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New Year's Resolutions 2026

By Jamiee Joiner

A new year has arrived, and many people consider the start to a new year as a time to make resolutions to either improve themselves or make an improvement in their life in one way or another with many choosing to focus on health, finances, personal growth, or reducing digital distractions, but by the end of the first week of January, approximately twenty-three percent of people have already given up on their resolutions. After one month, roughly sixty-four percent of people have failed at their goal, and by mid-February the failure rate reaches between eighty and ninety percent. In total, only about nine to

ten percent of people actually stick to their resolutions and attain their goals which seems significantly low.

After numerous years of asking people if they have any resolutions while out and about, I am finding that each year more and more people have completely abandoned the idea of even setting a goal or resolving to accomplish something specific in the new year, and mainly, the reasons stated seem to be the same. They would rather not set any resolutions because they fear feeling like a failure if they cannot stick to it. I feel like it is a bit of an excuse. As a society, have we become so fearful of failure that we will not state our goals to improve upon something in our lives even if it is minutely challenging? On the other hand, maybe some are content and do not feel the need to resolve to make any significant changes in their lives or daily routines. The varied mindsets are what makes our society so unique.

Owning up to my own failures, I seem to make the same resolution each year – to lose weight. That is another reason I consider New Year's Eve/Day my least favorite holiday. Reaching the start of another year and having the same daunting challenge of trying to lose weight stinks, but if I look at the upside of this, it seems that I must spend more time throughout each year eating delicious foods, treating myself to too many sweets, and indulging in cocktails and beer. Oh well, I guess I am human. Either way, I am again making this year's resolution to lose weight even if it means less delicious foods, and in my opinion, it does feel that I am punishing myself for all the extra joy I added to my life last year. So, if you see me out eating a salad, cheer me on even if I am washing it down with a beer. I am a work in progress.

I will share with all of you a few of the resolutions told to me recently around town and through a Facebook inquiry, and I hope you enjoy them.

"To land a job in marketing." – Trinity S., of Selinsgrove, PA.

"To be the same guy I've always been." – Eddie U., of Selinsgrove, PA.

"To take more vitamins and supplements." – Steph B. of Northumberland, PA.

"To make myself a priority and stop chasing things, friends, etc. that are not meant for me." – Michelle S., of Tabor, NJ.

"To stop trusting the wrong people." – Phyllis S., of Selinsgrove, PA.

"To be healthier." – Chris J., of Selinsgrove, PA.

"To stay retired." – Tim H., of Lewisburg, PA.

"To live in my truth and honor it." – Gina M., Freeburg, PA.

"To try and be more positive and take on tasks one at a time without stressing." – Stefanie M., Sunbury, PA.

"To go see Judy and get some pancakes." – Mike S., of Selinsgrove, PA.

Good luck to everyone with this year's resolutions, and Happy New Year!

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Cash Bingo
January 11, 2pm, doors open 12pm, Masonic Hall Association, Selingsgrove

Centre Ballroom Dance
January 11, 2-5pm, Lambert Hall, Bellefont

Suquehanna Valley Spinners and Weavers Guild Meeting
January 11, social time 1:30pm, meeting 2pm, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3rd St., Lewisburg

Selingsgrove Class of '56
January 12, 12pm, Hoss's Steakhouse, Shamokin Dam

SAHS Class of '64
January 13, 11:30, Hoss's Steakhouse, Shamokin Dam

Middleburg High School Class of '67
January 14, 12pm, County Line Restaurant, Richfield

MJHS Class of '65
January 16, 12pm, Middleburg Hotel

Middleburg High School Class of '63
January 16, 9am, Rise and Shine Cafe, Mt. Pleasant Mills

Selingsgrove Area High School Athletics Hall of Fame
Accepting for 2026 nominations until January 16, Selingsgrove Area Middle School

Union-Snyder Agency on Aging Inc. and Senior Centers
January 19, Closed

Middleburg Joint High School
January 20, 9am, County Line Restaurant, Richfield

MJHA Class of '70
January 23, 11:30am, Rayaudas

SUN Tech Unlimited Open House
January 27, 6-8pm, room A111 in the West Campus of SUN Area Technical Institute, Unlimited.Sun-Tech.org

PENNS CREEK ADULT AND SENIOR CENTER
3551 Richard Rd., Penns Creek

Local Guest Singers
January 12, 10:30am

CONTINUOUS EVENTS:

MJHS Class '64 Luncheon
Third Thursday every month, Hotel Middleburger

SAHS Class '65
2nd Tuesday every month, 12:15pm, Perkins

SAHS Class of '71
Third Wednesday of the month, 9am, Denny's

Birthday Celebration and Tech Support
Last Wednesday every month, Penns Creek Resource Center, 3551 Richard Rd., Penns Creek

NOTICE TO READERS:
To place events in the calendar please send them at least three weeks before the event so that we can publish it at least twice before the event. **The deadline for events is Monday by Noon.** The calendar goes by space available. Send, fax or e-mail us your event. Address: P.O. Box 356, Middleburg, PA 17842. Fax: 570-837-0776. E-mail: scuc@ptd.net. All phone numbers must include area code.

Neighborhood News

By Kay Poeth

Kiss a Ginger Day is on Monday, January 12. I will be prepared to Pucker Up!

Paxtonville News

Woo Hoo! Look who is 22. Morgan Shoemaker will be licking icing off her fingers on January 14. Morgan is a bona fide animal lover and top on her list is her beloved silver lab. To get her furry friends fill, Morgan works at D&J Kennels in Freeburg. She even has a goat on her Pappy's farm and helps to tend the animals there.

Happy Birthday to Renee Heim who dancing the Birthday Boogie straight to the cake and ice cream on January 14. Did someone say...cake!

Middleburg News

Trinity United Methodist Church is holding a food distribution on Wednesday, January 21 from 10-11:30 am and an evening distribution from 5-6 pm at the rear of the church, located at 51 South Main Street in Middleburg, for those in need.

On January 11, Susan Athey will be celebrating her Triple Quarter Birthday. She will be chair-dancing the 75 Birthday Jive as she celebrates ¾ of a century of memory-making moments. As her family serenades her with the Birthday Song, I wonder if her grandkids will pull her ear for each year?

On January 11, Amanda Aurand will be munching on cake and ice cream as she celebrates her special day. Perhaps an outing to the PA Farm Show will be part of her birthday celebration.

Happy Birthday to Cathy Polan who celebrates her special day on January 12. The more candles, the brighter the glow to make all your birthday wishes come true.

Amber Rose will be Princess of the Party on January 12. This Birthday Fairy won't catch her so Amber will retain her Fountain of Youth pass for another year.

Yee Haw! On January 15, local author Marsha Hubler of the Keystone Stable series will be whooping and hollering as she celebrates another birthday. So, lasso up some great story plots and characters. Now, put that pen to paper or click on the keyboard for your next best-seller!

McClure News

Gather at the McClure Legion on Wednesday, January 14 for Music Bingo! Music Bingo is a fun twist on the classic game where you mark off songs or artists instead of numbers. Bingo is 6-8 pm with doors opening at 5 pm. Bingo provided by TNT Rocks Karaoke. No cost to play!

Brenda Wright will be the Belle of the Birthday Ball on January 15. Bring on the cake and goodies!

Selingsgrove News

Congratulations to Dillon and Katy Baralt, the new owners of The Kind Café in Selingsgrove, who are looking forward to continuing its legacy. The KindCafe first opened in 2002 and is mainstay on Market Street in downtown Selingsgrove. It is open Tuesday- Saturday from 8 am- 3 pm and on Sunday from 9 am- 2 pm on Sunday.

Craft Camp on January 19 from 9:30 am- 12:30 pm at The Creative Space for grades K-6. Crafts include canvas painting, figurine painting, air-dry clay, and melty beads. To register, visit <https://www.tcsselingsgrove.com/calendar/craft-camp>. Fee to attend.

Happy Retirement to "Homer" of DJ Ernst Books. "I have made the hard decision to close at the end of the year. I plan to auction the stock early next year at the Freeburg Community Center... It's been a good fifty-year run, and I will miss the customer connections," he posted.

Happy Birthday to Mary Bannon who adds another candle to her cake on January 11. Wish this miss a day of birthday bliss.

Who has 84 candles galore? Happy Birthday to Richard Shaffer who will be celebrating renewing his membership in the Awesome 80's on January 14. Richard is an Army SP4 who served in Vietnam from 1964-1966. This 84-year-old Army Vet is like the bionic man after all his procedures and operations. And, Richard loves getting his picture in the newspaper!

Union-Snyder CAA Partners with W & L Subaru to Host Operation Warm Coat Giveaway

Union-Snyder CAA will partner with W & L Subaru in Northumberland for the third year in a row to provide brand new coats, shoes, and socks to youth in need on January 17.

Every child must be pre-registered and present at the event to receive clothing items. Coat sizes range from 2T-adult XL and shoes from children's 11-adult 8/9. There are limited numbers of each size and this is a first come, first served event.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 17 from 10am-noon at the W & L Subaru Dealership, 535 Point Township Dr., Northumberland, PA 17857.

Register at: tinyurl.com/opwarm2026.

Union-Snyder Community Action Agency works to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency for individuals and families in Union and Snyder Counties. Through community partnerships and direct services, CAA provides food security, housing stability, and other essential supports to help residents thrive.

W & L Subaru is a locally owned Subaru dealership serving Central Pennsylvania. Through the Subaru Love Promise®, the dealership partners with local nonprofit organizations to support community needs and give back to the region it serves, including initiatives like Operation Warm that help neighbors stay safe and warm.

Deeds

Deeds:

Sandra N. Ferster, Richfield to Dept of Transportation property in Monroe & West Perry Townships for the sum of 1.00.

Luke A. & Kayla M. Hoffman, Richfield to Dept of Transportation property in Monroe & West Perry Townships for the sum of 1.00.

Larry B. & Nancy M. Martin, Port Trevorton to Lawrence S. Martin & Larry B. Martin, Port Trevorton property in Chapman Township for the sum of 1.00.

Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC, Chicago, IL to David J. Speicher, McClure property in McClure Borough for the sum of 74,000.00.

Theodore L. & Cindy L. Gingrich, Milton & Thomas F. & Linda E. Gingrich, Freeburg & Timothy A. Lynette D. Gingrich, Freeburg for Lawrence A. Gingrich Jr, Freeburg to Theodore L. Gingrich, Milton & Thomas F. Gingrich, Freeburg & Timothy A. Gingrich, Freeburg & Laurie A. Gingrich, Freeburg and 2 properties in Freeburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.

Justin A.W. & Heather Ray Carr, Selingsgrove to Charles W. Steininger IV, Selingsgrove property in Selingsgrove Borough for the sum of 210,000.00.

Federal Home Loan Corp. to Katie Brouse, Milton property in Freeburg Borough for the sum of 175,000.00.

Joel T. Black Trust to Jennifer Krueger, Selingsgrove property in Rolling Green Acres for the sum of 1.00.

SS&B Properties LLC, Selingsgrove to Stayraker LLC, Selingsgrove property in Selingsgrove Borough for the sum of 200,000.00.

Goodman I.P. LLC, Selingsgrove to Matthew E. & Carol J. Maneval, Selingsgrove property in Union Township for the sum of 1.00.

Richard R. Strohecker II, Dauphin Co. to Beaver Springs Farm LLC, Lancaster Pa. property in Spring Township for the sum of 1,040,000.00.

Dynamic WW Land Holdings LLC to BJ&E Realty Co. LLP, Kreamer 2 properties in Washington Township for the sum of 1.00.

Marriages:

Braydyn Matthew Bickel, Richfield to Khloie Lynn Gilbert, Richfield

Jamie Levi Mendez Maeda, Winfield to Cassidy Lee Ressler, Winfield

Divorce: None

Courts

DISTRICT JUDGE SCOTT A. ZEIGLER, SELINGSGROVE

Charged Ryan Charles Kutscher, 36, of Rockwood, with retail theft-take merchandise (felony 3, 3rd or subsequent offense) and receiving stolen property on December 12. Kutscher was arraigned on December 18 and bail was set at \$15,000 monetary. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for December 29, at 3 p.m.

Charged Jacob Michael Alfonso, 31, of Duncannon, with DUI/unsafe driving, drivers required to be licensed, improper stop, careless driving, and reckless driving on December 22. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 9, at 2:45 p.m.

Charged Brayden Richard Swineford, 22, of Middleburg, with DUI/unsafe driving, DUI/BAC .10%- .16%, registration required-PA registration expired>60 days, non-PA registered or unregistered, restrictions on alcoholic beverages careless driving, and reckless driving on December 22. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 9, at 2:30 p.m.

Charged Coleen P. Goodwyn, 48, of Sunbury, with defiant trespass actual communication to, disorderly conduct hazardous/physical offense, and public drunkenness and similar misconduct on December 22. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 9, at 10:15 a.m.

Charged Adam Lee Culp, 35, of Mifflinburg, with retail theft-take merchandise (Misdemeanor 1) and criminal conspiracy/conduct on December 18. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 12, at 11:30 a.m.

Charged Tinisha Renee Williams, 37, of Mifflinburg, with criminal conspiracy/aid on December 18. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 12, at 11:15 a.m.

Church News

Jason Vonneida Sharing

January 11, 6pm, Stony Run Mission, 2825 Evendale Hill Rd., McAllisterville

Lego Club

January 16, 20, 30, Februaury 13, 27, 7pm, children ages 5-15, Boyer Mennonite Church, 1472 West Ridge Rd.

Community Dinner

January 17, 4:30-7:30pm, Faith Christian Fellowship, 12N. Creamery Ave., Middleburg

Monthly Food Distribution

January 17, 9-10am, Hummels Church, 427 Sassafras Rd., Middleburg

Terry Sedam Sharing

January 18, 6pm, Stony Run Mission, 2825 Evendale Hill Rd., McAllisterville

Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **January 6, 2025**

Timothy: \$195 to \$255 by the ton; Grass: \$195 to \$270 by the ton; Grass: \$5.75 by the bale; Alfalfa: \$270 by the ton; Mixed: \$150 to \$315 by the ton; Mixed \$5.10 to \$65 by the bale; Straw: \$80 to \$195 by the ton; Straw: \$3.10 to \$37.50 by the bale; Ear Corn: \$165 by the ton; Ear Corn: \$6 by the bag; Oats: \$4.10 to \$4.25 by the bushel; Firewood: \$75 to \$80 by the load; Calf: \$150 to \$1,725 per hundred; Fats: \$170 to \$240 by the hundred; Cow: \$50 to \$168 per hundred; Bull: \$154 to \$206 per hundred; Feeder: \$125 to \$350 per hundred; Hogs: \$15 to \$135 per hundred; Pigs: \$20 to \$65 per head; Sows: \$30 to \$68 per hundred; Boars: \$7 to \$63 per hundred; Sheep: \$35 to \$135 per hundred; Goat: \$145 to \$400 per head; Lamb: \$335 to \$380 per head.

Jersey Shore Livestock Market

The following items were sold on **January 1st, 2026**:
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Game Commission crews will assess sites for the potential to trap turkeys. Just like the last six winters, the Game Commission will put leg bands on male turkeys statewide. Turkeys will not be moved; they'll simply be leg-banded and released on site.

Trapping turkeys during winter is part of the Game Commission's ongoing population monitoring.

Hunters who harvest these banded turkeys, or people who find one dead, are asked to report the band number, either by calling toll-free or reporting it online.

"By reporting banded turkeys, hunters provide us with important information on harvest rates for our population model," said Reina Tyl, the Game Commission's wild turkey biologist. "In return, the hunter gets to learn when and approximately where the turkey was banded. If the turkey was banded the first winter after it hatched, we can also provide the hunter with an exact age of the turkey they harvested."

While no turkeys will be fitted with transmitters this winter, as the research projects that were tracking turkeys to get an in-depth look into their survival, productivity and movement are coming to an end, males will continue to be banded in the winter to monitor harvest rates.

Finding birds to trap is key to accomplishing the work. That's where the public comes in. Fortunately, Pennsylvanians have a history of helping in this way.

Tyl said participation in the Winter Turkey Sighting Survey has been extremely useful for locating trappable flocks over the past four winters.

"The public has been so helpful. Some landowners who reported flocks on their property have also helped with monitoring flock activity and have participated in trapping," Tyl said. "We look forward to continuing this collaboration this winter."

Enhancing Safety & Traffic Flow with Roundabouts

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) recently announced that roundabouts continue to provide safe, efficient travel across the Commonwealth. Since 2005, 104 roundabouts have been built to improve traffic flow and/or decrease crash severity, and more than 30 additional roundabouts are in various stages of design and construction across Pennsylvania.

"For us, it's simple. Roundabouts remove cross-traffic turns and eliminate T-bone crashes, while improving traffic flow" said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "Any design that dramatically reduces the most serious crashes we see on the road is worthy of consideration in our projects."

PennDOT finalized a data review through 2024 using 20 years of crash data from roundabouts around the state. Study findings showed that crashes with injuries were reduced by 51 percent and total crashes decreased by 7 percent. Pennsylvania data reflects national studies that found changing two-way sign-controlled intersections to a single-lane roundabout reduced injury crashes by more than 80 percent. Likewise, changing a signalized intersection to single-lane or multilane roundabout reduced crashes with injuries by up to 78 percent.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) lists roundabouts as a "Proven Safety Countermeasure" that improves safety by reducing vehicle speeds by angling incoming traffic. The crashes that do occur tend to be sideswipe crashes with vehicles traveling at slower speeds rather than T-bone or head-on collisions. Additionally, eliminating left turns across opposing traffic results in dramatically fewer injuries. In addition to safety improvement, roundabouts carry, on average, approximately 30 percent more vehicles during peak traffic than similar intersections. In off-peak hours, roundabouts cause almost no delay, compared to traffic signals.

As roundabouts are constructed around the state, it is important to know how to correctly navigate them. Here are a few key things to remember when navigating a roundabout:

Slow down and be prepared to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Circulating traffic has the right of way. Look left and check for approaching traffic. If there are multiple circulating lanes, yield to both before entering. Do not assume the vehicle in the inside lane will stay there.

Do not stop while in the circulatory roadway, and always use your right turn signal to indicate your exit.

Police

SELINGSGROVE STATE POLICE

Retail Theft 1:40 p.m. December 14, at Walmart, at 980 N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP responded to a report of a retail theft. The investigation is ongoing.

Theft 9:08 p.m. December 20, at 5522 Park Road, in Monroe Township. PSP responded to the report of a theft. The investigation is ongoing.

Crash 8:32 a.m. December 23, on SR 11, north of S. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. A 2020 Nissan Rogue driven by Alfie L. Hairston, 51, of Harrisburg, was traveling north on Susquehanna Trail. A 2012 Peterbilt 999 driven by Andrew D. Russell, 40, of Rome, was traveling north on the bypass off ramp. The Nissan Roke attempted to overtake the Peterbilt 999 and impacted the left rear trailer tires. After impact, both vehicles came to rest. No injuries were reported. Hairston was cited for driving on right side of roadway-slow vehicle.

Crash 3:53 p.m. December 28, on SR 35 at its intersection with Fox Crossing Road, in Washington Township. A 2014 GMC Sierra driven by John W. Sauder, 27, of Middleburg, was traveling east when a deer appeared in the roadway. Sauder was unable avoid striking the deer which lead to disabling damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Crash 10:48 a.m. December 22, on Penns Drive, north of Attig Road, in Monroe Township. A 2006 Toyota Corolla driven by Bryce R. Jones, 23, of Winfield, was traveling south on Penns Drive and as the Toyota Corolla was negotiating a right curve in the roadway, it subsequently traveled off the roadway, across the northbound travel lane and slid into a ditch. The Toyota Corolla subsequently struck a tree off the east side of the roadway and came to rest immediately after the point of impact. No injuries were reported. Jones was cited for driving at safe speed.

Crash 3:23 p.m. December 29, on SR 15 at its intersection with Granger Road, in Monroe Township. A 2016 Ford Explorer driven by Tracy D. Ware, 54, of Rochester, NY, was traveling north in the right lane of SR 15 N. while a 2017 Toyota Sienna driven by Emily L. Chamberlain, 21, of Troy, was traveling north in the left lane just behind Ware. Ware's Ford Explorer attempted to make a left turn onto Grangers Road from the right lane. While making the movement, The Ford Explorer hit the Toyota Sienna as it continued its norther path of travel in the left lane. The Ford Explorer spun onto the western shoulder and came to rest facing south. The Toyota Sienna continued north and came to rest on the western berm of the roadway facing north. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Ware was transported to Geisinger Medical Center for injuries of an unknown severity. Ware was cited for required position and method of turning-improper left turn.

Crash 2 p.m. December 29, on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. A 2016 Volkswagen Beetle driven by Kayla A. Maxson, 23, of Mechanicsville, VA, was traveling behind a 2017 GMC Sierra driven by Casey E. Herm, 31, of Charleston, SC, when the Volkswagen Beetle rear ended the GMC Sierra causing disabling damage. No injuries were reported. Maxson was cited for following too closely.

Harass No Legitimate Purpose Between 12a.m.-8:28p.m. December 29, on Lenker Avenue, in Monroe Township. PSP responded for the report of harassment. Responding PSP investigated. Charges have been filed accordingly through District Court 17-3-03 against a 52 year old female, of Danville.

Assault with Weapon Between 8:15p.m.-8:45p.m. December 29, on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. On December 29, at approximately 9:46 p.m. PSP received a call regarding a domestic assault that occurred at Sheetz parking lot, in Monroe Township. PSP received a call from the victim a 23 year old female, of Richfield, who reported being physically assaulted by Kenneth Boyer, 26, of Lykens, while inside his 2003 gray Audi A4. The victim sustained injury and retreated to her vehicle, a 2021 white Subaru Legacy prior to Boyer using his vehicle to strike the driver side door of the Subaru Legacy while the victim was in the driver's seat. Boyer fled the scene. Boyer is charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person, harassment, criminal mischief, operating with suspended license and expired registration. Charges filed in District Court 17-3-03.

Hit & Run 8:25 a.m. December 30, on SR 522, in Beaver Township. A 2015 Dodge Dart driven by Devon J. Kemble, 26, of Beavertown, was traveling north on SR 522 when it traveled off the right side of the roadway, striking a business sign. The Dodge Dart failed to stop and continued traveling north on SR 522. During the investigation, an oil trail was found on the roadway. The Dodge Dart was able to be located with minor front end damage and leaking oil underneath the vehicle. No injuries were reported. Kemble was cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic (single).

Harass Physical Contact 12:40 p.m. December 29, on Troxleville Road, in Center Township. PSP investigated a report of harassment. Charges were filed against a 19 year old male, of Middleburg.

Crash 3:21 a.m. December 28, on SR 104, south of Potato Valley Road, in Perry Township. A 2020 Ford Escape driven by Jamie K. Spriggle, 56, of Selingsgrove, was traveling north on SR 104. The Ford Escape crossed into the southbound lane towards the southbound shoulder striking a pole with its front driver side bumper area. The Ford Escape continued north along the southbound lane shoulder into a ditch prior to coming to rest striking shrubs with its front bumper. No injuries were reported. Spriggle was cited for driving at safe speed.

Harass Physical Contact 2:34 a.m. December 31, on Ulsh Gap Road, in West Beaver Township. PSP received a call of an inactive domestic. Upon arrival to the scene, an investigation was conducted and determined during a verbal argument Paul Guyer, 43, of McClure, grabbed/touched the victim a 32 year old female, of McClure, and followed the victim throughout the residence committing a crime of harassment. Charges filed through District Court 17-3-04.

Cruelty to Animals 2:03 p.m. December 30, on Truth Lane, in Washington Township. PSP investigated a complaint involving a dog.

Simple/Harass BTW Entities 2 p.m. January 1, on Main Street, in Union Township. PSP investigated a domestic related simple assault/harassment incident.

Retail Theft 5:25 p.m. December 21, on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP was dispatched to a retail theft at Walmart.

Crash 2:23 p.m. December 24, on SR 235, south on Shawverville Lane, in Spring Township. A 2002 Yamaha driven by Edward M. Try, 55, of Beaver Springs, was traveling south on SR 235. Try lost control of the motorcycle at the exit of a left curve and laid it over on to its right side and slid off the roadway and came to rest. Minor injuries were reported.

DUI 9:06 a.m. December 31, at 81 Lorian Drive, in Penn Township. PSP responded to a report in the lobby of PSP Selingsgrove. The actor requested to talk to a trooper and refused to identify himself. The actor was interviewed and was subsequently identified. The actor admitted to drug use and exhibiting signs of impairment. SFST and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement Tests (ARIDE) were conducted. Felony and summary charges were filed through District Court 17-3-03.

Hit & Run 11:15 a.m. January 2, on Brown Street at its intersection with Dime Ally, in Monroe Township. A 2006 Mazda 3 driven by Jose A. Rivera Lopez, 42, of Selingsgrove, was traveling east on Brown Street at its intersection with Dime Ally. Rivera Lopez made an unsafe turn onto Dime Ally and subsequently struck the stop sign on Dime Ally. The Mazda 3 then traveled north on Dime Ally, fleeing the scene. Through PSP investigative actions and interviews the driver was identified. Rivera Lopez was issued multiple traffic citations relating to accidents involving damage to unattended vehicle, unsafe turning movements, and driving without a license.

Crash 1:46 p.m. January 1, on Susquehanna Valley Mall Drive, in Monroe Township. A 2015 Ford F-150XLT driven by Joshua D. Floyd, 35, of Northumberland, was traveling north on Susquehanna Valley Mall Drive. Prior to the crash Floyd experienced a medical emergency while operating the Ford F-150XLT. The Ford F-150XLT traveled across the roadway striking a concrete curb, then continued and struck a boulder embankment causing it to roll onto its driver side. The Ford F-150 XLT sustained disabling damage. The Ford F-150XLT was occupied by three passengers at the time of the crash. Floyd was extricated from the vehicle by a bystander on scene. Floyd sustained unknown injuries from the crash and was transported by EMS to Geisinger Medical Center in Danville for evaluation. The passengers were not injured.

Public Drunkenness 11:20 p.m. December 31, on N. Market Street/E. Snyder Street, in Selingsgrove. PSP was dispatched to a public drunkenness in Selingsgrove. The individual involved was transported via ambulance to Danville Geisinger Medical Facility for an evaluation.

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Obituaries

Harry Paul Jordan, Jr.



Harry passed into the loving arms of our Heavenly Father on January 2, 2026. He was born on February 4, 1943, to his mother, Betty McQueeney (née Jordan), and his father, Harry Jordan, Sr., in Dutch Hill, Pennsylvania. Harry led a full and meaningful life.

He was married to his devoted wife, Grace Jordan, for 62 years. Harry retired from American Home

Foods after 45 years of dedicated service. His side endeavors included owning and operating Jor-Dan's Concessions, bingo calling, and coaching Little League. He was an avid Steelers and Pirates fan and a runner.

Harry was preceded in death by his mother, Betty McQueeney; his father, Harry Jordan Sr.; his brother, Ernest Jordan; and his sister, Mary Toth.

He is survived by his loving wife, Grace Jordan; his children, Brenda Coey, Thomas Jordan and his wife Julia Jordan, Richard Jordan, and Lisa Folmer; as well as numerous siblings, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at Hummel Funeral Home in Middleburg, Pennsylvania. Viewing took place from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Albert Hartley officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Christ White Springs Church, 275 Emery Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

Arrangements are by Hummel Funeral Home, 574 Hill St. Middleburg.

Joyce E. Wagner, 91, Beavertown



Joyce entered into rest on January 2, 2026, at her home, surrounded by her family.

Born on April 15, 1934, in Lewisburg, Joyce was the daughter of the late James Hanselman and Katherine (Minnig) Hanselman.

Joyce was a graduate of Mifflinburg High School, Class of 1952.

She worked as a tax professional with H&R Block in Milton and also owned and operated Wagner Ceramics in Cowan. Joyce enjoyed staying busy and

took pride in her work throughout her life.

Joyce was a member of Susquehanna Valley United Church of Christ in Selinsgrove, where she assisted with the preschool program. She enjoyed square dancing, loved crocheting, and treasured making handmade items for her grandchildren, who will forever cherish her creations. Joyce was an avid reader who especially loved romance novels and was rarely without a book nearby. She loved people and always enjoyed having others around her. In her earlier years, she also enjoyed roller skating.

Surviving are her children: Kathy Zimmerman, wife of William, of Mifflinburg; Wanda Boop, wife of Preston, of Mifflinburg; James Wagner of Pittsburgh; Michael Wagner, husband of Sharon, of Mifflinburg; John Wagner, husband of Sharon, of Sunbury; Lori Zechman, wife of Alan, of Beavertown; John Thomas, husband of Deb, of Mount Pleasant Mills; Polly Swank, wife of Jeff, of Sunbury; Connie Walter, wife of Ken, of McClure; and Denise Thomas of New Bloomfield. Also surviving are numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; her sisters-in-law, Faye Hanselman and Jean Hanselman, both of Mifflinburg.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by her companion of 25 years, John Thomas; her daughter, Tina Wagner; and her sons, Leroy Wagner, Jr., and Rick Wagner.

A Celebration of Life was held at Susquehanna Valley United Church of Christ, Selinsgrove, on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joyce's memory to Susquehanna Valley United Church of Christ, 200 Roosevelt Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

To share in Joyce's online memorial, please visit www.adamofh.com.

Arrangements are by Dominick T. Adamo Funerals • Cremations • Monuments, 16 Walnut Street, Mifflinburg.

Gary Lee "Fats" Perkinson, 80, Selinsgrove



Gary passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at his home. Gary was born at home on August 18, 1945, in Selinsgrove the son of the late Russell Edward Sr. and Imogene Eva (Mull) Perkinson. On November 3, 1968, he married the former Mildred "Millie" G. Heckman, who survives. The couple were married for 57 years at the time of his passing.

Gary served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 during the Vietnam War.



Gary formerly drove dump trucks for local area companies and later retired after 38 years from Woode-Mode Inc. Kreamer.

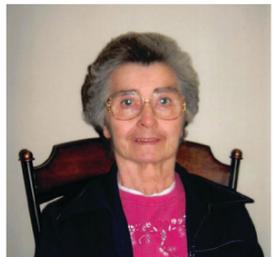
He was a member of St. Peter's Independent Bible Church, Beavertown.

Gary enjoyed hunting, camping and butchering. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his loving wife Mildred, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Scot and Brenda Perkinson, two daughters and a son-in-law Lori and Larry Miller and Wendy Perkinson, four grandchildren Troy Berge and his fiancée Tanya Forney, Jamie (David) Eister, Samantha (Matthew) Gehers, and Amanda Perkinson, six great-grandchildren Mason Berge, Jillian Gehers, Levi Gehers, Savannah Gehers, Cameron Eister, and Alex Eister, two brothers and sisters-in-law Ken (Judy) Perkinson and Ray (Belle) Perkinson, two sisters Shirley Heckman and Esther Kreider, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to Gary's parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson Travis Berge, three brothers, Russell Perkinson Jr., Elwood Perkinson, and Roger Perkinson and two sisters Kay Sarfine and Charlotte Perkinson in early childhood.

Friends and family were invited to the viewing on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Independent Bible Church, 7812 Middle Road, Beavertown followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Alvin Smith officiating. Burial with full military honors accorded by the Selinsgrove American Legion Post No. 25 and the Selinsgrove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6631 was held in the adjoining church cemetery. Should friends desire memorial contributions may be made in loving memory of Gary to his church. Arrangements by the V. L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 N. High Street, Selinsgrove.

Rachel Ruth Betzer, 90, Selinsgrove



Rachel entered into eternal rest on January 3, 2026, at Wellspan Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

Born on August 17, 1935, in Selinsgrove, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Cleta (Heavner) Stauffer.

Rachel served as a registered nurse at the Selinsgrove Center for 33 years.

She was a member of Sharon Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove.

In her free time, Rachel enjoyed reading, flowers and gardening, and listing to music. Most of all, she cherished the time spent with her loved ones.

Rachel is survived by a daughter, Brenda (Richard) Pehowic; two brothers, Samuel and Timothy Stauffer; a sister, Jan Hilbish; grandchildren, Jason (Kayla) and Lindsey (Jared) Kratzer; and a great-granddaughter, Gabriella Kratzer.

In addition to her parents, Rachel was preceded in death by her loving husband, Raymond Betzer; a brother John; and two sisters, Mary Catherine and Estella Moyer.

A graveside service will be held privately for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 or to Sharon Lutheran Church, 120 South Market Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

Arrangements are by V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, Selinsgrove.

Paul J. Lepley, 81, Beaver Springs

Paul passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital.

He was born January 3, 1944, in Lewisburg, a son of the late John and Florence (Walter) Lepley. On January 24, 1970, he married the former Sandra J. Ramsey who survives.

Paul was a 1962 graduate of West Snyder High School. He worked as a dairy farmer his entire life until his retirement.

In addition to his wife Sandra, he is survived by one daughter, Karen (Duane) Ewing of McClure; grandchildren, Brandon and Courtney Ewing; and great-grandchild, Addison.

Paul was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Bishop. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 6 from 10-11 am at the Hummel Funeral Home, 574 Hill St., Middleburg, followed by the funeral service at 11 with Rev. Larry Herrold officiating.

Burial will follow in Adamsburg Cemetery, Beaver Springs.

Peggy Sue (Kratzer) Schwemm, 63, Winfield



Peggy passed away on January 3, 2026, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born on March 21, 1962, in Lewisburg, Peggy was a daughter of the late Raymond and Shirley (Kessler) Kratzer.

Peggy retired from Weaver Models as the graphic arts office manager.

In her spare time, Peggy enjoyed playing bingo, working on various crafts, and spending time with her beloved kitties, Tabby and Naps. She could often be found cheering on her husband at his softball games, a role she truly loved. Above all else Peggy treasured the time spent with her family, which brought her the greatest joy.

Peggy is survived by her loving husband of over 44 years, Gregg Schwemm (aka Smoke or Mailman); two daughters, Mandy J. Schwemm and Samantha J. Schwemm; two sisters, Lori Ulmer and Christine Kratzer; and two brothers, Craig Kratzer and Eric Kratzer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a nephew, Marcus Kratzer.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at the V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 North High Street, Selinsgrove from 6-8 PM.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, you please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association online at alz.org or by mail to 320 Nevada St. Suite 201, Newton, MA 02460.

Arla H. Kratzer, 83, Kissimmee Road, Middleburg



Arla passed away on Friday, Dec. 26, at Rolling Hills Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Millmont.

She was born on July 19, 1942, in Middleburg, a daughter of the late Floyd and Beulah Hackenberg.

She was a 1960 graduate of Middleburg High School.

On December 15, 1968, she married Gerald D. Kratzer, who preceded her in death on April 23, 2025.

She retired from the guardian office at the Selinsgrove Center.

Arla attended Grace Covenant Community Church, Middleburg.

Surviving is a son, Troy D. Kratzer, and a sister, Freida Doebler. She was preceded in death by a sister, Frances Hackenberg.

Visitors called on Friday, Jan. 2, from 1-2 PM, with the family being present at 1:45 pm, at Zion Fellowship Church, 1366 Zion Road, Middleburg. The funeral service will begin at 2 PM with Deacon Donald Doebler officiating.

Burial will be in the adjoining church cemetery.

Arrangements are by Hummel Funeral Home, Middleburg.

Johanna Joan Witt, 92, Shamokin Dam



Johanna passed away peacefully on January 3, 2026, surrounded by her children at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born on May 13, 1933, in Kulpmont, PA, she was a daughter of the late Peter and Violet (Selock) Dombroski.

Johanna attended St. Pius X Catholic Church, Selinsgrove.

On August 13, 1955, she married Frank Witt, who preceded her in death on January 15, 2021. The couple were married 65 years at the time of his passing.

Following high school, Johanna earned a nursing degree from the Ashland State Hospital School of Nursing. She served as a registered nurse up until the birth of her children. Later, she worked as a transporter for B.K.W.

In her free time, Johanna thoroughly enjoyed reading, crocheting, boating, bowling, and playing bingo. Most importantly, she cherished the time spent with her family.

Johanna is survived by a son, Joseph (Kathy) Witt; three daughters, Juliann (Jesse) Hummel, Barbara (Al) Witt, and Brenda (Jim) Brubaker; grandchildren Tyler (Tabbie) Hummel, Anna (Jonah) Hummel, Kevin Brubaker and Joe Brubaker; and great-grandchildren, Trinity, Tru, and Maxton.

In addition to her parents, Johanna was preceded in death by her loving husband, Francis Witt, and a son-in-law, Dale L. Longacre.

A viewing will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026, at the V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 North High Street, Selinsgrove, from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

A graveside service will follow the viewing at the funeral home in Orchard Hills Cemetery, Shamokin Dam, with Father Joshua Cavender officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you hug your loved ones a little tighter and longer in memory of Johanna.

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North Shore Railroad Unveiled America's 250th Semiquincentennial Locomotive

By Kay Poeth

Linda C. Zechman, 76, Creek Road, Middleburg



Linda went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family.

Born July 21, 1949, in Lewistown, daughter of Betty Ewing Mattern and the late Malvin Mattern, Jr.

Linda was a 1967 graduate of West Snyder High School. On Sept. 27, 1969, she married Paul F. Zechman who survives.

Earlier in her life, she was employed at Kline Motors and Kinney Shoe, both of Beaver Springs. She retired as an aide at West Snyder High School.

Linda was a member of Beavertown God's Missionary Church.

She served as a Sunday school teacher, was a Deaconess, and helped with church suppers.

She was active along with her husband at the Rescue Hose Fire Company, Beavertown, helping with their Easter egg and donut sales, also with the fire company suppers.

She enjoyed crocheting and quilting, camping, and family butcherings. Linda was a great cook and baker, but her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 56 years and her mother of McClure, is a son, Michael (Heather) Zechman of Middleburg; a daughter, Rhonda (Nicholas) Yoder of New Columbia; and four grandchildren, Hayleigh and Collin Zechman, and Wyatt and Brynn Yoder.

She was preceded in death by a son in infancy.

A viewing was held on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, from 6-8 PM at Beavertown God's Missionary Church, 1693 Creek Road, Middleburg and again on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, from 10-10:45 AM where the funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM with Rev. John Zechman and Rev. Solomon Shaffer officiating.

Burial will be in Beavertown God's Missionary Church Cemetery

Contributions can be made to Beavertown God's Missionary Church, P.O. Box #2, Beavertown, PA 17813.

Arrangements are by Hummel Funeral Home, Middleburg.



PA Secretary of Transportation, Mike Carroll (left) and Rep. Kitty Benninghoff (right) greet one another during the North Shore Railroad Company & Affiliates unveiling of their America's 250th Locomotive.



State Officials stand in front of "Amber Waves of Grain" during the unveiling.

On December 22, 2025, the North Shore Railroad Company & Affiliates proudly unveiled their America's 250th Locomotive at the Home Office located on 356 Priestley Avenue in Northumberland. Local, county, and state dignitaries and community partners attended the event filled with speeches and many photo opportunities. Afterwards guests were invited to participate in train ride pulled by this historic locomotive from Northumberland to Danville and back. Saxman Ravi performed several patriotic numbers during the unveiling ceremony.

"North Shore's 250th locomotive is nothing like the other Semiquincentennial engines that have been presented in America so far," stated Loni Martz Briner. It was much more than red, white, and blue. North Shore employees Diana Williams and Loni Martz Briner had a vision for the theme for the Semiquincentennial locomotive. Local artist Pedro Reyes, of Sunbury, brought the vision to life. His hand-painting of the locomotive was a more beautiful masterpiece than they could have imagined.

"This locomotive is an impressive tribute to America's founding. It truly captures the spirit of America250—honoring the bold vision of our founding and 250 years of American freedom. It's a moving commemoration to our nation's history rolling right through central Pennsylvania," noted Union County Commissioner Jeff Reber.

Oneside depicts three scenes from the Revolutionary War. First, the impressive scene portrays George Washington crossing the Delaware River. This surprising maneuver turned the tide of the American Revolutionary War. The middle scene of The Declaration of Independence as penned by Thomas Jefferson, signed on July 4, 1776 was painstakingly recreated by Reyes. The final scene showcases The Liberty Bell believed to have been rung after the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The other side of the locomotive incorporated images from the songs of America the Beautiful and God Bless America. A bald eagle is featured soaring over "amber waves of grain" by "purple mountains majesty". The middle section features an American flag waving proudly. Red symbolizes valor and majesty, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The Statue of Liberty, a gift from France during the Centennial Celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, is also featured. The final scene is from the song, God Bless America... "Oceans, white with foam."

And, there are even more images of American history highlighted on the locomotive on nooks and crannies. Viewers need to examine the locomotive carefully. On one of the stacks Paul Revere's lantern references his ride alerting the colonists that the British were coming. Another stack features a cloud of black gunpowder representing the hard fought war won by the American Colonists.

On the cab door, the Mayham Tower, a 30-foot tower built and utilized in Augusta, Georgia provided a turning point in Revolutionary War in the South after 2238 days into the war. On top of the cab, below the hood is the full inscription found on The Liberty Bell (Leviticus 25:10) all the land unto all inhabitants thereof." On the cab, below the hood, is written, "In God We Trust." The back of the cab displays the patriotic red, white, and blue fireworks, a tradition inspired by John Adams from the inception of the Nation. Loni Martz Briner donning her patriotic apparel and Diane Williams were the perfect hosts for the event. The chilly and brisk inau-

gural train ride with North Shore's America's 250th Locomotive from Northumberland to Danville and back was an historic moment for guests. The closed-car featured a Victorian-era theme with a tin ceiling and dainty wall scones. Comfortable seating allowed for visiting. Those in the open-air car enjoyed a unique experience. Propane heaters offered warmth for guests as Jack Frost nipped at the nose and toes. The Susquehanna River side featured ice laced river banks and pads of frozen ice, a view of the former Pennsylvania Canal, meandering creeks, wooded lots, deer scampering from the rattle on the tracks, and views of campgrounds. The other side offered a view of the highway, local businesses, and homes. What a way to celebrate the Unveiling of America's 250th Locomotive!

"In a day when corporate profits often outweigh community pride, it is rare to see a company invest in a way of life and recognition of service but that is what North Shore Railroad has done again," said Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz and Business and Development Manager at North Shore Railroad. "This company continues to impress me with their willingness to thank our veterans and make folks aware that we still have much for which to be thankful. 2026 will be a year of celebration and North Shore has kick-started the Happy 250th Birthday, America!"

"North Shore Railroad's 'America's 250th' locomotive is a unique tribute to the ideals that shaped our nation and continue to unite our communities. I appreciated the opportunity to join the unveiling of NSHR 2238 and to recognize the local talent and teamwork behind this hand-painted design. As we approach America's 250th anniversary, projects like this help keep our history visible, meaningful, and accessible for the next generation," said Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver.

2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show Theme: 'Growing a Nation'

The Farm Show will officially kick off a year of America250PA celebrations recognizing Pennsylvania's leading role in our nation's founding and future. Pennsylvania agriculture continues to be a national leader, supporting 600,000 jobs and generating \$132.5 billion for the Commonwealth's economy.

The 2026 Farm Show- Pennsylvania's State Fair™ will kick off a year of America250PA special events and celebrations bringing millions of visitors to the Commonwealth recognizing Pennsylvania's leading role in the founding of our American democracy.

"America was born in Pennsylvania, with its identity deeply rooted in agriculture," said Secretary Redding. "Two hundred and fifty years later, Pennsylvania agriculture is still leading our nation, supplying the economic power, ingenuity, and innovation that is growing our nation's future. Farm Show celebrates the outstanding products and people who make up our powerhouse agriculture and food industry, supporting 600,000 jobs pouring more than \$132.5 billion into our state economy, including exports of more than \$4 billion in agriculture and forest products — not only keeping our heritage alive, but supplying innovative solutions to our nation's greatest challenges."

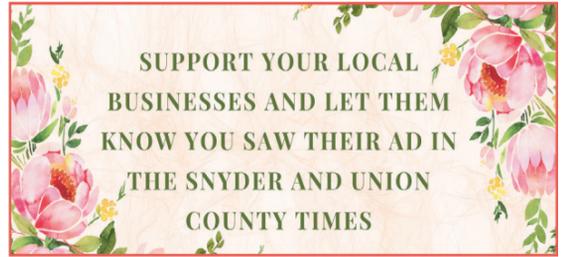
The Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (America250PA) was established by the Commonwealth in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. One of the original 13 colonies — and home to the signing of both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution — Pennsylvania holds a uniquely pivotal role in the nation's founding and future.

"America250PA is proud to partner with the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation," said America250PA Executive Director Cassandra Coleman. "While we look forward to January, it feels especially fitting to share this news in October. For generations, Pennsylvania farmers, whether under the summer sun or by the light of a harvest moon, have done the work that helped the American experiment grow and thrive for 250 years."

Every year, the PA Farm Show brings half a million visitors to the capitol city for eight days of competition, and family fun with an educational twist. The 2026 event will run from Saturday, January 10 through Saturday, January 17 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg.

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SPORTS NEWS

THE VIEW FROM HEAR
BY RON BOLT

The Holiday Season tournaments are over and our local schools have flipped the calendar to a new year. Here's a chance to build upon '25 successes or wipe the slate clean and start anew in '26.

The Mid-West girls basketball team (2-6) split their two games in the Montgomery tourney. They handily beat the host 48-32 in the first game behind Izzy Walter's 24 and Emma Wagner's 17 points. They lost 56-21 to Montoursville in the title game where Izzy had eleven points. They fell 60-17 to Shik in league play.

Unlike Montgomery, Hughesville was a rude host in their tourney where Selinsgrove lost 58-11 to the Spartans (6-1). In the consolation game Grove was beaten 52-29 by Milton. Grace Morrone scored a season high 11 for the Seals. Milton was given eighteen free-throws with only one on Selinsgrove.

I'm guessing Grove's offense is perimeter based as they also lost to Jersey Shore 40-29 without attempting a foul shot. Madi Merrell had 12 points. The Grove girls had a great start to the week in beating Juniata 39-37. Merrell poured in 19 points and Maddy Benner had a career high 10. Lake Dent controlled the boards with 15 rebounds. The Seals also shot 11 free-throws! Good job coach.

The Lewisburg girls got off to a fast start 29-5 at halftime to beat Greenwood 39-22. Ava Motto led the way with 12 points and 7 rebounds. They lost to Saint Hubert Catholic in the title game of the Coach Bill Higgins Holiday Classic at Warrior Run. The Dragons got better by beating their cross-county rival Mifflinburg 28-24. Teagan Osunde is healthy again and her double double, 14 and 13 was key. India Walker had six steals.

The Mifflinburg boys team exacted some revenge on Lewisburg as they outscored the Dragons 18-1 in the second quarter on four treys. Chad Martin had 12 and Cheeky Griffith 11. Leon Tucker had 14 and Rebira Jemama 11. Both teams combined to go 19 for 19 from the foul line, a rarity for our local schools.

The Cats lost 40-39 to Loyalsock but got the better of Mid-West 63-37. They clamped down on the Mustangs (2-7) best player by holding Zani Cooley to three points. Griffith led all scorers with 15 points. Chad Martin added 11 and Liam Casilla scored eight off the bench.

Mid-West's Cooley scored 21 points in an 88-39 loss to Mifflin County who knocked down fourteen 3-pointers. Cooley had 14 in a losing effort to Shik 57-45.

Selinsgrove's Xavier Jackson scored 20 and Jack Piecuch added 10 in a loss to Montoursville 66-50. The Seals hung tough trailing by only three at the half but were outscored by 20 in the second half in losing to Williamsport 65-42. Jackson had 14 points.

Lewisburg (6-4) ended Mount Carmel's nine game home winning streak with a 66-47 win. Nazir Meredith 25/10 and Leon Tucker's 10/10 double doubles were the difference.

Mifflinburg girls wrestling had two champs at the Matness at the MACC tourney in Williamsport. Aubrey Fluman and Lydia Miller brought gold home for the Lady Cats.

The boys team continued to roll as they went out to Indiana and dominated the Bo Wood wrestling tournament. The Wildcats finished with 208 team points to second place Seneca Valley's 134. Ben Straub, Bradley Wagner and Landon Tucker all took first place in the 21 team field. Seven other Miff wrestlers placed as well.

Mid-West wrestling traveled to Virginia over the holidays to participate in the Battle of the Bridge tourney. Charley Paige went 5-1 and lost in the finals 5-3. The Mustangs finished 22nd in the 58 team field.

Lewisburg (7-1) took second place at the Juniata Duals going 5-1. They lost to the powerhouse that is Montgomery wrestling 60-9. Landon Michaels and Landon Wagner both went 6 and 0 in the tourney.

Bucknell's Myles Takets won the 174lb title at the Midlands wrestling tournament. He became the first Bison since 2010 to claim a Midlands title. Takats is ranked 15th nationally. Bucknell finished an impressive third place as a team just behind Rutgers and Pitt.

Bucknell hired Jeff Behrman as their new football coach. Behrman was head coach at his alma mater, John Carroll, where he had a 29-7 record. He is known as a rebuilder of programs which should serve Bucknell well.

Put your hand in the air if you thought Aaron Rodgers would lead the Pittsburgh Steelers to this year's playoffs. I said at the beginning of the year if Rodgers was the reason coach Mike Tomlin would have his first losing record in twenty years, Aaron's reputation would have taken a big hit.

Despite a broken wrist, chants for Tomlin's job and his best receiver getting suspended for Pittsburgh's two biggest games, Rodgers made it out on the other side as a 42 year old QB who earned a playoff return the hard way. I'm not saying the Steelers are going to the Super Bowl but I do believe they will beat the Texans this weekend.

What were the Eagles thinking in not playing more starters against DC to try and secure at least two home games

for the playoffs? Chicago loses and Philly wins, they are the #2 seed in the NFC. The Bears lost but so did the Eagles.

I have stopped questioning coach Sirianni but this was a head-scratcher. It's not like their offense is running on all cylinders and maybe three or four series from the starters might have made a difference in this game and into the playoffs.

Before the NFL season started I picked the LA Rams to win the Super Bowl if QB Matt Stafford was able to stay healthy. Stafford hasn't missed a game all year but the Seattle Seahawks are going to be hard to beat. I gotta believe one of these two teams will represent the NFC in this year's Super Bowl.

The Seahawks and Denver Broncos earned a bye week as the number one seeds. Unlike the four college teams that had a bye for the first round of the college playoffs, a week off will only help these two teams in the NFL playoffs.

The bye week teams in college are 1-7 over the last two years with only Indiana winning. The fact college teams basically take a month off before the playoffs begin results in teams being rusty. Even more so for teams that got a bye that are playing a school that won the previous week. That is why the college playoffs will expand to sixteen teams next year.

The NFL game is more physical and demanding and every team has injuries at this time of the year. The week off is what you want to get healthy.

Here's a preview of what to expect this weekend in the NFL playoffs. I'm not sure if Drake Maye is ready for the playoffs and the Chargers have a better defense. Weather will be an issue and it's going to be a low scoring game with rain predicted. I really like both coaches Mike Vrabel from Ohio State and Jim Harbaugh from Michigan but LA QB Justin Herbert will outplay Maye.

The Buffalo Bills travel to Florida to play the Jacksonville Jaguars. This is Bill's QB Josh Allen's best chance to finally get to a Super Bowl. No Mahomes, Burrows or Jackson to compete against and I'm still not sold on Trevor Lawrence with the Jags.

The Steelers are hosting the Houston Texans who have won nine straight games and have the second best defense in the league behind Seattle's. Pittsburgh's defense has gotten better since mid-season and I'm not sold on the Texan's QB C.J. Stroud. The home field with the terrible towel and Aaron Rodgers will win it for the Steelers. Don't forget that coach Mike Tomlin has won his last twenty Monday night games.

The Chicago Bears amazing season will not end against the Green Bay Packers. Injuries and a leaky defense will allow Bears QB Caleb Williams to direct coach Ben Johnson's offense to their first playoff win since 2011.

Your guess is as good as mine with the Niners coming to Philadelphia. San Francisco has so many injuries but one is not Christian McCaffrey. The Eagles are the most inconsistent team in the league. One week they look like a lock to win the Super Bowl and the next like they can't beat the New York Jets. My prediction is whoever has more total yards between McCaffrey and Saquon Barkley, his team will win.

It's a crime that a team with a losing record is hosting a playoff game. The Carolina Panthers (8-9) will be hosting the LA Rams (12-5) and this won't be close. I realize the Panthers beat LA a month and a half ago but the playoffs are a different animal. That's why I will take a Ram over a Panther.

The end of the regular season in football means the playoffs are next as are coaches getting fired from their NFL teams. I just heard an outrageous claim from an ESPN talking head. The Las Vegas Raiders fired their coach and have the first pick in this year's draft. They will surely take Indiana's Heisman winning QB Fernando Mendoza. This guy said they also want to hire Indiana coach Curt Cignetti as a package deal!

First off, the Raiders can't afford Cigs because they are still paying the last two coaches they fired. Cigs will make \$14M this year and has quickly entrenched himself as the best coach in college football. I'm not saying coaching in college is a better gig than the NFL, quite the opposite with the transfer portal and the NIL mess coaches have to manage today.

Cignetti plays the portal like Itzhak Perlman the violin. College football gets more like the NFL every year but at 64 years old and already on equal footing if not higher than Bobby Knight in Bloomington, he's not going anywhere soon.

I didn't have enough space this week to tell you how I would change college football to make it better. I promise to inform you next week.

The college football transfer portal continues...Is there any truth that State College has been renamed Ames East? Comments and questions can be sent to theviewfromhear74@gmail.com

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

Mid-West High School October 2025 Students of the Month

Mid-West High School would like to recognize the following students for being selected as the Students of the Month. These are students who represent Mid-West High School well through their academics, attendance, involvement in activities, and good citizenship (responsible, hard-working, and dependable)



plans to join the Army or Marines and then attend college.



a diligent, respectful student who excels in class.



representative on the Homecoming Court 2025. Outside of school, she enjoys playing club soccer, working at the Middleburg Hotel, shopping, and hanging out with her friends. After graduation, Kaydin is planning to attend college to become an Athletic Trainer or Pediatric Occupational Therapist in addition to having a family.



She also would like to run Cross Country and Track and Field at the collegiate level. Ashlyn was chosen as the Student of the Month because she is a kind, considerate and mature student who takes initiative and is aware of the needs of others.



down from a challenge. Bren participates in numerous musical activities in school including Marching Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Modern Band, 8th Grade Band, Concert Band, Pit Band, Vocal Collective, Vocal Ensemble, and Concert Choir. He is active in the Theater by being involved in both the school plays and musicals. In addition, he is a member of the Faith Based Club and Youth in Philanthropy. He is taking courses at Susquehanna University along with a full schedule at the high school. In his free time, Bren is actively involved in his church with Youth Group, Worship Team, Camera Team and Lighting Team. He enjoys playing music with friends and composing music. After graduation, Bren is planning to further his education at Susquehanna University to study Music Education.

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General Fund: \$89,969.87

Local Services Tax \$11,900.00

Highway Aid Fund \$107,935.00

Total Expenditures \$209,804.87

The budget may be reviewed at the Office of the McClure Borough Secretary, McClure Municipal Building, One Forbes Street, McClure, Pennsylvania, or at the Slivinski Law Office, Borough Solicitor, 11 North High St. #1 Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

McClure Borough Secretary

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION/TESTAMENTARY

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGE H. LONG, LATE MIDDLEBURG, MIDDLECREEK TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECEASED.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the Will of George H. Long, late of Middlecreek Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, have been granted by the Register of Wills, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, to the undersigned.

All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

Cynthia R. Bealer, Co-Executrix
1521 Farmington Ave.
Pottstown, PA 19464

Ivan E. Long, Co-Executor
1523 Kissimmee Rd.
Middleburg, PA 17842

or to their attorney:
Melissa S. Lobos, Esquire
247 Chestnut Street
Mifflinburg, PA, 17844

NOTICE

The following accounts will be presented to the Orphans' Court Divi-

sion of the Common Pleas Court of the 17th Judicial District, Snyder County Branch, for **CONFIRMATION NI SI**, on **January 22, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m.**

First and Final Account of and scheduled of Proposed Distribution of Matthew A. Slivinski, Administrator, D.B.N.C.T.A. from April 21, 2017 to December 22, 2025, Bonnie L. Kerstetter, Deceased.

Stephanie A. Wolf
Clerk of Orphans' Court

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Estate of Nancy Elaine Robinson a/k/a Nancy E. Robinson, late of Spring Township, Snyder County, PA. Letters of Administration or Testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned at:

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Scott A. Harper, Esq.
Administrator-Executor

MEETING NOTICE

2026 Snyder County Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program Local Advisory Board Meetings

March 20, 2026 10:00 am

June 19, 2026 10:00 am

September 18, 2026 10:00 am

December 18, 2026 10:00 am

All meetings are held at the above address unless otherwise published

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February 24, 2026 7:00 P.M.

March 24, 2026 7:00 P.M.

April 28, 2026 7:00 P.M.

May 26, 2026 7:00 P.M.

June 23, 2026 7:00 P.M.

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October 27, 2026 7:00 P.M.

November 17, 2026 7:00 P.M.

December 15, 2026 7:00 P.M.

January 04, 2027 7:00 P.M.

(Reorganization Meeting)

MEETING DATES

The Center Township Board of Supervisors, Snyder County will hold their regular monthly meetings at the Penns Creek Fire Hall 50 Troxelville Road Middleburg, PA at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

February 5th, 2026

March 5th, 2026

April 2nd, 2026

May 7th, 2026

September 3rd, 2026

October 1st, 2026

November 5th, 2026

December 3rd, 2026

The following meeting dates will be held at the Township Municipal Building at 374 Troxelville Road Middleburg, PA at 7:00 p.m.

June 8th, 2026

July 6th, 2026

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MEETING NOTICE

The Beaver Township Supervisors, Snyder County will hold their regular monthly meetings for 2026 at 7:00 pm at 826 Brick Plant Road, Beavertown, PA on the following dates:

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Mid-West High School September 2025 Students of the Month

Mid-West High School would like to recognize the following students for being selected as Student of the Month. These are students who represent Mid-West High School well through their academics, attendance, involvement in activities, and good citizenship (responsible, hard-working, and dependable).



The 8th grade Student of the Month for September is Macie Zechman. She is the daughter of Aaron and Bethany Zechman of Middleburg. Macie was chosen as the Student of the Month because she is kind and courteous to others and maintains a positive attitude with a strong work ethic that is highly motivated to succeed. She sets a positive example among her peers and is willing to help others in need. Her school activities include Junior High Soccer, Junior High Basketball, and Choir. In addition, Macie is a manager for both the Varsity and Junior Varsity Girls Soccer teams. She has committed to attending Chief Science Officer training at Bucknell University in October. Macie earned the highest scores in the district in both Math and ELA PSSAs and is taking several advanced classes. Outside of school, she enjoys playing soccer, attending youth group, volunteering in her church's children's program, and hanging out with friends and family. In the future, Macie would like to go into the medical field to become either a Pediatrician or an Anesthesiologist.



Olivia Dorman is the 9th grade Student of the Month for September. She is the daughter of Shawn and Stacey Dorman of Middleburg. In school, Olivia participates in Student Council, DECA, Softball, and Enrichment. In 8th grade, she served as a Chief Science Officer, a global network of STEM leaders, the first year that Mid-West participated in the program. In her free time, she enjoys playing softball and dancing.

After graduation, Olivia would like to play Division 1 Softball and study Mechanical Engineering to become a Sports Engineer. Olivia was selected as the Student of the Month because she is an outstanding student who actively participates in class, is kind to others, is quick to assist others, and is excelling in a challenging academic schedule.



The 10th grade Student of the Month for September is Harmony Penepacker. She is the daughter of Nicole Smith of Beaver Springs and Barry Penepacker of Pequea. Harmony was selected as the Student of the Month because she is an excellent student who works hard and always has a smile on her face. Harmony's school activities include being a member of Class Congress and serving as the Mid-West FFA Secretary.

Outside of school, she enjoys doing photography, taking care of her plants, and buying new plants. After graduation, Harmony would like to own a greenhouse and have her own photography business.



Jacob Sellers is the 11th grade Student of the Month for September. He is the son of Michael and Katie Sellers of Beaver Springs. In school, Jacob participates in Boys Soccer, Track and Field, and DECA. He enjoys playing club soccer, going to church, doing Biblical Studies, and spending time with friends and family. In the future, Jacob is planning to attend college to study Engineering, pursue a career, and start a family.

Jacob was chosen as the Student of the Month because he has established himself as a leader among his peers and challenges himself academically with advanced courses. He takes everything he does seriously while he maintains a positive attitude and is kind and considerate to others.



The 12th grade Student of the Month for September is Ian Hall. He is the son of Greg and Nadia Hall of Penns Creek. Ian was chosen as the Student of the Month because he has a strong work ethic and desire to succeed. He sets an excellent example for other students and is a leader among his peers, both in school and in athletics. He includes all members of the Cross Country team in their activities and encourages his teammates. In school, Ian serves in leadership roles as the captain of the Varsity Boys Cross Country Team and president of the Street Hockey Club. He is a runner on the Track and Field Team in the 400-meter and 800-meter races. In his free time, he likes to go hiking, mountain biking, and long boarding. After graduation, Ian is planning to further his education by studying Mechanical Engineering so that he can work for a motorsports team as a Race Engineer.

Mid-West High School September 2025 Leaders of the H.E.R.D.

Mid-West High School would like to recognize the following students for being selected as a Leader of the H.E.R.D. (Helpful, Empathic, Responsible, and Driven). These students put forth effort, attend school regularly, and contribute to Mid-West High School in a positive way.



The 8th grade Leader of the H.E.R.D. for September is Matthias Kuhns. He is the son of Brandon and Ashley Kuhns of Middleburg. Matthias was chosen as the Leader of the H.E.R.D. because he sets a good example for other students to follow by working hard during class and maintaining a positive attitude about learning. His school activities include Junior High Basketball, Junior High Soccer, Concert Band, and Concert Choir. Outside of school, he enjoys playing basketball and is very involved with the Port Ann Wesleyan Youth Group. In the future, Matthias is planning to attend college for a higher education degree potentially in Interventional Radiology.



Conner Faustis is the 9th grade Leader of the H.E.R.D. for September. He is the son of Sherry Maust of Watson-town and Daniel Faust of Middleburg. In school, Conner participates in Football. In his free time, he enjoys weightlifting and gaming. After graduation, he would like to start a Market Intermediary business. Conner was selected as the Leader of the H.E.R.D. because he is a leader in the classroom, helpful and kind to others, and responsible with his homework.



The 10th grade Leader of the H.E.R.D. for September is Careese Kratzer. She is the daughter of Donovan and Amy Kratzer of Middleburg. Careese was selected as the Leader of the H.E.R.D. because she is a positive student who works hard to complete all her work and isn't afraid to ask questions in class. She is a great role model for other students because she always tries her best and puts forth effort to be successful. Careese loves school and her favorite subject is Math. Outside of school, she enjoys camping, swimming, outdoor activities, and spending time with her family. In October, Careese will be participating in her first power lifting competition. After graduation, Careese is planning to enter the work force.



Alexis Heim is the 11th grade Leader of the H.E.R.D. for September. She is the daughter of Rahn and Renee Heim of Paxtonville. In school, Alexis participates in Key Club, Class Congress, and Softball. This year she is doing an internship as a teaching assistant with the Fun with Foods class. She enjoys babysitting, reading, going on walks, baking, cooking, and going to concerts. In the future, Alexis is planning to attend Pennsylvania College of Technology for her BSN in Nursing. Alexis was chosen as the Leader of the H.E.R.D. because she is kind, helpful, and always respectful to others.



The 12th grade Leader of the H.E.R.D. for September is Shyanne Hoskie. She is the daughter of Steven and Jennifer Hoskie of Richfield. Shyanne was chosen as the Leader of the H.E.R.D. because she has shown maturity as a student who takes pride in her schoolwork, is diligent in completing her work, and advocates for herself. She knows when to ask for help and provides support to other students when she can do so. Shyanne's school activities include Choir and FFA. She is also in the Work Study Program at Big Foot Country radio station. In her free time, she enjoys singing because it allows her to express her emotions and drawing as it gives her a creative outlet to bring her ideas to life. After graduation, Shyanne is planning to continue to work at Big Foot Country.



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Mid-West High School September 2025 Young American



Mid-West High School's Young American for September 2025 is Maura Aurand. She is the daughter of Amos and Amanda Aurand of Middleburg. Maura exhibits strong leadership skills. As a member of the Mid-West FFA, Maura has served as the Historian, Secretary, and President.

Maura has received the Star Greenhand and Chapter Degree. At the FFA State Level, Maura competed in the Talent Competition, placing third in 2024 and second place in 2025. She has received the honor of being selected as Pennsylvania's 2025 National FFA Talent entré and will perform at The National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Additionally, she is active in the Big Dreamers 4H Club where she has held positions as the Historian/Reporter Vice President, and President.

Maura was selected and served as the 2024-25 Beaver Community Fair Queen, which has provided opportunities for her to attend multiple community events to promote the Beaver Community Fair. She is a member of the Junior Fair Board. She earned the 2023 Grand Champion Market Goat at the Beaver Fair. Maura also served in Choir as the Soprano Section Leader and was selected for the 2024 District Choir. Maura gives back to her community by donating blood, volunteering at food drives, attending multiple mission trips, and volunteering at the Paxtonville Church and The Rock Youth Group. In school, Maura participates in Field Hockey, Track & Field, Choir, and Vocal Collective. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the Distinguished and Honor Rolls throughout high school.

Maura has been chosen as the Student of the Month in grades 9th, 10th, and 11th. She enjoys playing the guitar, as well as breeding, raising, and showing livestock. In the future, Maura plans to attend college to major in Animal Science and minor in Ag Business. To prepare for this Maura carries a Swine Breeding project and is very progressive with her genetic selection. This project incorporates intensive Livestock Evaluation skills, Artificial Insemination for breeding, as well as careful marketing strategies to sell show pigs. Maura believes she was chosen as a Young American because of her ability to be a strong leader both in and outside of the classroom. She shows kindness to everyone and is always willing to help wherever it's needed. Maura's work ethic is very important to her, and she always gives her all in everything she does. She is passionate about what is important to her and strives to be an advocate for others. Maura would like others to know that she is self-taught on the guitar and enjoys performing at community events.

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