people that aren't doing a lot will come down to this event," said Arizmendi.

Bell said organizers have met previously with the city staff about the plans, which call for closing South Potomac Street from Washington Street to Antietam



People line up at Roger Tappen's Caribbean Delight tent at the seventh annual Neighborhood Chefs Walk, which raises money for the Cumberland Valley School of Music. About 500 people attended.

PROVIDED BY CHRIS ULLERY

Street from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Will alcohol be served?

Alcohol will be served and Bell said she has talked to the Washington County liquor board about a one-day

liquor license.

Councilwoman Shelley McIntire asked Bell and Arizmendi if they believe it will be beneficial that any promotions for the carnival be translated for the local Spanish-speaking population. They were encouraged by the idea.

Feud

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will not play well with voters.

In one of several anti-DeSantis posts on Truth Social, Trump said DeSantis raised most of his money "before his poll numbers tanked - and wow(!) did they tank!"

Either way, DeSantis' formal entrance in the race locked in a Republican battle that will probably determine whom the party nominates for president next year.

A more aggressive DeSantis?

The Florida governor held off attacking Trump over indictments and other legal issues, but he did mark his formal entrance into the race by suggesting he is a better bet than Trump in a general election.

At one point during his Twitter interview, DeSantis appeared to reference Trump's protests of his 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden by saying "we must look forward, not backwards."

Asked on Fox what he would say to candidates who have said they might not participate in debates - such as Trump - DeSantis replied: "I think we should debate."

For the most part, however, DeSantis stuck to the approach he has used for months: promoting his Florida policies on education, immigration, law and order and the economy, and arguing that they should be applied to the nation as a whole.

In a video released by the newly minted campaign, DeSantis said, "I'm running for president to lead our Great American Comeback." (The video did not mention Trump, either.)

After filing paperwork with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, DeSantis went on Twitter Spaces and Fox News to talk about his new campaign - and to talk more about Biden rather than Trump or other Republican opponents.

Asked on Twitter about opponents' criticism of his legal fight with Disney, DeSantis did not cite Trump or anybody else by name. Instead, he lumped them together as "corporatists" who back state benefits for big businesses.

Trump and videos

Trump's attacks on social media included anti-DeSantis video commercials.

One recalled how Trump's endorsement helped a long-shot DeSantis win the Florida governor's race in 2018. "Instead of being grateful," the narrator said, "DeSantis is now attacking the very man who saved his career."

The other ad mocked DeSantis for trying to be like Trump and touted the former president's record in office. "Why would we ever settle for Trump imposters?" the narrator asked.

Trump and allies also promoted his leads in polls.

A CNN poll released Wednesday showed Trump has the backing of 53% of Republican and Republican-leaning primary voters; DeSantis is far back in second at 26%.

Others attack DeSantis

DeSantis isn't the only Republican candidate who has been reluctant to attack Trump publicly.

Most of the other announced or prospective candidates - including Nikki Haley, Tim Scott and Mike Pence - have spent as much time criticizing DeSantis as Trump.

Haley, the former South Carolina governor and Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, has been notably clear that she intends to target DeSantis for the title of Trump's main challenger.

Speaking with Fox News Digital in the hours before DeSantis' Twitter announcement, Haley described the Florida governor as "just an echo of Trump," and "I think that's not what the American people want to see."

Dems look forward to battle

Political professionals said DeSantis can't help but go after Trump at some point, especially given the former president's lead in the polls.

Democrats, of course, don't believe Trump or DeSantis can win a general election and say their emerging internecine battle will only help Biden win reelection



Former President Donald Trump has spent months working to hobble the once-ascendant Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, whom he and his team have long viewed as his most serious challenger. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP FILE

Pat Dennis, president of American Bridge 21st Century - a political organization that prepared "a DeSantis Research Book" criticizing the governor - said he, Trump and other GOP candidates are mostly "far-right extremists."

They "are in a race to the right because that's

the only way to win a Republican primary," he said.

"The candidate who makes it through will be whoever can convince their voters that they would attack our democracy and our freedoms the most," Dennis said.

Trump and other Republicans also attacked

DeSantis for his campaign skills, or lack thereof. They cited video of awkward exchanges between the new candidate and potential voters.

DeSantis' skeptics cited campaign skills as a big reason he will have a hard time coming back against Trump.

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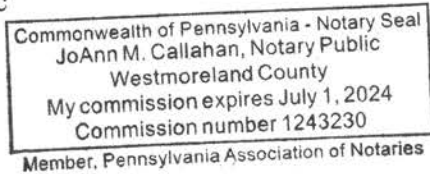
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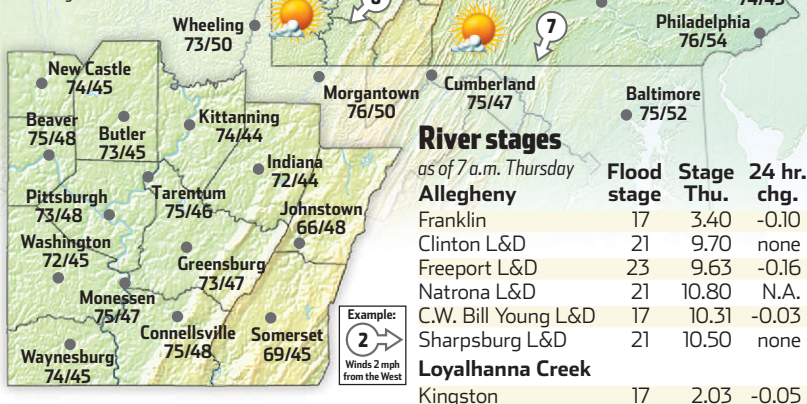
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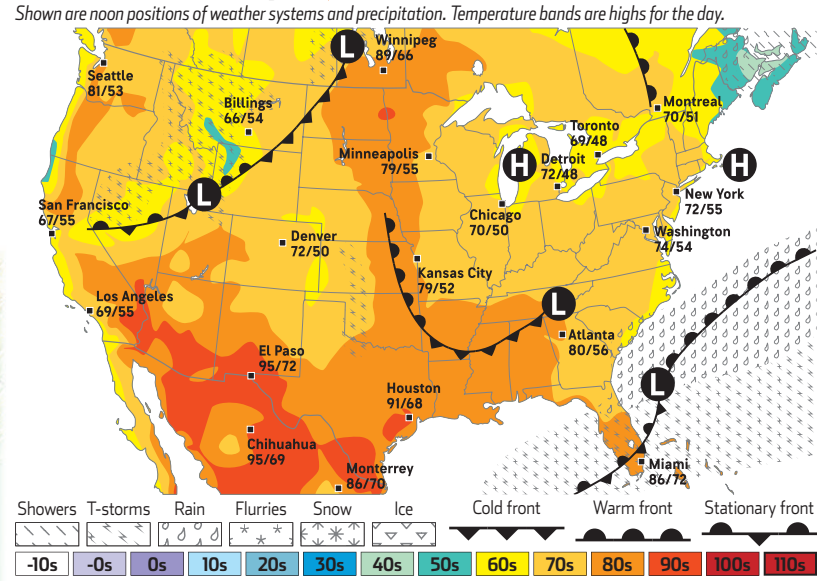
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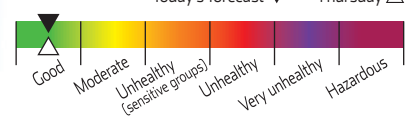
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Extremist leader is threat to democracy, judge says

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"The Justice Department will continue to do everything in our power to hold accountable those criminally responsible for the January 6th attack on our democracy," Attorney General Merrick Garland said in a statement.
In a first for a Jan. 6 case, the judge agreed with the Justice Department that Rhodes' actions should be punished as "terrorism," which increases the recommended sentence under federal guidelines. That decision could foreshadow lengthy sentences down the road for other far-right extremists, including former Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio, who have also been convicted of the rarely used charge.
Before announcing Rhodes' sentence, U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta described a defiant Rhodes as a continued threat to the United States and democracy. The judge expressed fear that what happened Jan. 6 could be repeated, saying Americans will "now hold our collective breaths every time an election is approaching."
"You are smart, you are charismatic and compelling and, frankly, that's what makes you dangerous," the judge told Rhodes. "The moment you are released, whenever that may be, you will be ready to take up arms against your government."

Rhodes did not use his chance to address the judge to express remorse or appeal for leniency, but instead claimed to be a "political prisoner," criticized prosecutors and the Biden administration and tried to play down his actions on Jan. 6.
"I'm a political prisoner and, like President Trump, my only crime is opposing those who are destroying our country," said Rhodes, who appeared in Washington's federal court wearing orange jail clothes.
Mehta fired back that Rhodes was not prosecuted for his political beliefs but for actions the judge described as an "offense against the people of the country."
"You are not a political prisoner, Mr. Rhodes," the judge said.
Another Oath Keeper convicted of seditious conspiracy alongside Rhodes — Florida chapter leader Kelly Meggs — was sentenced later Thursday to 12 years behind bars.
Meggs said he was sorry he was involved in the riot that left a "black eye on the country" but maintained that he never planned to go into the Capitol.
The judge found Meggs doesn't present an ongoing threat to the country the way Rhodes does.

Officers provide info on lost items

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charges against Denning and on Townsend's remarks.
An audit of the department's two evidence rooms started Feb. 16, nearly a month after federal authorities claimed Denning was the go-between for interstate drug deals.
Only certain officers can access the evidence rooms with a key. Denning was one of them.
Detectives said items in one of the rooms was slated for destruction, including a box of drug evidence from a case Denning investigated, according to court papers. That case involved a search warrant at a New Alexandria home in May 2022. Denning opted not to file charges because the suspect was cooperative in other narcotics investigations, he wrote in an incident report obtained by detectives.
Photographs of the items seized were taken, but they weren't documented in a report, according to court papers, and other evidence confiscated was in the box, except the gray backpack and its contents. One officer told investigators he remembered seeing the steroid bottles on Denning's desk. They were later listed as destroyed, detectives said.
The charges were being sent by summons. An Aug. 17 preliminary hearing is set.
A Marine veteran, Denning joined the Greensburg police force in 2008 after serving with the New York City Police Department and a department in Manor Borough. Quickly rising through the ranks in Greensburg, he was promoted to chief in March 2022, following the retirement of his predecessor. The DEA probe was underway at that time.
He is awaiting indictment in the federal case, the deadline for which is June 23. That date has been pushed back twice while Denning's attorney and prosecutors discuss the case, according to court records.
He is charged with six counts, including aiding and abetting the distribution of cocaine and methamphetamine and conspiracy.
DEA investigators laid out evidence in a complaint filed in Pittsburgh federal court that Denning reportedly acted as a middle man between an informant and dealers in California. They included conversations between the pair on smartphone apps where Denning is accused of providing contact information for the out-of-state suppliers and a "menu" of their available drugs, as well as how to transmit money to them electronically. The pair met sometime during the summer of 2021, the complaint said.
Denning vouched for the suppliers, and the DEA provided the informant with money to place orders, according to the complaint. The mailed packages that were confiscated contained drugs, authorities said.
The informant was wearing a wire at an Oct. 8 cornhole tournament during which authorities said Denning gave the informant a set of cornhole bags to make up for the informant losing \$500 in a purchase that was never delivered.
Attempts by the Tribune-Review to reach Mayor Robb Bell and police Capt. Donald Sarsfield, who was interviewed by county detectives as he had access to the evidence room, were unsuccessful.

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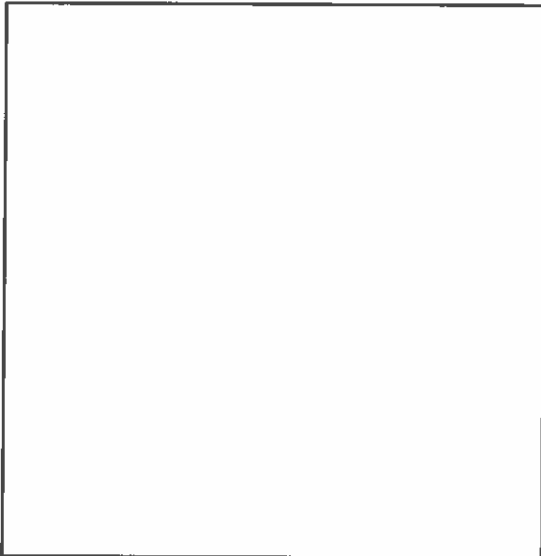
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Body-cam footage shows indicted ex-police officers laughing at man who died in custody

By **MICHAEL GOLDBERG**
Associated Press/Report for America

JACKSON, Miss. — Three former police officers who were indicted by a Mississippi grand jury laughed at a man who died in their custody, with one of them questioning whether to call an ambulance for the man immediately, body-camera footage shows.

Officials in the state capital of Jackson announced Wednesday that a Mississippi grand jury had indicted two former police officers on murder charges and another ex-officer on a manslaughter charge in the death of a Black man seen on video being pinned down and repeatedly shocked with stun guns during a New Year's Eve arrest. The city released hours of body-camera footage detailing the encounter, which The Associated Press reviewed.

The officers had tackled Keith Murriel while arresting him for allegedly trespassing at a hotel after they asked him to leave the building's parking lot. The footage showed then-officers Avery Willis, Kenya McCarty and James Land struggling to handcuff Murriel as he was stunned numerous times for over 10 minutes.

McCarty and Willis are Black, and Land is white, according to Melissa Faith Payne, a city spokesperson.

After officers handcuffed Murriel, they placed him horizontally in the back of a patrol car. Seventeen minutes of the hourlong body-camera footage shows officers trying to place Murriel inside the vehicle. The remaining 43 minutes of the footage don't show paramedics arriving or the officers checking on Murriel to see if he needed immediate medical aid. The footage is broken up into multiple clips, and it is un-

clear whether officers attended to Murriel off-camera.

What is clear is that during that 43-minute period, the officers laughed about the encounter.

"I hope (he) is asleep. Because if he's asleep, it'll be a good ride," Willis is heard saying on camera, using a racial slur to refer to Murriel. "It was funny seeing (his) feet in the air ... In the beginning, it was funny. After a while it got annoying."

After officers left Murriel in the patrol vehicle, Willis said he was going to call a sergeant to ask when officers should call an American Medical Response, or AMR, ambulance.

"I don't know if he wants to wait until we get down (to the station) to do this, until I give him AMR," Willis said. "That way he's at least already down there, because if we open the door, he's going to try to get out."

The clip from Willis' body

camera ends after one hour. Paramedics arrived 12 minutes into the next clip from Willis' body camera. When a paramedic opened the back door of the patrol vehicle, he noticed Murriel wasn't breathing.

McCarty then told one of the paramedics Murriel was "on something." The Jackson Police Department has not indicated whether any narcotics were detected in Murriel's toxicology report.

Paramedics performed CPR before transporting Murriel to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. On Willis' body-camera footage, he can be heard telling someone Murriel choked on his own vomit.

Daryl Washington, an attorney for Murriel's family, said the language and tactics used by the officers justified their indictment.

"It makes you wonder how these officers act when they are not captured on their own

body cam," Washington said. "But these officers knew that their body cams were on, and they felt very comfortable because they believed nothing would happen to them. Fortunately, Keith's family is not going to allow this to be swept under the rug like a lot of these cases usually are."

Murriel's family has filed a civil lawsuit against the officers. Washington said city officials did not give them enough time to view the footage before it was released to the public.

Some family members saw the footage for the first time in news reports.

"We expected to at least have a couple of days or so to prepare ourselves," he said.

Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba said at Wednesday's news conference that the city was now releasing body-camera footage because a Mississippi Bureau of Investigation probe of the death had been completed.

3 people killed when house explodes in South Dakota

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating a house explosion that killed a baby and her grandparents and left two young children hospitalized with burns.

The house about 11 miles (about 18 kilometers) southwest of Fort Pierre exploded around 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Stanley County Sheriff Brad Rathbun said.

The sheriff said 6-month-old Harper Hupp and her grandmother, LaDonna Hupp, 61, died at the scene. William Hupp, 66, died at a hospital.

Two boys, 5-year-old Myles and 3-year-old Royce, were seriously injured and flown to a burn unit at a St. Paul, Minnesota, hospital.

The children's parents, Kelsey and Trevor Hupp, were at work in Pierre at the time of the explosion. LaDonna and William Hupp were Trevor Hupp's parents.

Connecticut lawmakers absolve accused colonial-era witches, apologize for 'miscarriage of justice'

By **SUSAN HAIGH**
Associated Press

With distant family members looking on, Connecticut senators voted Thursday to absolve the 12 women and men convicted of witchcraft — 11 of whom were executed — more than 370 years ago and apologize for the "miscarriage of justice" that occurred over a dark 15-year-period of the state's colonial history.

The Senate voted 33-1 in favor of a resolution that officially proclaimed their innocence. It marked the culmination of years of effort by a group called the CT Witch Trial Exoneration Project, made up of history buffs and descendants. Some of the descendants recently learned through genealogy testing that they were related to the accused witches and have since lobbied the state's General Assembly to officially clear their names.

"People can say we're wasting our time this afternoon, maybe we could be doing other things," said Republican state Sen. John Kissel, acknowledging early criticism of the legislative ef-

fort. "But I think it's a small step to acknowledge our history and move forward together, Democrat, Republican, men and women into a brighter future."

The resolution, which lists the nine women and two men who were executed and the one woman who was convicted and given a reprieve, already passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 121-30. Because it's a resolution, it does not require the governor's signature.

Republican state Sen. Rob Sampson cast the lone no vote on Thursday. He said it was wrong and childlike to suggest "somehow we have a right to dictate what was right or wrong about periods in the past that we have no knowledge of."

"I don't want to see bills that rightfully or wrongfully attempt to paint America as a bad place with a bad history," Sampson added. "I want us to focus on where we're going, which is a brighter and better future. And I don't want to see anyone try and put a stain on the country that I love."

But advocates of the resolution argued it's important to

raise public awareness about the witch trials in Connecticut, which occurred decades before the infamous Salem witch trials in Massachusetts.

"It's important to right the wrongs of the past so we learn from them and move on and not repeat those mistakes," said Joshua Hutchinson, of Prescott Valley, Arizona, who traced his ancestry to accused witches in Salem and is the host of the "Thou Shalt Not Suffer: The Witch Trial Podcast."

Sen. Saud Anwar, a Democrat who advocated for the resolution on behalf of a constituent who learned he was a descendant of a witch accuser, said lawmakers heard testimony during the public hearing process about witch trials still happening around the world, including in African countries, and the need to draw attention to the problem.

"It's relevant, even to this time as well," he said.

Also Young, who was killed at the gallows in Connecticut, was the first person on record to be executed in the American colonies for witchcraft. The Windsor

town clerk registered the death on May 26, 1647, in a diary entry that read: "Also Young was hanged."

The courts in the early British colonies of Connecticut and New Haven ultimately indicted at least 34 women and men for the crimes of witchcraft and familiarities with the devil.

Other states and countries have attempted to atone for a history of persecuting people as witches.

Last year, Scotland's prime minister issued a formal apology to the estimated 4,000 Scots, mostly women, who were accused of witchcraft up until 1736. Of the 4,000, about 2,500 were killed. A Scottish member of parliament last year called for posthumously pardoning them.

In 2022, Massachusetts lawmakers formally exonerated Elizabeth Johnson Jr., who was convicted of witchcraft in 1693 and sentenced to death at the height of the Salem Witch Trials. Johnson is believed to be the last accused Salem witch to have her conviction set aside by legislators.

Environmental groups prevail on limit to grizzly bear deaths in Wyoming cattle grazing area

By **MEAD GRUVER**
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — An appeals court is sending a plan to allow continued cattle grazing in a vast, mountainous area of western Wyoming back to federal forest and wildlife officials, telling them to consider limiting how many of the area's female grizzly bears may be killed for preying on livestock.

Thursday's ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver sides largely with environmental groups who sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service in 2020 over female grizzly deaths — a key factor in the species' survival in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Many consider the Yellowstone region's grizzlies a conservation success story. While they remain protected under the Endangered Species Act, their numbers have surged as much as tenfold, to as many as 1,000 animals, since the 1970s.

Population growth has meant more encounters with people and livestock, however, with the bears often on the losing end. Hunters sometimes mistake grizzlies for legal-to-hunt black bears or kill grizzlies in self-defense — and wildlife managers often kill grizzlies that prey on cattle and sheep.

Such deaths have been increasingly common in the Green River headwaters in the Wind River Range, where in 2019 the U.S. Forest Service granted a 10-year extension allowing almost 9,000 cattle to graze on 270 square miles (690 square kilometers) of Bridger-Teton National Forest.

The plan said wildlife managers could kill up to 72 grizzlies — or about seven bears a year — over 10 years of grizzlies continuing to attack grazing livestock. The total would be double the number of grizzlies killed in the area over the previous 20 years.

Exceeding the plan's limit, which doesn't distinguish between male and female grizzlies, could result in stricter conservation measures to protect grizzlies.

Environmental groups sued, saying the plan should specify limits on killing female grizzlies, whose numbers are especially critical to the species' success since they bear cubs.

A district court judge in Wyoming ruled against the groups in 2022 but the five groups that sued, including the Sierra Club and Center for Biological Diversity, welcomed the appeals court ruling.

"This ruling confirms that federal officials can't sidestep the law to allow grizzly bears to be killed on public lands to appease the livestock industry," Center for Biological Diversity attorney Andrea Zaccardi said in a statement.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesperson Joe Szuszwalak declined to comment on the ruling. U.S. Forest Service officials didn't immediately return an email request Thursday seeking comment.

Previous grazing plans for the area had put limits on killing female grizzlies, the three-judge appeals court panel pointed out, but the latest offered no explanation for not doing so again.

Not considering limits on killing female grizzly bears or how female grizzly deaths would affect the area's overall population was "arbitrary and capricious," the appeals court ruled.

The judges upheld part of the plan that seeks to reduce deadly encounters between grizzlies and livestock, such as by requiring those tending to the cattle to carry bear-repellent spray.

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Texas House votes to impeach Republican attorney general Paxton

By Acacia Coronado,
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AUSTIN, Texas — Texas' GOP-led House of Representatives impeached state Attorney General Ken Paxton on Saturday on articles including bribery and abuse of public trust, a sudden, historic rebuke of a fellow Republican who rose to be a star of the conservative legal movement despite years of scandal and alleged crimes.

The vote triggers Mr. Paxton's immediate suspension from office pending the outcome of a trial in the state Senate and empowers Republican Gov. Greg Abbott to appoint someone else as Texas' top lawyer in the interim.

The vote constitutes an abrupt downfall for one of the GOP's most prominent legal combatants, who in 2020 asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn President Joe Biden's electoral defeat of Donald Trump. It makes Mr. Paxton only the third sitting official in Texas' nearly 200-year history to have been impeached.

Mr. Paxton, 60, has decried what he called "political theater" based on "hearsay and gossip, parroting long-disproven claims," and said it's an attempt to disenfranchise voters who reelected him in November. It's unclear where the attorney general was Saturday, but during the House proceeding he was sharing statements from supporters on Twitter.

"No one person should be above the law, least not the top law enforcement officer of the state of Texas," Rep. David Spiller, a Republican member of the committee that investigated Mr. Paxton, said in opening statements. Rep. Ann Johnson, a Democratic member, told lawmakers that Texas' "top cop is on the take." Rep. Charlie Geren, a Republican committee member, said without elaborating that Mr. Paxton had called lawmakers and threatened them with

political "consequences." As the articles of impeachment were laid out, some of the lawmakers shook their heads. They are expected to debate impeachment for four hours before voting.

Mr. Paxton has been under FBI investigation for years over accusations that he used his office to help a donor and was separately indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015, though he has yet to stand trial. Until this week, his fellow Republicans had taken a muted stance on the allegations.

Lawmakers allied with Mr. Paxton tried to discredit the investigation by noting that hired investigators, not panel members, interviewed witnesses. They also said several of the investigators had voted in Democratic primaries, tainting the impeachment, and that they had too little time to review evidence.

"I perceive it could be political weaponization," said Rep. Tony Tinderholt, one of the House's most conservative members. Republican Rep. John Smither compared the proceeding to a Saturday mob out for an afternoon lynching.

Impeachment requires just a simple majority in the House. That means only a small fraction of its 85 Republicans would need to join 64 Democrats in voting against him.

If impeached, Mr. Paxton would be suspended pending a Senate trial, and it would fall to Mr. Abbott to appoint an interim replacement. Final removal would require a two-thirds vote in the Senate, where Paxton's wife's, Angela, is a member.

Texas' top elected Republicans had been notably quiet about Mr. Paxton last week. But on Saturday both Mr. Trump and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz came to his defense, with the senator calling the impeachment process "a travesty" and saying the attorney general's legal troubles should be left to the courts.

"Free Ken Paxton," Mr. Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social, warning that if House Republicans proceeded with the process, "I will fight you."



A couple walk past a billboard promoting contract army service Saturday in the Russian city of Belgorod, some 60 miles from the border with Ukraine.

Ukraine's top commander says counteroffensive is imminent

By Marc Santora
and Eric Schmitt
The New York Times

Ukraine's top military commander signaled Saturday morning that the nation's forces were ready to launch their long-anticipated counteroffensive following months of preparations, including recently stepped-up attacks on logistical targets as well as feints and disinformation intended to keep Russian forces on edge.

"It's time to get back what's ours," Ukraine's supreme military commander, Gen. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, wrote in a statement.

The blunt statement, accompanied by a slickly produced video of Ukrainian troops preparing for battle and released on social media, appeared intended to rally a nation weary from 15 months of war and to deepen anxiety within the Russian ranks. But Gen. Zaluzhnyi offered no indication of where and when Ukrainian forces might try to break Russia's hold

on occupied territory.

Other senior Ukrainian officials also suggested that the counteroffensive was imminent.

Oleksiy Danilov, the head of the Ukrainian National Security and Defense Council, told the BBC in an interview released Saturday that Ukraine's forces were "ready" and that a large-scale assault could come "tomorrow, the day after tomorrow or in a week."

Ukraine has spent months amassing a powerful arsenal of Western-supplied weapons and training tens of thousands of soldiers in sophisticated offensive maneuvers for the campaign, which military analysts have suggested will most likely focus on Russian-occupied areas of southern and eastern Ukraine.

There were no public indications of large-scale troop movements along the vast front line Saturday morning. Both Ukraine and Russia have engaged in robust informational campaigns using videos and social media

throughout the war.

But the statements from Gen. Zaluzhnyi and Mr. Danilov come as a growing number of senior Ukrainian officials — including the head of military intelligence — have said in recent days that Ukraine now has what it needs to go on the attack.

In many ways, military analysts have noted, the counteroffensive may already have begun.

For weeks, Ukraine has apparently been seeking to set the stage for the campaign and "shape" the battlefield through a series of coordinated strikes deep behind enemy lines aimed at undermining critical Russian logistical operations, degrading Russia's combat abilities and compromising Moscow's capacity to move its forces around the battlefield.

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courage visitors to practice outdoor ethics such as Leave No Trace principles and Tread Lightly. Trail users should always proceed with caution, as many of the trails are open for multiple uses and they may encounter vehicles, bicyclists, horseback riders, or hikers at any time. You are responsible for the safety of yourself and those around you.

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Target recalls nearly 5 million Threshold candles after severe burns, lacerations reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — Target is recalling almost 5 million candles over laceration and burn hazards, according to a notice from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The recall impacts some 4.9 million Threshold-branded

glass jar candles sold in multiple sizes and various scents — including water mint and eucalyptus, apple blossom and breeze and warm cider and cinnamon, among others.

According to the CPSC notice, Target received 137 reports of

the Threshold candles' jars breaking or cracking during use. Six injuries — which included lacerations and severe burns — were reported.

Consumers with the recalled Threshold products should "should immediately stop using" them, Thursday's

notice said. The candles can be returned to any Target store or by mail for a full refund.

Details on the size, scent and item numbers of the candles are listed on the CPSC website and Target's recall page.

The recalled Thresh-

old products were sold exclusively in Target stores and on the Minneapolis-based retailer's website from August 2019 through March 2023. Sale prices range from \$3 to \$20, the CPSC said.

"Target is committed to providing high qual-

ity and safe products to our guests," Target spokesperson Joe Unger said in a statement to The Associated Press, urging customers owning "any items that have been recalled" to return them for a full refund.

Virgin Galactic completes final test flight before launching paying customers to space

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Virgin Galactic completed what is expected to be its final test flight Thursday before taking paying customers on brief trips to space, marking what the space tourism company described as a "fantastic achievement" in what has been a long road to commercial operations.

Six of the company's employees, including two pilots, landed at Spaceport America in southern New Mexico after the short up-and-down flight that included a few minutes of weightlessness. It took about an hour for the mother ship to carry the spaceplane to an altitude of 44,500 feet (13,563 meters), where it was released and fired its rocket motor to make the final push.

"Successful boost, WE HAVE REACHED SPACE!" Virgin Galactic tweeted.

It reached an altitude of 54.2 miles (87 kilometers) before gliding back down to the runway, according to the company.

Jamila Gilbert, who grew up in southern New Mexico and leads the company's internal communications, was

among those on board who were evaluating what it will be like for paying customers.

It was hard for her to put the experience into words, saying it probably will take a lifetime to process the sights and the feelings that filled those moments between the rocket igniting and the space-ship reaching its highest point.

"It was just this magnetic pull," she said in an interview. "Once I started looking out, I could feel that I was floating. I could hear voices. But I couldn't stop looking at the planet, and I couldn't look away."

Fellow crew member Christopher Huie said it seems as if everything stopped when the spaceship was released from the carrier plane.

"You're just waiting for the rocket to light," said Huie, an aerospace engineer. "And I think that moment had so much anticipation, and I could have lived in

that moment forever."

Then came a little jostle with the firing of the rocket, and the crew were pinned to their seats as the G-forces kicked in.

The flight came nearly two years after founder Richard Branson beat fellow billionaire and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and rocket company Blue Origin into space. Bezos ended up flying nine days later from West Texas, and Blue Origin has since launched several passenger trips. Federal aviation authorities banned Virgin Galactic launches after Branson's flight to investigate a mishap.

Virgin Galactic has been working for more than a decade to send paying passengers on short space hops and in 2021 finally won the federal government's approval.

The next step will be for Virgin Galactic to analyze data from Thursday's flight and inspect the planes and other

equipment as the company prepares for commercial service, possibly as soon as late June.

Virgin Galactic CEO

Michael Colglazier has acknowledged the delays and missed deadlines over the years. But on Thursday, he

said seeing the crew's reactions after landing gave him confidence in what the company has built so far.



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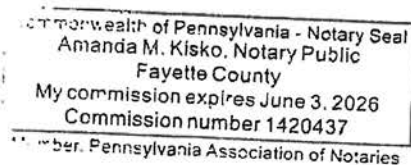
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By *Amanda M Kisko*

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North Union Twp. man arrested after drugs, guns found in home

By JON ANDREASSI
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A North Union Township man is in jail without bond after state police found drugs and firearms in his home.

Jacob Randall Springer, 40, faces a felony of possession of a controlled

substance with intent to deliver, and misdemeanors of possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and prohibited possession of a firearm.

According to the criminal complaint, state police served a search warrant at

Springer's home in the 400 block of Hopwood Cooling Road at about 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Police found about \$350 in cash, suspected methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and two guns.

Springer was arraigned Wednesday afternoon before

District Judge Nathan Henning, who sent him to the Fayette County jail without bond.

According to online court records, Henning denied bond due to Springer also being a defendant in several other cases and being out on bail in each of them.

Springer posted a \$10,000 bond last month on two felonies of receiving stolen property. He is also awaiting trial on another theft case, and was released on \$50,000 unsecured bond.

A preliminary hearing for the most recent charges is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 6.

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without permission," Walsh said.

Walsh did not identify the business owner or the intruder. The intruder was flown to a Pittsburgh hospital for treatment. His injuries and condition were not immediately available.

Lee Zielinski runs Magic City Barbershop a few doors down from the pet store. Zielinski said the pet store owner came into the barbershop following the shooting and told him that he had just shot an intruder inside his business.

"It was a little after 9, because I got here at 9 and nothing was happening. I just came and charged all my clippers and everything. I had Batman on the TV; it had all the guns, so I didn't hear," Zielinski said.

According to Walsh, Charleroi police continue to investigate the incident and no charges have been filed.

Charleroi police were not available for comment prior to Thursday's deadline.

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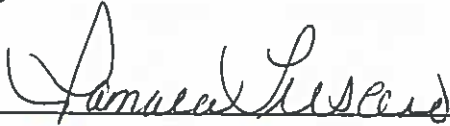
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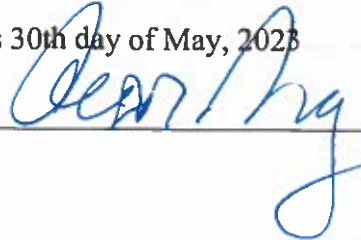
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When science projects go bad

Saturdays around here are for cleaning the fridge.

The fact that droves of Saturdays have passed without my doing that should give a pretty accurate image of what the inside of my Whirlpool side-by-side was like.

Last Saturday morning when I reached inside for my coffee creamer and two Trader Joe's truffles, yum, I was met with a mystery. Was that brown thing on the plate at the back of the top shelf a brownie? Was it a forgotten piece of cake? Oh, dear, let it not be chicken.

Wanting to avoid knowing for sure, I moved my delicious array of flavored coffee creamers out of the way, tossed a paper towel over the suspicious square thing, grabbed it, stuffed it into a blue plastic bag and buried it deep, deep in the trash can. I've treated centipedes more gently.

If I'd forgotten an actual brownie, what else could be moldering in the cold depths

of the fridge? Creepy, fuzzy things were surely awaiting me in the drawers.

Those carrots I bought way back when I thought about making vegetable soup? Is that what those rust colored things are? Or are they hot dogs? I picked one up and it folded over like a limp noodle. That dark green thing in the far corner of the crisper drawer? My best guess is it was once a bit of kale, now the sad remains of my highly aspirational leafy-greens stage.

Next drawer, the cheese. Shredded mozzarella, grated parmesan, shredded orange stuff that calls itself a Mexican mixture. Science projects, all.

Maybe I should be too ashamed to write about the condition of my fridge, and come to think of it, I probably should be ashamed, but I'm already halfway into my word count for this column. Besides, mine can't be the only poorly managed icebox,

as my grandparents used to call them.

Now to scrub the shelves. Living alone and feeding mostly just myself, my fridge is never very full. I downloaded what I had onto the counters, opening jars to check for shrubbery. I've read that tomatoey things don't grow mold because of all the acid, but I'm here to tell you: that is not true.

One by one I slid out the glass shelves, took them to the sink and wrangled them around to scrub and rinse them. My sink is precisely the wrong shape and size to do this task, which I'll now use as the reason I haven't cleaned them before. Off came the crusty and goopy, the bits of grape jelly and the one dried up vitamin B pill (no clue). The scrubbing was taking so long I worried that the food waiting on the counters would be going bad.

Desiccated. That's one of those munchy words we writers don't get to use very



BETH DOLINAR

often, but it's a good one. At the back of the bottom glass shelf was a container of yogurt, circa summer 2021. Dare I peel back the foil lid? It was desiccated into a hard, cracked block – proof that even yogurt, which by its nature is half-bad to begin with, can go bad if given enough time and space.

By the end of the hour, the shelves were clean and back in place and ready for the food to go back in. The last time I felt that sense of accomplishment was when I sorted my vast and unruly wardrobe of sneakers.

After putting the last bottle of coffee creamer onto the sparkly top shelf, I stood at the open door for a moment, reveling in my housekeeping skills and the spotlessness of my fridge. How very refreshing.

Canonsburg woman jailed in stabbing

By JON ANDREASSI
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A Canonsburg woman faces multiple felonies in connection with the stabbing of a man in her home Wednesday night.

Canonsburg police charged April Olshock, 62, with attempted murder of the third degree after being called to her apartment in the 300 block of West Pike Street shortly before midnight.

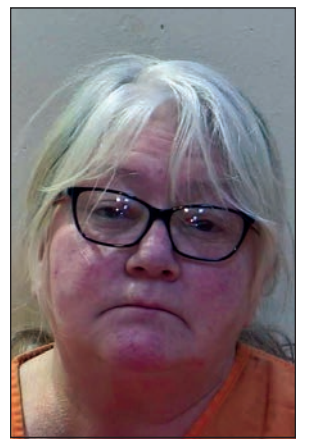
According to the criminal complaint, police arrived to find Olshock arguing with John Kosek. Kosek had a stab wound in his back, and said that Olshock had stabbed him during an argument.

Kosek was transported to Canonsburg Hospital for treatment.

Olshock claimed she stabbed Kosek because he would not leave her apartment and called her vulgar names, court paperwork states.

According to the complaint, Olshock told police she intended to kill Kosek. Police said she also had washed the knife in a sink.

A witness who was also



April Olshock

in the apartment woke up after Kosek had been stabbed. The witness told police that Olshock had previously said she may stab Kosek if they were alone, according to the complaint.

Olshock also faces a felony charge of aggravated assault, and misdemeanors of simple assault and reckless endangerment.

She was arraigned Thursday morning before District Judge Louis McQuillan, who sent her to the Washington County jail on \$75,000 bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. June 6.

Waynesburg band performs at state Capitol

By KAREN MANSFIELD
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Waynesburg Central Elementary School's sixth-grade band held its annual spring concert on Tuesday, but this year, the performers also played on a different stage.

Under the direction of music teacher/band director Jason A. Falvo, the band performed a concert inside the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg and visited Hersheypark's Chocolate World on May 17.

"Some of our kids may never have an opportunity like this again but they got to experience their hard work pay off in a performance, trip, and a memory that they can take with them for a life-



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time," said Falvo, noting the sixth-graders started their band careers completing assignments on Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "I'm so proud of the students for their hard work and determination."

Falvo said state Sen. Cam-

era Bartolotta helped coordinate the trip after the band was unable to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's celebration of Music In Our Schools Month in March.

The band played a medley of three songs in the East

Waynesburg Elementary School's sixth-grade band performs at the state Capitol Building in Harrisburg on May 17, under the direction of music teacher/band director Jason Falvo.

Wing Rotunda and was treated to a pizza party.



Woman arrested on threat charges

By JON ANDREASSI
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A Monessen woman was arrested by police in Washington, D.C., and is expected to face multiple cases in Westmoreland County for allegedly threatening public officials.

The office of Westmoreland County District Attorney Nicole Zicarelli announced the arrest of Precious Linda Gantt, 39, in a Facebook post Thursday morning. Gantt was located in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday and arrested by police there.

Gantt is wanted on charges of terroristic threats and harassment in cases dating back to March 30.

Westmoreland County detectives filed the most recent charges Tuesday after Gantt allegedly threatened the life of Common Pleas Judge Justin Walsh.

According to the criminal complaint, Gantt called the courthouse on May 19 and told an employee that she would shoot and kill Walsh and his family. Police believe the threats stem from Walsh presiding over child custody hearings involving Gantt.

Gantt was also charged in two other cases earlier in the month. According to the complaints, Gantt called the Monessen Police Department 15 times on April 21 and made threats toward officers.

Monessen police also charged Gantt for threatening to shoot her parole officer, and in March, charged her with harassing a woman over text messages and social media.

Gantt is also wanted on a felony terroristic threats charge in Allegheny County.

She is expected to be extradited back to Pennsylvania to faces charges.

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VALLEY

BETHLEHEM

Music center to play on under new owner

Hawk Music in late March was forced to close as part of a major redevelopment project at Westgate Mall.

Pamela Sroka-Holzmann
For The Express-Times

Hawk Music Center soon will be making sweet tunes again — about three months after the music died at the beloved Westgate Mall store.

It was a somber day on March 31 when Hawk Music co-owners and siblings Phil Hawk and Pat Hawk Paulus closed the doors for good. The store was one of the mall's original tenants in 1973 when it was built at 2425 Schoenersville Road, near Routes 22 and 378 in Bethlehem. It was founded by the late family patriarch and area musician, Bill Hawk, and was four months shy of its 50th anniversary.

The siblings confirmed to lehighvalleylive.com this week they gave their blessing to Jason Marish of Bethlehem to take over the reins in what all parties are calling the store's "next chapter."

Marish plans to reopen Hawk Music sometime this July at the site of the former Mac's Hobby Hall, 721 Linden St., in Northside Bethlehem. He's been storing what was left of the store's inventory of instruments and equipment in a warehouse since the closure.

"Phil and Pat did want to eventually retire, but they didn't want to do it forcibly and I didn't want them to just disappear quietly in the night," Marish told lehighvalleylive.com this week.

"There was a lot of public outcry over it; it was all just such a shame," he added. "I wanted to do this family right and decided to take over where they left off."

Hawk Music Center was known as one of the oldest musical instrument shops in the Lehigh Valley.

Now, in its next chapter, Hawk Music will be reimagined for a new generation while welcoming back its longtime regulars. This will all be done in a newly-renovated space, Marish described.

The two-story former Mac's Hobby Hall building is in a strip of businesses, which also includes Machs Gute Pub and Grille. The family-owned, neighborhood restaurant in 2003 was taken over by current co-owners and brothers, Louis and George Tsihlis.

Peter Tsihlis, the nephew of the owners, late last year decided to buy the former Mac's Hobby Hall property, given its close proximity to Machs Gute. He wasn't immediately sure what he planned to do with the approximately 1,500-square-foot space, but he knew he wanted to fill it with a similar family-owned vibe.

Mac's Hobby Hall was founded in the 1940s in South Bethlehem before moving to Linden Street, where it became a fixture since the 1970s. The store was known through the years as being a go-to spot for outdoorsmen looking to pick up fishing tackle or live bait. It was named for its original owner, the late Gertrude Makagon, known by most as Mrs. Mac, who lived above the shop.

The store then went through multiple changes of hands before the late Elva "Sis" Shuck ran it for 21 years until her death in 2012. Her children, including daughter Lisa Ebner, in April 2022 attempted to revive the shop after it shuttered in 2014.

That reopening, however, was short-lived and the Ebners decided to move away from where they resided across the street, Peter Tsihlis said.

After securing Marish as a tenant, Tsihlis decided to embark on a lengthy interior and exterior renovation for the future Hawk Music space. Work began in April and is slated to end prior to the summer opening.

The goal, Tsihlis said, is to keep the historical integrity of the building, dating back to the 1900s, while implementing some modern upgrades. Work includes new brickwork and front picture windows



for the exterior, as well as new flooring and expanded bathrooms in the interior.

Once complete, Marish envisions the space to be comprised of four lesson rooms and a large retail area. There'll be both instrument and instrument accessory sales, as well as space for repairs and to pick up rentals. Instructors will be teaching everything from strings to brass and woodwinds to percussion and piano.

Machs Gute underwent similar upgrades about a year ago in its renovation project. Both buildings will now reflect similar features. There's also plans for future collaborations between the two businesses, Marish and Peter Tsihlis said.

Peter Tsihlis said he thinks patrons will enjoy the neighborhood feel of Hawk Music in its new headquarters, which will be a different vibe than trekking through a large shopping mall.

"I feel that a good community and family business are a good foundation for success," he said.

A rendering of what will soon become the new site of Hawk Music, under new ownership, at 721 Linden St. in Northside Bethlehem. New owner Jason Marish plans to open sometime in July at the site of the former Mac's Hobby Hall. Courtesy

"I wanted to do this family right and decided to take over where they left off."

Jason Marish

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

Body pulled from Lehigh River identified as missing student

Kurt Bresswein For The Express-Times

The body recovered last Friday from the Lehigh River near the Easton border has been identified as that of a missing Lehigh University student, Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek said.

Daniel Lee had been missing since Jan. 20, the Bethlehem university said the following day in a campuswide bulletin. There was concern that self-harm may have been involved in his disappearance, authorities had said.

Lysek said Wednesday his office had completed the identification process and ruled Lee died from drowning. The death was ruled a suicide.

Lee was a second-year engineering and university center facilities work-study student from East Hanover, New Jersey.

Lehigh University President Joseph J. Helble issued a statement as follows:

"I am deeply saddened to share an update regarding the search for second-year Lehigh student Daniel Lee. After a concerted search effort last winter failed to provide any information about his disappearance, we received confirmation today that a body recovered in the Lehigh River last week was Daniel's.

"Lehigh University representatives have been in contact with Daniel's family, and our thoughts and sincerest condolences are with his family, friends and loved ones.

"Struggling with mental health and well-being is a difficult subject that is important to address openly and directly as a community. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health cri-

sis or emotional distress, there are counselors and resources available through Lehigh for students, faculty and staff (including off-campus support through MySSP). You also can call the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by dialing or texting 988 or using chat services at suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

"As we come together to support one another, I also encourage those who may be struggling with their mental health to seek support.

"The lack of definitive information surrounding Daniel's disappearance has been especially hard on those close to him, and the loss of a student is upsetting for our entire Lehigh community. If you are struggling with your thoughts or emotions, remember you are not alone, and there are resources and Lehigh staff to support you.

"My thoughts are with everyone in our community as we process this difficult news together."

Kurt Bresswein, NJ Advance Media, kbresswein@lehighvalleylive.com

UPPER MT. BETHEL TWP.

Shooting death ruled a homicide

Kurt Bresswein For The Express-Times

The shooting death of a 59-year-old man May 14 in Upper Mount Bethel Township has been ruled a homicide, Northampton County Coroner Zachary Lysek said.

Walter Richard Whaley Jr. died of a gunshot wound to the chest, Lysek said Wednesday in releasing the results of an autopsy.

Authorities were called during the early morning hours that Sunday to Sandy

Shore Drive in Upper Mount Bethel. Whaley was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Lysek.

The death remains under investigation, county District Attorney Terry Houck said Wednesday, but he stressed there is no danger to the community.

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Study names long COVID symptoms

Findings a critical step for effective treatment

Karen Weintraub
USA TODAY

A clearer picture of what's become known as long COVID-19 is starting to emerge, which should eventually allow researchers to treat symptoms that can devastate people's lives for months or years after a COVID-19 infection.

In a new study funded by the National Institutes of Health, researchers identified symptoms that are the most distinctive to long COVID, including: fatigue, especially after exercise; brain fog; dizziness; gastrointestinal symptoms; heart palpitations; issues with sexual desire or capacity; loss of smell or taste; thirst; chronic cough; chest pain; and abnormal movements.

Each self-reported symptom is given a score and someone with a score of 12 or more "is a person who very likely has long COVID," said Dr. Leora Horwitz, who helped lead the research from the New York University Grossman School of Medicine. "It doesn't mean these symptoms are the most common, or the most severe, or the most burdensome, or the most important to people. It just means that these are the ones that help us identify people who have long-term consequences."

More than 20% of people who've had COVID score high enough six months after their infection to meet this working definition of long COVID, although one-third of them no longer meet the criteria at nine months. But just because someone no longer meets this standard doesn't mean they are free from suffering or fully recovered, Horwitz noted.

It's not yet clear from this study whether people with long COVID can be classified into different groups according to their symptoms, Horwitz said, though other research has tried to do that. It's possible that long COVID has different causes in different people, or that some people are affected by a combination of factors.

The survey of nearly 10,000 Americans found long COVID is more common among people infected before the omicron variant emerged in late 2021 and among those who were not vaccinated. Reinfection and severity of infection were also linked to a higher incidence of long COVID, according to the study, published Thursday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Researchers now plan to connect the survey responses with biological data, such as blood samples and scans, to delve into the causes of these symptoms.

Although the process seems slow – this study was started more than a year ago – it is essential to precisely define long COVID before researchers can pursue treatments, said Andrea Foulkes, the study's other lead author. If they don't have a way to distinguish people with long COVID from those without, they



Fatigue, brain fog, dizziness, thirst and heart palpitations are a few of the symptoms of long COVID. RICK CRUZ/PACIFIC DAILY NEWS VIA IMAGN CONTENT SERVICES

won't be able to tell if a treatment is making a difference.

"By coming up with a way of classifying people as having long COVID, we can now take the next step of really unraveling the mechanisms of disease," said Foulkes, director of biostatistics at Massachusetts General Hospital and a Harvard Medical School professor. "Knowing who has long COVID, we can start to look at what are the factors that contribute to these different manifestations. And that's of course important because ultimately it's going to inform treatments."

Long COVID has a long potential list of causes, including tiny blood clots affecting organ function, lingering virus or viral particles, and dysautonomia, where activities that happen without thought, like maintaining heart rate and blood pressure, are out of whack.

A number of the symptoms – such as gastrointestinal problems, brain fog, fatigue and thirst – are indicative of dysautonomia, said Tanayott Thaweethai, a co-author on the study and a biostatistician at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Others, such as feeling worse after exercise, are known to occur after other post-viral illnesses like chronic fatigue syndrome.

Foulkes said she wants to continue to follow study participants to learn more about the characteristics of those who no longer meet the definition of having long COVID. It's too soon to know if the recovery seen at nine months is real or if symptoms simply ebb and

flow over time, said Foulkes, who wants "to really understand what recovery means."

The RECOVER trial includes adults who were infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID, along with people who were not knowingly infected and do not have COVID antibodies. Many of these people were enrolled right after getting COVID, so it was too soon to know whether they would develop long-lasting symptoms.

Of those – who began enrolling in December 2021, just as the omicron wave was sweeping the country – 10% meet the criteria for long COVID, a smaller percentage than in the group overall.

Vaccination clearly reduces the risk of long COVID, she said.

Horwitz said she's very sympathetic to the fact that people who are suffering today don't want to wait for a deeper understanding of the disease before they feel better. Science moves deliberately but, unfortunately, not quickly.

"From my perspective as a scientist, this is actually moving at warp speed," she said. "We have enrolled over 10,000 people in under a year. We have a phenomenal amount of data here, looking at all parts of the body in a way that no one has put together in a study like this before."

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York County sees population increase in 2020-2022

Angel Albring
York Daily Record
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York County is among 27 in Pennsylvania that saw a population in-

crease from 2020-2022 based on U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

In March, the bureau released estimates of the total population at the county level. Population

estimates are calculated using administrative records to estimate total population as of July 1, 2022.

Pennsylvania experienced an overall popula-

tion decline of just over 30,000 (or down 0.2%) between 2020 and 2022.

Cumberland County remained the fastest-growing county in Pennsylvania when looking at

percent change from 2020 to 2022, with an increase of 3.5%. Three other counties had populations that grew by 2% or more, including Adams County, with a 2.1% in-

crease.

The greatest percent decrease from 2020 to 2022 occurred in Forest County, which saw a 5% decline.

Numerically, Chester County added the most people, with a 11,415 gain. York saw an increase of 4,616 people, Lancaster gained 3,660 people and Adams County saw an increase of 2,198 people.

On May 18, the bureau released estimates that highlight the total population at the municipal level.

A total of 750 municipalities in Pennsylvania experienced an increase in population between the 2020 population estimate base and the July 1, 2022 population estimate. A total of 77 municipalities were population neutral between 2020 and 2022, while 1,745 municipalities declined.

In York County, Dover township had the highest percentage increase, gaining 1,022 residents, for an increase of 4.4%. Interestingly, though, Dover borough lost seven people, for a 0.4% decrease.

Dillsburg borough had the highest percentage decrease, losing 0.5% of its population, or 12 people.

Regionally, Gettysburg borough in Adams County experienced a 17% increase, or 1,455 people, and Millersville borough in Lancaster County saw a 14% increase, or a growth of 1,289 people.

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Trump, DeSantis feud intensifies

Fla. governor joins race, clashes with ex-president

David Jackson
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Ron DeSantis is now an official Republican presidential candidate, but he spent Day One making only a muted critique of front-running antagonist Donald Trump.

During an unusual roll-out Wednesday night, DeSantis once again touted his record in Florida and made only passing references to Trump, noting at one point that he and his movement have lost a string of elections.

"There is no substitute for victory," DeSantis said during a friendly interview on Twitter Spaces. "We must end the culture of losing that has infected the Republican Party in recent years."

DeSantis echoed his "culture of losing" comment in an interview on Fox News — but did not cite Trump or any other Republican opponent by name.

Whether DeSantis can maintain his reticence remains to be seen, given Trump's big lead in Republican polls.

Trump stays on attack

Rest assured, Trump will continue brawling with DeSantis.

If anything, the former president amped up his frequent attacks on the Florida governor as an ingrate with a bad record and a poor personality that will not play well with voters.

In one of several anti-DeSantis posts on Truth



Former President Donald Trump has spent months working to hobble the once-ascendant Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, whom he and his team have long viewed as his most serious challenger. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP FILE

Social, Trump said DeSantis raised most of his money "before his poll numbers tanked - and wow(!) did they tank!"

Either way, DeSantis' formal entrance in the race locked in a Republican battle that will probably determine whom the party nominates for president next year.

A more aggressive DeSantis?

The Florida governor held off attacking Trump over indictments and other legal issues, but he did mark his formal entrance into the race by suggesting he is a better bet than Trump in a general election.

At one point during his Twitter interview, DeSantis appeared to reference Trump's protests of his 2020 election loss to President Joe Biden by saying "we must look forward, not backwards."

Asked on Fox what he

would say to candidates who have said they might not participate in debates — such as Trump — DeSantis replied: "I think we should debate."

For the most part, however, DeSantis stuck to the approach he has used for months: promoting his Florida policies on education, immigration, law and order and the economy, and arguing that they should be applied to the nation as a whole.

In a video released by the newly minted campaign, DeSantis said, "I'm running for president to lead our Great American Comeback." (The video did not mention Trump, either.)

After filing paperwork with the Federal Election Commission on Wednesday, DeSantis went on Twitter Spaces and Fox News to talk about his new campaign — and to talk more about Biden rather than Trump or oth-

er Republican opponents.

Asked on Twitter about opponents' criticism of his legal fight with Disney, DeSantis did not cite Trump or anybody else by name. Instead, he lumped them together as "corporatists" who back state benefits for big businesses.

Trump and videos

Trump's attacks on social media included anti-DeSantis video commercials.

One recalled how Trump's endorsement helped a long-shot DeSantis win the Florida governor's race in 2018. "Instead of being grateful," the narrator said, "DeSantis is now attacking the very man who saved his career."

The other ad mocked DeSantis for trying to be like Trump and touted the former president's record in office. "Why would we ever settle for Trump im-

posters?" the narrator asked.

Trump and allies also promoted his leads in polls.

A CNN poll released Wednesday showed Trump has the backing of 53% of Republican and Republican-leaning primary voters; DeSantis is far back in second at 26%.

Others attack DeSantis

DeSantis isn't the only Republican candidate who has been reluctant to attack Trump publicly.

Most of the other announced or prospective candidates — including Nikki Haley, Tim Scott and Mike Pence — have spent as much time criticizing DeSantis as Trump.

Haley, the former South Carolina governor and Trump's ambassador to the United Nations, has been notably clear that she intends to target De-

Santis for the title of Trump's main challenger.

Speaking with Fox News Digital in the hours before DeSantis' Twitter announcement, Haley described the Florida governor as "just an echo of Trump," and "I think that's not what the American people want to see."

Dems look forward to battle

Political professionals said DeSantis can't help but go after Trump at some point, especially given the former president's lead in the polls.

Democrats, of course, don't believe Trump or DeSantis can win a general election and say their emerging internecine battle will only help Biden win reelection.

Pat Dennis, president of American Bridge 21st Century — a political organization that prepared "a DeSantis Research Book" criticizing the governor — said he, Trump and other GOP candidates are mostly "far-right extremists."

They "are in a race to the right because that's the only way to win a Republican primary," he said.

"The candidate who makes it through will be whoever can convince their voters that they would attack our democracy and our freedoms the most," Dennis said.

Trump and other Republicans also attacked DeSantis for his campaign skills, or lack thereof. They cited video of awkward exchanges between the new candidate and potential voters.

DeSantis skeptics cited campaign skills as a big reason he will have a hard time coming back against Trump.

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Virgin Galactic completes final test flight before launching paying customers to space

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Virgin Galactic completed what's expected to be its final test flight Thursday before taking paying customers on brief trips to space.

Six of the company's employees, including two pilots, landed at Spaceport America in southern New Mexico after the short up-and-down flight that included a few minutes of weightlessness. It took about an hour for the mother ship to carry the spaceplane to an altitude where it could fire its rocket and make the final push to the edge of space.

"Successful boost, WE HAVE REACHED SPACE!" Virgin Galactic tweeted.

Virgin Galactic has been working for more than a decade to send paying passengers on short space hops and in 2021 finally won the federal government's approval.

The initial commercial flight expected later this year will include members of the Italian Air Force who will conduct experiments.

Indiana woman dies while hiking at Grand Canyon

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. — Officials say an Indiana woman died earlier this month while hiking inside Grand Canyon National

Park.

The National Park Service said Wednesday the 36-year-old from Westfield died May 14 while trying to hike to the Colorado River and back in a day. She was found un-

conscious on the Bright Angel Trail above the Three-Mile Resthouse.

Her name was not included in a news release.

Park Rangers say the incident is a reminder that visitors, especially those

visiting the inner canyon, need to plan for the weather. They anticipate extremely hot days in the coming weeks. Some exposed areas of the trail can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit during the summer.

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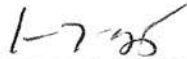
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Biden announces Joint Chiefs pick

President taps Air Force chief as next chairman

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WASHINGTON – The Air Force fighter pilot tapped to be the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff got his call sign by ejecting from a burning F-16 fighter jet high above the Florida Everglades and falling into the watery sludge below.

It was January 1991, and then-Capt. CQ Brown Jr. had just enough time in his parachute above alligator-full wetlands for a thought to pop into his head. “Hope there’s nothing down there,” Brown said in an interview at the Aspen Security Forum last year.

He landed in the muck, which coated his body and got “in his boots and everything.” Which is how the nominee to be the country’s next top military officer got his call sign: “Swamp Thing.”

President Joe Biden announced he was nominating Brown during a Rose Garden event on Thursday, praising him as an “unflappable and highly effective leader.”

If confirmed, Brown, now a four-star general and the Air Force chief, would replace Army Gen. Mark Milley, whose term ends in October.

Milley described Brown as “absolutely superb.” Speaking earlier in the day at a Pentagon news conference, he said he was “looking forward to a speedy confirmation.”



President Joe Biden announced he is nominating U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. CQ Brown, Jr. as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during a Rose Garden event in Washington Thursday. SUSAN WALSH/AP

The call sign reveal was a rare inner look into Brown, who keeps his cards close to his chest. He’s spent much of his career being one of the Air Force’s top aviators, one of its few Black pilots and often one of the only African Americans in his squadron.

To this day, his core tenets are to “execute at a high standard, personally and professionally,” Brown said this month at an Air Force Association conference in Colorado. “I do not play for second place. If I’m in, I’m in to win – I do not play to lose.” Biden referenced Brown’s comments in his praise.

“Gen. Brown doesn’t play for second place,” Biden said. “He plays to win and that’s obvious. That mindset is going to be an enormous asset to me as commander in chief of the

United States of America as we navigate challenges in the coming years.”

He’s been many firsts, including the Air Force’s first Black commander of the Pacific Air Forces, and most recently its first Black chief of staff, making him the first African American to lead any of the military branches.

If confirmed, he would be part of another first – the first time the Pentagon’s top two posts were held by African Americans, with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin the top civilian leader. Brown would not be the first African American to be chairman, the Pentagon’s top military post; that distinction went to the late Army Gen. Colin Powell.

Brown, 60, has commanded the nation’s air power at all levels. Born in San Antonio, he is from a family of Army soldiers.

His grandfather led a segregated Army unit in World War II and his father was an artillery officer and Vietnam War veteran. Brown grew up on several military bases, which helped instill in him a sense of mission.

His nomination caps a four-decade military career that began with his commission as a distinguished ROTC graduate from Texas Tech University in 1984. He was widely viewed within military circles as the frontrunner for the chairmanship, with the right commands and a track record of driving institutional change, attributes seen as needed to push the Pentagon onto a more modern footing to meet China’s rise.

For the past two years Brown has pressed “Accelerate, Change or Lose” within the Air Force. The campaign very much has

China in mind, pushing the service to shed legacy warplanes and speed its efforts to counter hypersonics, drones and space weapons, where the military’s lingering Cold War-era inventory does not match up.

In person, Brown is private, thoughtful and deliberate. He is seen as a contrast to Milley, who has remained outspoken throughout his tenure, often to the ire of former President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers.

“He’s not prone to blurt out something without some serious thought in his own mind, some serious kind of balancing of the opportunities or options,” said retired Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Moseley, who knows Brown from when Brown worked for him as a member of the Air Staff.

Brown has more than 3,000 flying hours and repeat assignments to the Air Force Weapons School – an elite aerial fighting school similar to the Navy’s TOPGUN. Only about 1% of Air Force fighter pilots are accepted, Moseley said.

When Brown had to eject from the burning F-16 in 1991, after the fuel tank broke off mid-flight, he said the timing couldn’t have been worse.

“I was a bit frustrated because it happened just before the selection for weapons school,” he said at the Aspen forum. He said he had to apply three times before he got in, noting that it’s “pretty competitive.”

But he rose to the top

there, too, earning a spot as an instructor, “which is like 1% of the 1%,” Moseley said.

Brown returned to the weapons school as its commandant. By then it had expanded from fighter-only exclusivity to teaching combined airpower operations, with tankers, bombers and cargo planes.

Brown saw that the school “required a different approach and attitude,” said retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Bill Rew. Earlier commandants had tried to institute a new mantra, “Humble, Approachable, Credible,” but it had not taken root.

Under Brown the cultural shift took hold and remains in place today, said Rew, who was one of Brown’s instructors at the weapons school and wing commander during Brown’s time as commandant.

“It takes a certain kind of leadership, that doesn’t force cultural change on people but explains it and motivates them on why that change is important,” Rew said.

In June 2020, Brown was just a week from being confirmed by the Senate to serve as chief of staff of the Air Force when he felt the need to speak out on George Floyd’s murder.

It was risky and inopportune time for the general to draw public attention and pull back the curtain on his private thoughts.

His decision to speak out did not cost him. His Senate confirmation vote was 98-0.

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Bannon’s trial in ‘We Build the Wall’ case set for May 2024

NEW YORK – Steve Bannon, the conservative strategist and longtime ally of Donald Trump, will stand trial next May on charges that he duped donors who gave money to build a wall along the U.S. southern border, a judge said Thursday.

Bannon’s trial in the “We Build the Wall” case will start May 27, 2024.

Bannon pleaded not guilty last September following his indictment on state money laundering, conspiracy, fraud and other charges. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg took up the case after President Donald Trump pardoned Bannon. Pardons apply only to federal crimes, not state offenses.

Bannon, 69, is accused of falsely promising donors that all money given to the We Build the Wall campaign would go toward building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Instead, prosecutors allege that the money was used to enrich Bannon and others involved in the project.

Chirping leads airport officials to bag of smuggled parrots

LOXAHATCHEE, Fla. – The 24 bright green baby parrots began chirping and bobbing their heads the second anyone neared the large cages that have been their homes since hatching in March.

The Central American natives, seized at Miami International Airport, are being raised by the Rare Species Conservatory Foundation. At 9 weeks old, the parrots are almost fully feathered now and the staff has started transitioning them from a special formula to a diet of

food pellets and fruit.

Air passenger Szu Ta Wu had just arrived on a flight from Nicaragua on March 23, and was changing flights when he was stopped at a checkpoint, according to a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Miami.

CDC: 2 dead after surgeries in Mexico; meningitis suspected

BROWNSVILLE, Texas – Federal officials say more than 200 patients could be at risk of fungal

meningitis after having surgical procedures at clinics in a Mexican border city.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Wednesday it is collaborating with the Mexican Ministry of Health and U.S. state and local health departments to respond to the outbreak among patients who traveled to Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas.

The Mexican Ministry of Health sent the CDC a list of 221 U.S. patients

who might be at risk for meningitis based on their recorded surgical procedures from January to May 13. Two people have died.

After delay, SKorea launches 1st commercial-grade satellite

SEOUL, South Korea – South Korea successfully launched a commercial-grade satellite for the first time Thursday as part of its growing space development program, as rival North Korea is pushing to place its first military spy

satellite into orbit.

The domestically built three-stage Nuri rocket lifted off from a launch facility on a southern island with a payload of eight satellites, including a main commercial-grade satellite whose mission is to verify radar imaging technology and observe cosmic radiation in a near-Earth orbit.

Science Minister Lee Jong Ho said the successful launch proved the rocket’s reliability and South Korea’s potential to operate various satellites and explore space.



Nuri, a South Korean rocket, launches Thursday from Naro Space Centre in the southern coastal village of Goheung. It’s viewed as a key step forward for the country’s burgeoning space program. KOREA AEROSPACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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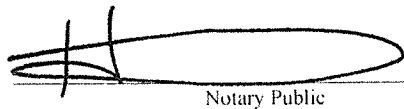
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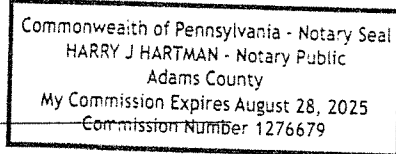
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Revolutionizing communication, exploring VoIP technology

Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), also called hosted voice, is a technology that allows the transmission of voice and multimedia content over the Internet. Instead of using traditional analog telephone lines, VoIP converts voice signals into digital data packets and sends them over IP networks. This can be done using a VoIP-compatible business phone, mobile device, or even internet browser.

Using an Internet connection, VoIP allows you to make phone or video calls, often at a lower cost than traditional telephone services. It is becoming increasingly popular for both personal and business communications.

There are many reasons why businesses have already switched to VoIP:

1. **Cost savings.** VoIP calls are often

less expensive than traditional telephone systems, especially for long-distance calls. VoIP uses your existing Internet connections, eliminating the need for separate phone lines. Cost savings of up to 40% have been estimated on monthly phone bills.

2. **Flexibility and mobility.** Away from your desk? VoIP users can make and receive calls from anywhere an internet or mobile network is available. Calls can be made using connected devices such as your computer, smartphone, tablet, or dedicated VoIP telephone.

3. **Advanced features.** While similar, VoIP systems offer much more than outdated analog or digital phone systems. This includes call forwarding, voicemail-to-email, call record-

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ing and analytics, conference calling, auto-attendant, SMS, and more. These features enhance productivity and make communications more efficient no matter where your employees are located.

4. **Scalability.** Businesses can easily add or remove users or expand the communication infrastructure as

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Evaluating your network to ensure it is ready for VoIP is important. You should confirm you have enough Internet bandwidth and verify your network is configured properly. This includes separating your voice traffic from other data. It is best to use wired networks over wireless, but not a necessity. Wired networks provide a more stable connection to help ensure voice quality. Overall, VoIP phones offer cost savings, flexibility, advanced features, and can offer easier maintenance compared to traditional phones.

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ACLS offers a variety of virtual programs for all interests

We all remember the spring of 2020; our worlds changed very quickly and quite drastically. And like everyone else, Adams County Library System (ACLS) had to adjust how things were being done. Our lives and programming turned virtual, and while we've been back to doing in-person programs again for quite some time, virtual programming is here to stay.

There are pros to participating in virtual programs. You don't need to worry about driving anywhere, especially if you dislike driving at night or in bad weather. You can join right from the comfort of your own home or any other place as long as you have an internet connection. You can be across the globe or right next door. And maybe the best part is you can wear anything you

want. I've attended several webinars and meetings while in my pajamas.

One of my favorite virtual programs we offer is our murder mysteries. I've been involved with local community theatre for years, and during the spring of 2020, when everyone was stuck at home, a friend started hosting virtual murder mysteries so we could all get our theatre fix while the stages were dark. I loved it so much that I decided to share it as a program at the library. Each participant is cast as a character, and everyone is a suspect. We host about five mysteries a year, and our next event is Murder on the Sagebrush Express on Aug. 18.

We have several virtual book discussions hosted by different branches of ACLS. For each of these book dis-

AT THE LIBRARY

Jess Shelleman



cussions, you have to register through our website, then a copy of the book will be sent to your local branch library for you to pick up and enjoy. If you do not live close to Adams County, you'll have to track down your own copy of the book, but everyone from everywhere is welcome to join virtu-

ally in the discussion. Book discussion groups, whether virtual or in person, are a great way to meet new people, socialize, and challenge yourself to read a book you might not necessarily pick up on your own. We currently have four virtual discussions you can participate in: Delving into Diversity, Cozy Reads, Brunetti Fans, and Community Book Discussion. Join one or join them all.

If arts and crafts are more your thing, ACLS has you covered. New Oxford hosts Knot Another Stitch, where you can virtually join fellow needle crafters in sharing and discussion while you create. Littlestown hosts a virtual tiny art program, where you watch a pre-recorded video as Kat walks you through creating your own

tiny masterpiece. Just register online, and you'll have a kit with supplies sent to your local branch library. New videos come out several times yearly, but all past videos are available on the ACLS YouTube channel.

Our biggest virtual program this summer is Brownie Wise: The Original Tupperware Lady, which will be held on Aug. 29. Come hear this presentation by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., as she tells the story of Brownie Wise, the woman who pioneered the Tupperware home parties.

To register for and learn more about these and other ACLS programs, check out our website at <http://www.adamslibrary.org>.

Jess Shelleman is the branch manager of the Littlestown Library.

The return of Yworks

You hold in your hands a printed periodical. Whether you subscribe to this newspaper, have it delivered, or are one of those notorious "can-I-see-that-when-you're-done" people, you most likely enjoy the leisurely approach that the printed page can render, a document that is most often yours alone, consumable at your pace, and available for consultation at any time if you can only remember where you laid it down.

The internet, the web, email, social media cannot do what print can do: deliver a physical message to your physical address. Yep, it's still a very effective way to communicate.

For years, it seems we've all been

saying we'd rather receive an email than a piece of mail; we'd rather get a text than a letter. I don't know about you, but I get so many emails that the first thing I do every day is delete three-quarters of them. I also get way too many texts and various notifications.

We could quote some recent studies on the effectiveness of direct mail promotion and advertising at this point. But instead, let's go directly to the YWCA portion of this piece. It's to tell you that we will be re-starting work on our by-mail informative booklet, Yworks. We're happy about it, working on it, and anxious to know your thoughts.

There will be some changes. For

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instance, it will only be delivered twice yearly, in June and December. In addition, it will be pared down from 20 to 12 pages. But the most

significant difference is that it won't list land fitness and pool schedules and much of the time-sensitive material it used to contain.

We'll still tell you about those things and guide you to them, most commonly by employing the wondrous QR code, that ubiquitous little square with cryptic shapes inside. Look at it with your smartphone's camera, and it will take you anywhere. In our case, to our website, for the most complete and timely information.

So, if you want to know about schedules, classes, activities, events, childcare, or whatever, we hope you'll whip out your cell and shoot the appropriate QR code, taking

you to a page with the most current details.

We've all got so many options these days and are exposed to so much information. Our goal is to have you know everything you'd like to know about the YWCA and to make that as easy as possible for you to do.

Please look for Yworks in your mailbox. Take a minute and take a look. Let us know if you don't get a copy and would like one. We hope this new/old idea, combined with the marvels made possible through the internet, can help us reach Adams County in the most effective ways possible.

Submitted by Mark Purdy.

Man who shot up Buffalo-area store, wounding 1, pleads guilty to attempted murder

By Ap

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A New York man who opened fire with a high-powered rifle at a

Buffalo-area retail store in 2017, wounding one person, pleaded guilty to an attempted murder charge Thursday and agreed to serve a 10-year prison sentence.

Travis Green, 34, of Buffalo, took the plea deal during a hearing in Erie County Court, District Attorney John Flynn said. Sentencing was set for July 6.

Police called it a miracle that more people were not injured or killed when Green sprayed more than 20 bullets at the front of the Dollar General store in Cheek-

towaga from the parking lot. Several customers and employees were inside at the time. A 53-year-old man outside the store was wounded in the shoulder but survived.

Green had earlier gone inside the store on Nov. 14, 2017, to request a job application and became irate, authorities said. He left the store, got a pump-action rifle from his car and started shooting.

A nearby store owner who saw the shooting jumped into his car, drove to the Dollar General and struck Green, who then tried to run away but was caught by police.

Police said they later found a second rifle in Green's car and more

than 850 rounds of ammunition.

After the shooting, Green's mother said stress appeared to be a factor because he had recently broken up with his wife and lost his job. Green had been ruled incompetent to stand trial but was later ruled competent as he received treatment.

Green's lawyer, Paul Dell, said Thursday that it has been difficult for his client to come to terms with what he did.

"He feels very fortunate that no one was seriously injured," Dell said. "This was not a hate crime nor was it political in any way, it was the worst day of his life."

The Buffalo News reported Dell said Green would only have about three more years in prison to serve with a 10-year sentence because he has been imprisoned since the shooting and will get time off his sentence for good behavior.

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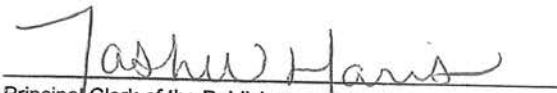
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study them to identify preventable problems and advise hospitals on improving patient safety.

Pennsylvania law requires hospitals to report such events to the authority, while also giving them confidentiality protections to alleviate fear of punishment or litigation.

At the same time, a federal law and a different Pennsylvania law encourage hospitals to review mistakes and unexpected outcomes to advance safety, while also giving legal protections as long as they follow certain rules.

Because of those rules, the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania says hospitals could lose legal protections if they provide certain information sought by the patient safety authority.

Rob Shipp, HAP's vice president for population health and clinical affairs, said HAP doesn't believe the law requires hospitals to provide information related to internal investigations — one of the types of information sought by the authority.

During an April meeting of the authority, he said "hospitals cannot provide some of what you are looking for without compromising their legal protections, which none are prepared to do."

He added: "Hospitals are eager to work with you on improving the process and

getting [the patient safety authority] information that you're entitled to in ways that's the most effective for everyone."

But nearly a month later, there have been no further meetings or progress toward an agreement between the authority and HAP.

After noticing the increase in neonatal incidents last year, the safety authority asked hospitals to provide results of internal investigations of the events and subsequent preventive actions, along with other medical information that might shed light on contributors to the injuries and deaths.

After hospitals objected, the safety authority dropped the request for copies of internal investigation reports, and instead proposed a form designed to gather the needed information, with some of the questions related to the investigations.

HAP continues to object to some of the questions on the grounds it could jeopardize legal protections.

At the April meeting, Hoffman voiced a sense of urgency.

"I'm sitting here with 160 events of babies who were harmed or died that I'd like more information on, so we can make more meaningful advisement and recommendations, and we could have been doing that in January and now it's almost May," she said.

A HAP spokesman said last week "we have been working with member hospitals on recommendations that we will share with the PSA for how hospitals can provide input into data collection processes so that the PSA receives the information it needs to investigate neonatal intensive care and other patient safety-related trends and hospitals' concerns related to peer-review are addressed."

The April discussion also showed tension between the authority and HAP over reporting issues separate from the neonatal events, with authority members saying some hospitals have long refused to provide any information to the authority.

Dr. Nirmal Joshi, the chair of the authority, said some lapses in reporting reflect "an honest mistake."

However, he told HAP's Shipp "you have a certain number of organizations that simply do not report the way they're supposed to report non-controversial, clean, straight answers," saying it's "one of the things we struggle with a whole lot."

Pennsylvania is the only state that requires hospitals to report mistakes and unintended medical events, according to the authority, which says it's the largest repository of patient safety data in the United States.

Over the years, it has detected and advised hospitals on problems includ-

ing operating on the wrong body part or patient, patients given the wrong dose of medication because their weight wasn't accurately recorded or converted from kilograms to pounds, and mistakes resulting from inconsistent patient wrist band meanings.

The authority was created two decades ago at a time when hospitals and doctors said Pennsylvania was facing a crisis of frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits and exorbitant medical malpractice insurance premiums that were causing doctors to flee the state.

There was much debate over the existence of a true "exodus" of Pennsylvania doctors, and whether the root of the problem was too many lawsuits, or too many medical mistakes.

In the end, lawmakers passed a package of laws intended to weed out frivolous lawsuits and lower malpractice premiums, while also improving safety by creating the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Authority.

At the recent authority meeting, Joshi called for "a collective plan" to address the failure of some hospitals to report incidents to the authority.

"This is not about taking rigid positions. This is not about egos. This is about what is safer for all Pennsylvanians and this is about coming to the middle," he said.

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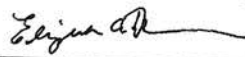
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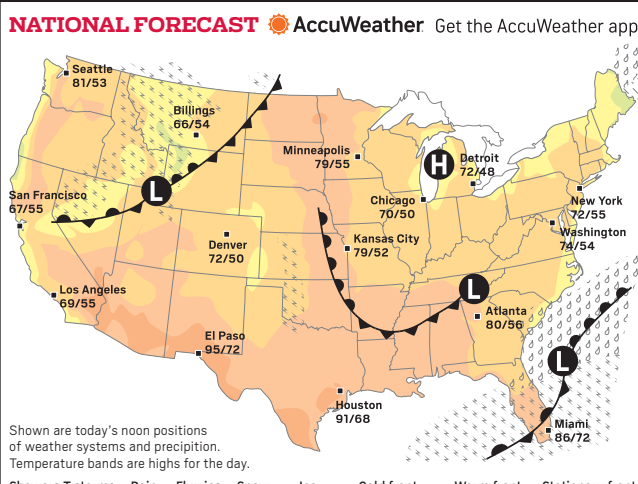
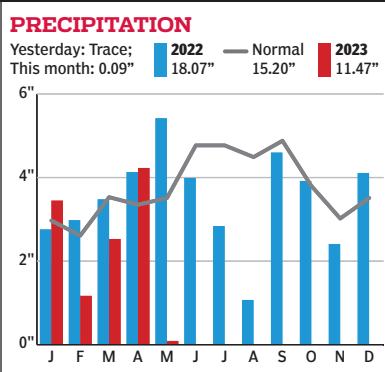
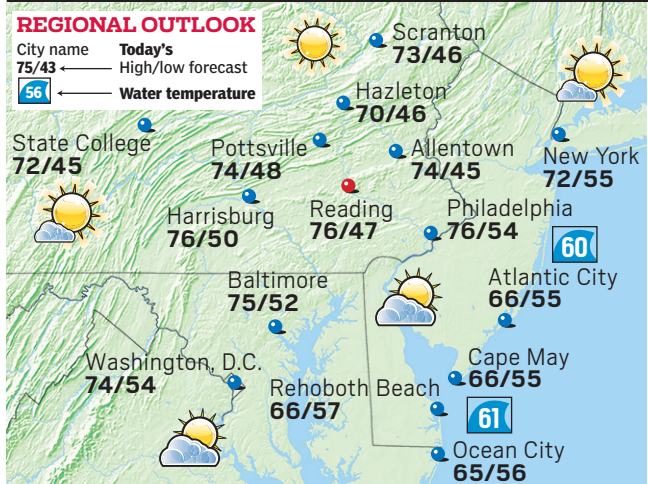
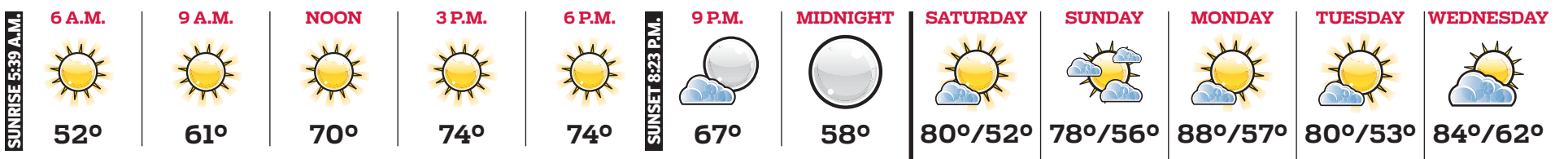
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BERKS WEATHER

Driest May looking like a probability

By Keith Mayer
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The prospect of a driest May on record in Berks County is coming into focus after the latest opportunity for rain came empty or nearly empty in Berks, and there's only a week left in the month.

The automated equipment at Reading Regional Airport has recorded a paltry 0.09 inch of rain this month. The record period is 153 years.

With that many years it would take a lot of bad luck to set a record for a driest

month, but that is what has happened so far, with line after line of showers missing Berks or falling apart before arrival, such as on Wednesday night.

The AccuWeather forecast doesn't show a drop of rain through the end of the month, but there is a mostly cloudy icon on the 31st, so that's a little hope.

The mercury is expected get into the mid- to upper 80s on Monday and Tuesday, which will hasten the drying of the ground. The average date of the first 90-degree day annually is nearly here and there's been none

and no 90 in the forecast.

May is typically a fairly wet month. It's a crossroads of weather: rain caused by approaching fronts and thunderstorms. Soon, when summer kicks in, the latter will dominate.

The five driest Mays in Berks are 0.66 inch in 1880; 0.70 in 1903; 0.85 in 1964; 0.93 in 1993; and 0.99 in 1935. Next on the list is 2005 at 1.02. That's the most recent in the May parched 10.

Pre-1912 measurements are generally from Reading water workers taken in City Park, and from 1912 the U.S. Weather Bureau had offices

downtown until 1970. That was followed by the Met-Ed and UGI Utilities Inc. era, which would be the 1993 measurement. Then the airport equipment came online in 1999.

Each month has a driest, and two have occurred this century: 0.47 inch is the driest February from 2008; and 0.62 inch for the driest March in 2006.

The driest month overall is October 1924 at 0.04 inch, so at least that's off the table. But this month would end at No. 2 overall if there is no more rain.

No month is an island, though.

On Sept. 30, 1924, 2.48 inches of rain was recorded by the U.S. Weather Bureau in Reading, then the tap shut off. That was the date record until 5.15 inches was recorded in 2010.

That's a parallel to 2023 and the heavy rain to end April. So, both parched months were preceded by serious soakings just hours prior to their starts, which somewhat mitigates conditions.

There are no drought watches yet from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Some counties nearby must be getting close to drought watch status with precipitation totals of 60% to 70% of normal for the year, according to the Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center, a division of the National Weather Service.

The counties touching Berks in that condition are Lancaster, Lebanon and Schuylkill. Berks is about 75% of normal.

PA. SENATE

GOP grills nominee about election integrity

The Daily Item

HARRISBURG » The Pennsylvania Senate's first confirmation hearing for acting Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt focused on election integrity and security, with many questions surrounding past practice predating the nominee's brief time with the Department of State.

Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro appointed Schmidt to the position when he first took office in January. Schmidt had been leading the good-government group Committee of Seventy. Prior to that, Schmidt served 10 years as a Republican Philadelphia City commissioner and was a member of the city's board of elections.

Schmidt appeared before the Senate State Government Committee, led by Sen. Cris Dush, R-Cameron County.

A substantial portion of the three-hour hearing, the first of at least two nomination hearings to be held for Schmidt, was dedicated to the Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC, a multi-state funded clearinghouse where states share data to accurately update voter rolls. Pennsylvania is one of 31 states, along with Washington, D.C., that belong to the initiative.

The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization was sparsely known prior to

the tumult following the 2020 presidential election. Multiple Republican-led states have recently withdrawn or indicated they plan to do so over concerns about partisanship and loss of state control of elections, including Alabama, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

Dush called for Pennsylvania to withdraw, too, during a Department of State budget hearing in March. Schmidt, as acting commonwealth secretary, is the head of the Department of State.

Dush is among the Republican state lawmakers who actively challenged the validity of President Joe Biden's 2020 election victory.

Schmidt said ERIC is most effective with greater participation. Without data sharing between states, it's more difficult to accurately update voter rolls and purge former or deceased residents.

He frequently cited the example of someone moving from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. They may not file a change of address but might register to vote or get a new driver's license in their new state. He said Pennsylvania wouldn't catch that without cooperation from a participating state in ERIC.

Counties are charged with updating voter rolls, and specifically with using information shared from ERIC, Schmidt said during Wednesday's committee hearing. The Department of State must assert itself as a better leader in ensuring this is accomplished, he said.

Voters removed

Dush asked about a settlement between the commonwealth and the conservative foundation Judicial Watch that resulted in about 178,000 ineligible voters being removed from state voter rolls. He consistently pressed Schmidt on this issue, asking whether ERIC was functioning in its duty and whether it should have caught these ineligible voters on its own.

Schmidt said the five counties involved in the settlement — Carbon, Cumberland, Indiana, Luzerne and Washington — weren't actively updating voter rolls.

"The counties are the ones that ultimately have to cancel the records," he said.

Schmidt repeatedly reminded the Senate panel that he wasn't with the Department in 2020 and 2021 but would attempt to answer questions and fulfill information requests concerning voter registration data and mail-in ballots.

"I would ask you to make your ultimate assessment based on my qualifications and what I'd call my trustworthiness," Schmidt said in the latter part of the hearing.

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The SPC was created to encourage students to learn about the value and processes of philanthropy, develop lifelong habits of volunteerism and "giving back," and provide funds to nonprofits working to enhance the lives of Pottstown area residents.

The council was created in 2008 through a generous gift to The Hill by the late Charles Frank III, Class of '59, a former chairman of Hill's board of trustees, and his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" Frank, of Florida, who was present for the presentation ceremony at the school May 10.

The 12 SPC members are selected through an application process that looks for students' genuine interest in altruistic endeavors and in serving the community where The Hill School

makes its home.

The annual SPC application and award process begins when a request for proposal is shared with area nonprofits. The Council meets several times to discuss submitted proposals and determine follow-up questions before visiting the nonprofit organizations or conducting interviews via Zoom with the administrators. Finally, council members meet with their two faculty advisors for what has become known as "The Great Debate," where they discuss how best to distribute the year's allocation of funds.

This year the group had a record number of applications — 19 — and were able to distribute a total of \$25,000, with the gifts designated for a variety of causes ranging from food insecurity and literacy advocacy to historic preservation, education, and mental and physical wellness.

The following organizations received SPC grants from this year's fund:

• Berks Connections Pre-trial Services and its Moth-

ers' and Fathers' Voices Program: This program allows incarcerated parents to create videos showing them reading children's books. Recordings then are shared with their children. In this way parents and children can maintain and enhance their connections and ease their transitions upon the inmates' returns to their families.

• The Foundation for Pottstown Education and its new Student Grant Program: Students in each of the Pottstown School District's six buildings — from the elementary schools through the high school — will work together with their teachers to create grant proposals for projects that will benefit their school. Eligible projects can be anything that enhance their school environment, touch as many children as possible, and fund items typically not funded by the school district.

• Montgomery Child Advocacy Project: MCAP's mission is to prevent and end child abuse. The SPC grant will support the organiza-



Members of The Hill School's Student Philanthropy Council with representatives of the new organizations receiving funds, including, from left: the Pottstown Farm & Artisan Regional Market, Stuel River Playhouse, Mother Goose Read to Me, Pottstown FARM, Montgomery Child Advocacy Project.

tion's recent purchase of a therapy dog named Nutmeg, who helps witnesses — especially traumatized children — remain composed and calm during often overwhelming court experiences. The funding will help provide food and veterinary services for Nutmeg so she can do her best work.

• Mother Goose Read to Me: This relatively new program is dedicated to promoting early literacy among parents and their

babies among socioeconomically disadvantaged families in the Pottstown area. Mother Goose partners with other agencies to give free age-appropriate books to parents and encourage them to read to their infants and toddlers. As the Mother Goose representative noted, the families who benefit from this program simply do not have extra money to spare for books as they are worried about being able to pay rent, buy

food, and meet other day-to-day needs.

• Pottstown Farm & Artisan Regional Market, Pottstown FARM, our local seasonal farmer's market, will use this grant to encourage good nutrition and help underserved families stretch their food budgets. SPC funds will allow FARM to fill bags with fresh, sustainable foods such as tomato sauces, jams, and honey, as well as some fresh vegetable

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Traffic

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are expected to fly to their destinations this holiday period, which could be an increase of 11% over last year. Air travel over the holiday weekend is projected to exceed pre-pandemic levels, with 170,000 more passengers — a 3.4% increase — than in 2019.

Memorial Day road trips are forecast to be up 6% over last year, with 37.1 million Americans projected to drive to their destinations, an increase of more than 2 million, AAA said. That is still fewer than pre-pandemic, though, by about 500,000 travelers.

At the pump

For those driving, gas prices remain steady, with the national average for a gallon of unleaded at \$3.56 on Wednesday, down from \$3.67 a month ago and down more than \$1 a gallon from a year ago when the average was \$4.60, AAA said.

The Pennsylvania average on Wednesday was \$3.67, with the average at \$3.65 in Berks County, \$3.67 in Montgomery County, \$3.98 in Delaware County and at \$3.69 in Chester County.

The federal Energy Information Administration's latest short-term energy outlook released in early May predicted that gas prices will drop to a \$3.58 national average for a gallon of regular unleaded in June, and continue to decrease to a \$3.08 average in October.

"In the run-up to Memorial Day, the national average price of gas has seen little overall movement over the last week," Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said in his blog post this week.

"We've seen more states see prices climb than fall, which has been driven by oil's volatility as debt ceiling discussions are ongoing," he said, predicting that positive developments in the debt ceiling discussions could raise prices a little, while pessimism could drive prices slightly lower.

"I continue to be optimistic that the national average will remain under \$4 per gallon for most of, if not the entire summer, with Americans spending a combined \$1.6 billion less on gasoline over Me-

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memorial Day weekend this year compared to last," he said.

In addition to driving and flying this holiday weekend, more people are also taking other modes of transportation, like buses and trains, AAA said. These travelers are expected to total 1.85 million, an increase of 20.5% over 2022.

Travel times

Friday will be the busiest day on the roads over the weekend, with the best times to travel by car being in the morning or evening after 6 p.m., according to INRIX, a transportation data and insights firm.

The lightest traffic days will be Saturday and Sunday, and major metro areas like Boston, New York, Seattle, and Tampa will likely see travel times double compared to normal, the company said.

"With lower fuel prices and more travelers on the road compared to last year, drivers should expect long delays this holiday weekend, especially in and around major metros

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Grandma

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attempted murder.

Judge Thomas P. Rogers imposed the probationary term against Michelle Rohloff, a sentence that represented an agreement between prosecutors and the defense. As a condition of the sentence, Michelle Rohloff, who showed no emotion during the brief hearing, is prohibited from having contact with her grandson. She explained she plans to ask probation officials to allow her to complete her period of supervision in Florida.

"She was designated as a supervisor under the Office of Children and Youth safety plan which meant that she had to be with Daniel Rohloff any time he was having contact with his infant son. She admitted



Michelle Rohloff leaves a Montgomery County courtroom Wednesday, May 24, with a probationary sentence for endangering the welfare of a child.

injury," said Assistant District Attorney Kelly S. Lloyd, explaining the nature of Michelle Rohloff's admission.

The sentence for Michelle Rohloff was imposed shortly after her son's trial ended. Michelle Rohloff testified for prosecutors during her son's trial, admitting that Daniel Rohloff was alone, unsupervised, with the baby at times.

On Wednesday, Judge Rogers convicted Daniel Rohloff, 35, of the 300 block of Jefferson Street in the Bridgeport section of Upper Merion, of charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault and endangering the welfare of a child in connection with the beating of his 2-month-old son. Daniel Rohloff potentially faces decades in prison on the charges when he is sentenced later this year.

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risk protection orders and universal background checks — now move to the Republican-controlled Senate and will face renewed scrutiny with either unlikely to advance to the governor's office and signed into law.

House Bill 808 is the initial bill considered. It's a "red flag law" that proposes enacting extreme risk protection orders — court orders for the temporary surrender of firearms by persons deemed to pose significant risk of suicide or physical harm including the risk of death of another person.

The bill passed by a 302-99 margin. Republican representatives Joe Hogan and Kathleen Tomlinson, both of Berks County, voted in favor. Democratic Rep. Frank Burns of Cambria County voted in opposition, the same vote he cast on all three proposals.

The bill's sponsor, Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, D-Bellevue, made an emotional pitch and recounted her personal experience. Her father, a Philadelphia firefighter, killed himself with a gun when she was 13 years old. She said she believes if extreme risk protection orders were in place in 2003 when his death occurred, that he'd have found the help he needed.

"This bill is not about whether or not you respect the Second Amendment. I respect the Second Amendment. I have a concealed carry permit. I have firearms in my house that are safely stored. This is about making sure we're doing everything to protect the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in Pennsylvania and the United States of America," O'Mara said.

State Rep. David Rowe, R-Union/Snyder/Mifflin/Juniata, argued that since one of the qualifying factors for an extreme risk protection order is simply the purchase or attempted purchase of a firearm, all gun owners are potentially subject to an extreme risk order.

Rowe sought to emphasize that the bill would put the burden of proof on people subject to confiscation rather than on the judicial system.

"This is an aberration of our judicial system that we should be very concerned about," he said.

Rep. Aaron Bernstein, R-Lawrence/Butler, twice challenged the bill's constitutionality under both the U.S. and Pennsylvania constitutions, ultimately failing on predictably slim voting margins. Rep. Abby Major, R-Armstrong/Westmoreland, simply read from the state constitution itself. "The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."

Rep. Chris Pilelli, D-Chester, who spoke after Rep. Stephanie Borowicz, R-Union/Clinch, likened the bill to gun-grabbing by Democrats, said he owns guns, has a license to carry, is a military veteran who battled depression and works with others struggling with mental health.

"I'm not interested in permanently depriving you of your firearms. I, too, took an oath to support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. I'm here to tell you that this will not permanently deprive you of your weapons, but this will save veterans," Pilelli said. "Even if we save some lives, isn't it worth it?"

House Bill 338 proposed to create a requirement that gun owners report lost or stolen firearms within 72 hours of discovery. The bill failed 80-100. Burns' vote in opposition, the only vote on the bill to break party ranks, saving the bill's fate.

Its primary sponsor, Rep. Benjamin Sanchez, D-Montgomery, said responsible gun owners should have no problem abiding by the measure. He said about 4 in 10 guns that are lost or stolen are never reported, ultimately adding to illegal gun trafficking.

Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, D-Philadelphia, said he was tired of memorial vigils, balloon releases and the like standing out

as the only action against gun violence, and told a personal story of a district staffer's grandson who was shot repeatedly.

"We are listening and we are going to do something about it," Kenyatta said.

Rep. Tim Bonner, R-Mercer/Butler, spoke of the Second Amendment's importance to the country's founding fathers and that gun ownership isn't necessary only in times of militia, but in times of individual protection. He said the majority Supreme Court opinion in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* would invalidate the bill if it ever became law, and he was critical of House members seeking to legislate in line with their personal opinions rather than constitutional law.

House Bill 774 seeks to enact universal background checks, expanding existing provisions to cover firearms of any barrel length. The proposed amendment to current law would apply to licensed dealers and private sales but would continue to exclude purchases and transfers among spouses, parents and children and grandparents and grandchildren.

It passed by a comparatively comfortable margin of 109-92. Nine Republicans joined all but one Democrat, the aforementioned Burns, in supporting the measure.

Minority Leader Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster, raised concern for members of plain religious sects who would be forced to violate religious principles concerning photography should long guns ultimately be subject to background checks and the photo ID requirement.

There is no provision in the bill, unlike the voter ID measure opposed by Democrats, Cutler said, to make exemptions along religious grounds.

One proposal that was on the calendar but not brought to vote was House Bill 731. The bill would amend existing law to require that gun dealers provide a locking device to complete all firearm purchases and transfers. Locking devices and locked storage wouldn't be required when a gun is carried or is immediately near its owner.

WEST CHESTER

State Senator Comitta announces funds to upgrade Oxford Senior Center



Volunteers prepare food for the Veterans Breakfast at the Oxford Senior Center.

For Media/News Group

WEST CHESTER — The Oxford Area Senior Center will receive more than \$14,000 in state funding for capital improvements and renovations, state Senator Carolyn Comitta announced Wednesday.

The funds come as part of \$2 million in total funding awarded 48 senior community centers statewide through the Pennsylvania Department of Aging 2022-23 Senior Community Center grants.

In addition, Surrey Services Center for Healthy Living in Devon was awarded nearly \$20,000 for capital improvements and renovations.

"Our senior centers offer a variety of important services to help our older friends, neighbors, and loved ones stay happy, healthy, productive, and empowered in their golden years," Comitta, who serves on the Senate Aging and Youth Committee, said. "These investments will help them continue to deliver vital programs and resources to the older adult community."

The grants help senior centers support projects, such as updating and modernizing facilities, providing new health and entertainment programs, upgrading technology, and enhancing nutrition services.

"Our Senior Community Centers are pillars in our communities and to the older adults they serve. Whether it's a meal, health and wellness activities, or socializing, these centers help our seniors thrive and continue to live independently as they age. Many times, a SCC may be

the only interaction that an older adult has, and we want to make sure that our centers are welcoming, inclusive, and inviting," said Acting Secretary of Aging Jason Kavulich. "The projects funded by the Senior Community Center grants will help the recipients enhance the programs and services that are already in place as well as create new opportunities to welcome current visitors and attract new consumers."

This year marks the return of awarding the grants through a competitive process. During the last two years of the pandemic, when many of Pennsylvania's senior community centers were struggling, the competition aspect of the grants was suspended and the \$2 million in grant money was distributed equally to help all of the centers in the state.

Earlier this year, Governor Josh Shapiro unveiled his first budget proposal, which includes an additional \$1 million in Senior Community Center grants that would also create a permanent non-competitive grant program. Since the competitive grants normally fund larger scale projects, the non-competitive program would allow smaller needs to be met and more SCCs to benefit.

There are 485 Senior Community Centers throughout Pennsylvania that provide a variety of offerings, such as nutritious meals, educational opportunities, transportation services, financial and insurance counseling, and exercise programs. Proceeds from the Pennsylvania Lottery help fund these programs.

Mentors

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ing teachers at a Pennsylvania college or university and completing the student-teaching graduation requirement, amounting to \$10,000 for those enrolled in a teacher preparation program, and an additional \$5,000 for those completing the student-teacher experience requirement at a school that doesn't traditionally have student-teachers or where staffing shortages are high.

"It's way past time Pennsylvania starts walking the talk when it comes to supporting and cultivating future teachers. Our current system puts a financial burden on prospective teachers, and in turn, we're seeing many individuals who would be great educators turn to other professions," Hughes said. "We need to act now to reduce this financial burden for future teachers to improve the quality and diversity of our teacher pipeline."

Their bill, dubbed the Educator Pipeline Program, also includes a \$1,000 stipend for cooperating teachers who mentor student-teachers.

The lawmakers drafted the legislation in response to the worsening educator staffing shortage, which has created increased workloads for existing teachers who often sacrifice their preparation periods and lunch breaks to cover for their colleagues — often in spaces consolidated to accommodate limited resources and larger class sizes.

"If we do nothing to get more teachers into Pennsylvania schools, our children will suffer consequences like overcrowded classrooms, impersonal instruction, and fewer course options," Aument said. "Teachers will have less time to help our most vulnerable children, resulting in more students being left behind. We need to make it easier for skilled college graduates to pursue a career in teaching."

The program would operate within the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, similar to the framework used for the School-based Mental Health Intern-

ship Program, which passed with the 2022-23 budget.

Aument and Hughes previously said their suggested stipend would build on existing efforts to increase education workforce participation, citing the new Career and Technical Education track for education fields and authorization for the Department of Education to collect data on the educator pipeline.

'A barrier'

On Monday, the Senate Education Committee held a hearing on ways to address the school worker shortage, with Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Executive Director Sherri Smith

saying a stipend for student-teachers is one way to remove possible barriers that deter students from pursuing a career in education.

"Individuals often have to quit their part-time or full-time jobs to be able to complete their student-teaching obligations. This becomes a barrier for some as it is just not feasible for them to give up their paycheck to complete their student-teaching obligations," Smith said. "That's why looking for a way to provide stipends to our student-teachers is a critical step to fixing our current impaired educator workforce pipeline."

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Could a daily multivitamin boost memory?

Study: May slow decline in some individuals

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Millions of American adults take daily multivitamins, even though the pills have not been shown to prevent ailments like heart disease or cancer and experts say it's better to get nutrients from food.

The latest research looks at whether taking a daily vitamin can have an effect on memory. The study found multivitamins may boost memory function in some people, by the equivalent of three years of normal, age-related memory loss.

While the study isn't comprehensive enough to warrant broad recommendations to take vitamins, it provides important information about their use, said Adam Brickman, the Columbia University professor of neuropsychology who led the study.

"Well-designed research studies are showing that there might indeed be some benefits" to taking multivitamins, he said.

Further study is needed to determine exactly which nutrients might make a difference.

Here's what to know about the new research published Wednesday in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

About the study

Researchers at New York's Columbia University and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston tracked more than 3,500 people over age 60 for three years.

The participants were randomly assigned to take a

daily multivitamin or a dummy pill. They were evaluated annually for three years with internet-based exams that measure memory function.

One test gave participants a list of 20 words, one at a time, for 3 seconds each, then asked them to type all of the words they remembered immediately and after 15 minutes. The exam measured the function of the hippocampus, an area in the brain that controls learning and memory, Brickman said.

After one year, participants who took daily vitamins had better memory function, moving from correctly recalling 7.10 words at the start to 7.81 words. Participants who got dummy pills went from recalling 7.21 words to 7.65 words. The researchers calculated that the difference amounted to an improvement in memory equal to about three years of normal, age-related change. That improvement was maintained for at least the remaining two years of the study and was more pronounced in people with heart disease, the study found.

The multivitamins may work by providing micronutrients that enhance function of the hippocampus, Brickman said. This is the second large study conducted by the researchers to show that memory improved in older adults who took daily multivitamins.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and also by Mars Edge, a division of Mars, which makes candy, pet food and other products; and Pfizer and Haleon, both makers of multivitamins.

About multivitamin use

About 60% of U.S. adults and about 35% of children take daily vitamins, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The pills are part of nearly \$56 billion Americans spend each year on dietary supplements.

U.S. dietary guidelines recommend that Americans should get their nutrients from food, unless they have specific needs or are advised to take vitamins by a health care provider. Vitamins can provide missing nutrients in the diet, but taking high amounts can result in side effects ranging from stomach upset to serious heart and liver problems.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a national advisory group, said last year that current evidence is "insufficient" to assess the risks and benefits of multivitamin supplements to prevent heart disease and cancer. The group recommended against beta carotene and vitamin E for that purpose.

What it means

The new study shows that vitamin pills may provide missing micronutrients, especially in the diets of older adults, said Robert Hackman, a research nutritionist with the University of California, Davis, who was not involved in the research. About a third of adults older than 60 fail to get adequate vitamins, minerals and fiber from food alone.

Still, the Alzheimer's Association does not recommend the use of multivitamins to reduce the risk of cognitive decline in older adults.

Most of the participants in the new study were white and college-educated, with access and ability to take internet exams, noted Heather Snyder, vice president of medical and scientific relations for the Alzheimer's Association.

"It would be important to see independent confirmation of these results, in particular in more representative study populations," she said.

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Eagle

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and examine it, if it was brought to them.

"A passing motorist agreed to transport the eagle to the Aark Foundation," Koretzky said.

At Aark, the bird was determined to be in bad shape, and it was transferred to the Radnor Veterinary Hospital, specializing in birds. Blood work showed the bird is suffering from lead poisoning.

"The bird was quite moribund," said Dr. Len Donato, an avian specialist who treated the eagle at the vet hospital.

The eagle was treated with a chelator, a medicine which binds the ingested lead so the bird can excrete it and return to health. Response to the first two treatments is encouraging.

"This morning he was rather energetic. He looked like a different bird," Donato said.

The prognosis for recovery is "fair."

"He should get better, but it's not a slam dunk," he said.

The eagle was returned to Aark on Tuesday, where

treatments will continue and rehabilitation will proceed in a few weeks, said executive director Leah Stallings. She said lead poisoning is common in bald eagles. The birds feed on smaller prey that have consumed lead.

"Like fish, who (swallow) lead fishing sinkers," she said.

Eat enough lead-tainted fish, or other animals, like deer, and it can be fatal for an eagle.

Despite size and strength, weeks of intensive care are needed before the lead is cleansed from the eagle. It will be more weeks for the bird to regain its strength.

"Depending on how that goes, we will return him to his nestmate and child," said Stallings, who added that the eagle's nest is on an undisclosed private property in the township.

"The female is still there, taking care of the chick," she said.

As for the sick father, "Oh, he's doing really well today," she said. "He's not perching yet, but these birds do a lot of sitting on the ground. Right now, he's bright-eyed and standing on his own."

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The unnamed eagle is on the mend Tuesday at the Aark Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center in Chalfont, Bucks County.

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Shuttles

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and September 2 to 4.

It leaves from the Park and Ride every 30 minutes from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and takes riders to Kittatinny Point, Dunnfield Creek and downtown Delaware Water Gap.

"Parking areas for the Appalachian Trail and trails on Mt. Tammany and Mt. Minsi often fill to capacity early in the day on weekends, especially holiday weekends when the park is busiest," the NPS said. "The Hiker Shuttle allows visitors to avoid the traffic and congestion at trailhead parking areas and provides access to some of the park's most popular trails."

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Visitors can drive to the Delaware Water Gap Park and Ride or take the Monroe County Transit Authority connector bus from Swiftwater, Stroudsburg or the Martz station in Delaware Water Gap.

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Partly cloudy tonight. Wind S at 3-6 mph.

Saturday
76° 49°
Mostly sunny

Sunday
79° 53°
Mostly sunny

Monday
85° 58°
Partly sunny

Tuesday
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Partly sunny

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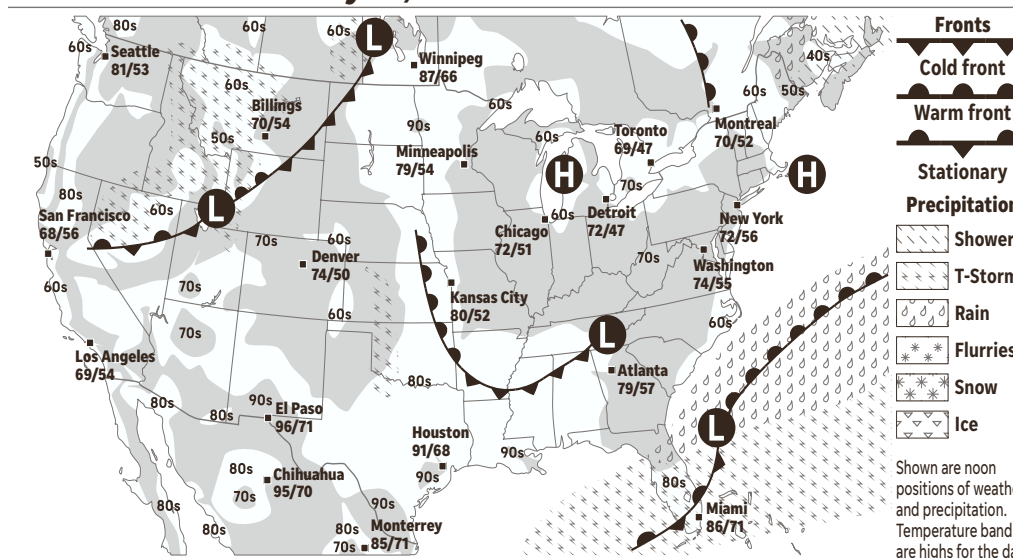
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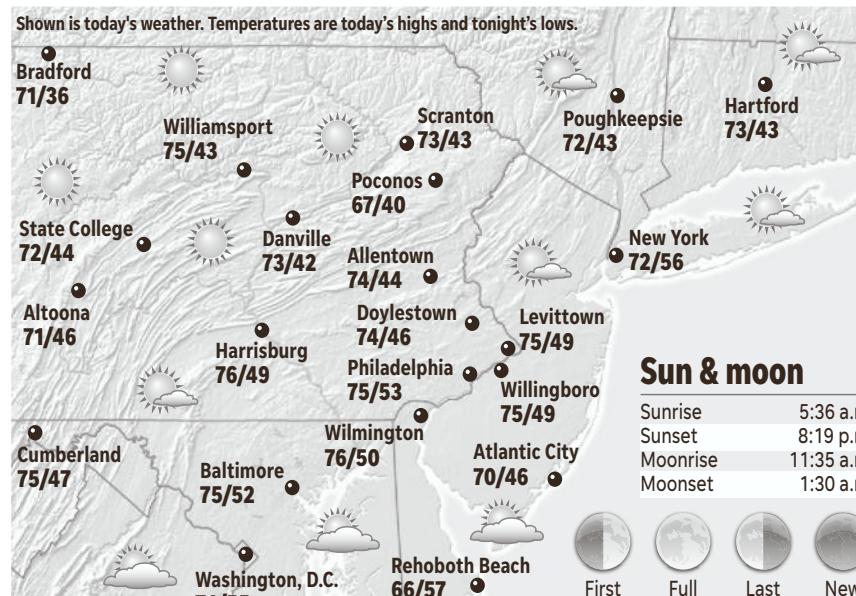
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Albany	74/46 pc	80/51 s	Dallas	88/68 pc	88/67 c	Phoenix	97/71 s	96/72 s
Albuquerque	85/58 s	84/58 s	Denver	74/50 t	79/50 t	Pittsburgh	73/48 s	74/52 pc
Anchorage	54/41 sh	52/42 r	Fairbanks	66/44 c	65/44 pc	Portland, ME	62/42 pc	73/50 s
Austin	86/62 pc	90/69 pc	Hartford	73/43 s	78/50 s	Portland, OR	85/57 s	74/51 c
Baton Rouge	90/66 s	88/66 t	Honolulu	85/70 sh	84/73 sh	Raleigh	72/56 c	62/58 r
Birmingham	84/59 pc	81/56 pc	Indianapolis	76/52 s	78/56 pc	Richmond	72/53 pc	67/55 c
Boston	66/51 s	73/58 s	Jacksonville	72/60 sh	68/53 pc	Rochester	67/40 s	73/49 s
Buffalo	69/44 s	74/54 s	Kansas City	80/52 s	81/57 c	Sacramento	76/52 pc	78/55 pc
Burlington, VT	70/47 s	79/55 s	Las Vegas	90/68 s	92/72 s	St. Louis	78/59 s	84/62 pc
Charleston, SC	67/56 r	66/57 r	Louisville	79/58 pc	78/60 pc	Salt Lake City	77/57 t	74/56 c
Charleston, WV	77/48 pc	72/53 c	Nashville	82/61 pc	81/58 pc	San Antonio	88/67 pc	88/69 c
Charlotte	73/53 c	59/53 t	New Orleans	90/71 s	87/69 t	San Diego	67/58 pc	68/60 pc
Cincinnati	77/53 s	76/59 pc	Norfolk, VA	67/57 c	65/62 r	San Juan, PR	91/77 t	91/76 sh
Cleveland	68/48 s	73/55 s	Orlando	82/65 t	79/60 pc	Tampa	83/66 t	82/64 pc

World cities

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Acapulco	89/77 t	91/77 t	Kabul	75/48 s	80/56 s	Rome	78/58 t	79/56 s
Baghdad	102/73 pc	104/79 pc	London	69/47 s	72/49 s	Seoul	77/60 pc	76/66 pc
Barcelona	71/59 pc	75/63 c	Moscow	77/56 sh	70/47 r	Singapore	88/80 t	87/78 c
Bermuda	77/72 r	77/71 t	Nassau	86/75 t	88/75 t	Tehran	87/70 pc	91/72 pc
Dublin	63/46 pc	67/49 pc	Paris	73/53 s	76/54 s	Tokyo	75/63 pc	75/66 pc

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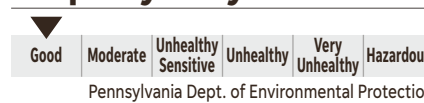
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Trenton Airport through Wednesday.

Temperature:
High/Low: 80° / 44°
Normal high/low: 74° / 54°
Record high/low: 94° (1910) / 38° (1963)

Precipitation:
Wednesday/normal: 0.01" / 0.15"
Month to date/normal: 0.61" / 3.00"
Year to date/normal: 13.24" / 16.52"

Air quality today



Delaware River tides

	High	High	Low	Low
Burlington	Today 7:45 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	2:07 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
	Sat. 8:37 a.m.	9:26 p.m.	2:57 a.m.	3:46 p.m.
Morrisville	Today 8:54 a.m.	9:40 p.m.	3:50 a.m.	4:41 p.m.
	Sat. 9:48 a.m.	10:32 p.m.	4:41 a.m.	5:28 p.m.

Regional cities

City	Today	Sat.	Sun.
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Allentown	74/44 s	78/50 s	81/52 pc
Asbury Park	68/51 s	68/54 s	69/55 pc
Atlantic City	66/54 pc	66/56 c	66/57 pc
Baltimore	75/52 pc	75/54 pc	73/57 c
Harrisburg	76/49 s	78/54 pc	79/57 pc
Lancaster	75/48 s	79/52 pc	77/57 pc
New York City	72/56 s	74/58 s	76/60 pc
Philadelphia	75/53 s	76/55 pc	78/57 pc
Reading	76/47 s	80/52 s	80/55 pc
Scranton	73/43 s	81/50 s	83/54 s
State College	72/44 s	73/50 s	75/53 pc
Wilmington	76/50 s	77/53 pc	75/57 pc

In the Poconos

Mostly sunny today. High 65 to 69. Clear tonight. Low 39 to 43. Plenty of sun tomorrow. High 70 to 74.

At the shore

Partly sunny today. High 64 to 68. Mainly clear tonight. Low 52 to 56. Water temperature: 61.

Typhoon Mawar batters Guam

Recovery could take weeks, expert says

Grace Garces Bordallo and Jennifer Sinco Kelleher
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAGATNA, Guam — Guam's governor gave the all-clear Thursday after Typhoon Mawar tore through the second-largest U.S. territory the night before, ripping off roofs, shredding trees and leaving much of the remote Pacific island without power and utilities.

There were minor injuries reported but no fatalities, according to the office of Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. She declared the "all clear" Thursday evening, returning the island to its typical condition of typhoon readiness as the National Weather Service lifted a typhoon watch.

She thanked the people of Guam for keeping themselves safe and protected during the storm.

"We now continue to focus our efforts on repairing infrastructure and restoring services to residents," Leon Guerrero said in a statement. "After speaking with department leaders and seeing the incredible rapid response to the storm I am confident we will make significant progresses towards restoration of services."

Survey and work crews were assessing damage at military installations, which were limited to essential personnel only, according to Joint Region Marianas.

The central and northern parts of the island received more than 2 feet of rain as the eyewall passed. The island's international airport flooded and the swirling typhoon churned up a storm surge and waves that crashed through coastal reefs and flooded homes.

"We are waking up to a rather disturbing scene

due to ongoing strong winds. Guam Power Authority said crews were working to restore power to critical and priority facilities such as a hospital, water wells and wastewater plants. Guam Waterworks Authority was working to restore water service and had issued a notice advising customers to boil their water.

The A.B. Won Pat International Airport Guam completed damage inspections, with recovery underway. The airport will accommodate humanitarian and cargo flights to Guam.

The Federal Emergen-

cy Management Agency said Wednesday that more than 130 staffers were pre-staged or already deployed to support the storm response. More than 100 generators as well as emergency communications equipment and specialized personnel have been mobilized. The agency's distribution center is fully stocked with about four times the food and water that was in place during Typhoon Mangkhut in 2018, with additional supplies ready if needed, FEMA said.

The storm is expected to move northwest for days over a large, empty

expanse of ocean and enter the Philippine "area of responsibility" late Friday or early Saturday. Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said on Facebook that officials are preparing, and that the storm could bring heavy rainfall and flooding.

The storm could threaten Taiwan next week. It strengthened to 165 mph winds Thursday and regained its status as a super typhoon, according to the weather service. Mawar, a word that means "rose" in Malay, was forecast to maintain that intensity for the next two days.

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to hit the territory of roughly 150,000 people since 2002, Mawar briefly made landfall around 9 p.m. Wednesday as a Category 4 storm at Andersen Air Force Base on the northern tip of the island, weather service officials said.

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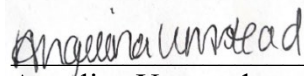
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