

Tree Fest People's Choice Winners

By Kay Poeth



TreeFest coordinators, Mona Sheaffer and Jan Vass, stand next to the winner of the popular vote. Congratulation to The Selinsgrove Senior Citizens, who decorated their tree to go along with the book, "Bear Stays Up for Christmas". You can visit TreeFest until January 5.

The Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library in Selinsgrove was transformed into a twinkling wonderland of trees decorated with children's book-themed decorations. 29 displays captured the imagination and shared the love of reading with all the visitors



The top prize for wreath decorating was awarded to the Susquehanna Garden Club for their depiction of "I Give You the World."

strolling through the festively decorated nooks and crannies of the library. Different groups decorated the 23 trees and 6 wreaths including many school classes and clubs adding to the fun of visiting the library and touring the displays.

"The 'Tree Fest of Children's Books' has certainly become a wonderful display of creativity and imagination, and is certainly something to look forward to during the Holiday Season. This year's trees were exceptional!" noted Mona Sheaffer. "This is the 20th anniversary year of the Friends of the Rudy Gelnett Library's Tree Fest event, but most people don't know that Tree Fest had it's beginning in 2003 when a former Friends' member, Carol Bull, came up with the idea of a 'tree fest of children's books.'"

Many thanks to the teamwork of this year's Tree Fest chairpersons-Mona Sheaffer and Jan Vass. All funds raised through the sale of vote tickets during Tree Fest 2023 will benefit the Snyder County Libraries 2024 Reading Program.

Congratulations to the People's Choice winners of the popular 2023 Rudy Gelnett Memorial Tree Fest. This year's number one vote getter was the Selinsgrove Senior Center. The featured book, "Bear Stays Up for Christmas" written by Karma Wilson captivated voters. Earning 2nd place was St. Paul's Messy Church for their decorating touches for the book, "What Is God Like?" by Rachel Held Evans

and Matthew Paul Turner. The 3rd place tree was decorated by Agapeland Preschool. Their rendition of "Gobble Gobble Mr. Wobble" by Becky Cummins was a favorite of visitors.

Kudos to the winners of the People's Choice wreath contest. Taking top honors was the Susquehanna Garden Club for their depiction of "I Give You the World" by Stacey McCleary. Second place was awarded to Selinsgrove Area Community Pool for their delightful rendering of "Jarari Jumps" by Gaia Cornwall with photos from the pool's season.

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Jan. 15
Penns Creek Adult Resource Center Monthly Meeting
Jan. 10, 9:15, followed by Nickle Bingo at 10:30, 3551, Richard Rd., Middleburg
Middleburg Joint High School Class of 1961 Luncheon
Jan. 5, 11:30am, Hoss's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, Shamokin Dam
Selinsgrove High School Class of 1964 Lunch
Jan. 9, 11:30, Hoss's Steakhouse
Middleburg Joint High School Class of 1967 Lunch
Jan. 10, noon, County Line Restaurant in Richfield
DH&L Spaghetti Dinner
Jan. 11, 4:30-7pm, Selinsgrove Moose Lodge, 40 W. Spruce St., Selinsgrove
Selinsgrove Class of 1956 Luncheon
Jan. 8, 12 noon, Hoss's Steakhouse, Shamokin Dam
MJHS Class of 1970 Lunch
Jan. 19, 11:30, at Rayaudas
West Snyder High School Class of 1965 Breakfast
Jan. 15, 9am, Vince's Family Restaurant Beaver Springs
Snyder County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Breakfast
Jan. 15, 9am, Vince's Pizza & Restaurant, Beaver Springs
Cash Bingo
Jan. 14, 2pm, doors open at 12:30pm, 105 South Market Street, Selinsgrove
Alzheimer's Support Group
Jan. 15, 6pm, 29 Graysonview Court, Selinsgrove

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Church News

Hope UMC Outreach and Missions Team
Jan. 11, 5-6:30pm, Free Community Dinner, 1623 Main St., Port Trevorton
Stony Run Mission
Jan. 7, Barry Brubaker sharing at 6
Jan. 14, Danny Stouffer sharing at 6

Births

A Boy, **Sawyer Nolan Whitehurst** to Marleina Straub and William Whitehurst of Middleburg on December 25, 2023 at The Family Place of Evangelical.

Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **January 2, 2024**
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Neighborhood News

By Kay Poeth

Remember to share you birthday, anniversaries, reunion and community news with me. Email: scuc@ptd.net and put Kay in the memo line. Include your name and phone.

Middleburg News

In Middleburg Borough, Christmas trees will be picked up every Thursday in January. Please remove all decorations from the tree and place it along the street.

At the December 15, 2023 meeting, the Snyder County Commissioners Board hired Myessiah G. Herrold as a Caseworker 1 at Children and Youth Services effective December 18, 2023. The Board also acknowledged the promotion of Brandy M. Neilson to the position of Deputy Treasurer, by the Treasurer-Elect, effective January 2, 2024.

MJHS Class of 1964 luncheon will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, 1:00 pm at the Hotel Middleburger. The Middleburg Joint High School Class of 1964 will hold their 60th Reunion on June 4, 2024. Save the date!

Diane Shamory huffed and puffed out candles on January 4. May her days be filled with happiness and love.

Roger Bowersox and Sandra Reynolds had their house decked out like Santa Central for the holidays. We enjoyed the light display.

Kreamer News

Congratulations to Henry "Hank" and Anna Shaffer who stroll down 70 Anniversary Lane on January 9 as they celebrate their Platinum Anniversary. The couple said "I Do" in 1954 and this year marks their 70 anniversary. "We have had a great life together through all the ups and downs!" said Hank. May every tomorrow be as wonderful as all the days that came before.

Beavertown News

Helping Hands, Helping Others, Inc. will be holding a food give-a-way on Tuesday, January 16 starting at 10 am, depending on arrival of the truck, and will be held in the pavilion at Beaver Lutheran Church, located at Rt. 522 at the west end of Beavertown.

McClure News

On January 6, Norma Bishop bids adieu to the Awesome 80's and hello to the Nifty 90's. Norma will be dancing the Birthday Jig straight to the cake and ice cream. We wish this spritely miss a day of birthday bliss. Let's shower her with cards to make her day more magical. Send them to: Norma Bishop at 7 Bishop Street, McClure PA 17841.

Kratzerville News

Happy Birthday to Kratzerville centenarian, Helen Bener, who is celebrating her 102nd birthday on January 6. Helen's family will gather to serenade her with the Birthday Song, munch on cake, and reminisce together. Helen still enjoys Word Search puzzles and playing cards with her caregiver.

Selinsgrove News

Susquehanna University announces award-winning hip-hop artist and activist Che "Rhymefest" Kweku as the keynote speaker for its Winter Convocation. Rhymefest presentation, "Breaking Down Walls & Building Bridges," is a reflection on using positions of leverage to address issues of police brutality, systematic biases and lack of services. The presentation will be held at 6 pm on Thursday, Jan. 25, in the Degenstein Center Theater in the Charles B. Degenstein Campus Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Happy Belated Anniversary to Ken and Susan Gift who still have the look of love in their eyes. May the honeymoon never end!

Sonya Herrick knows that turning 48 will be really great. Be sure to serenade Sonya with the Birthday Song on January 8 when she munches on cake and ice cream.

A Benefit for Bruce "Jake" Gibbs will be held on January 6 at the Selinsgrove VFW Post 6631. Suffering from Stage 4 liver disease, Jake is in need of a liver transplant. The benefit will raise money to help pay for medical expenses and for transportation to and from Pittsburgh Hospital. The benefit will include a Chinese Auction from 9 am-3 pm with the drawing held at 3:15 pm. Prizes can be picked up by 10 pm. Pork BBQ with Jake's BBQ sauce, baked good, food, and drinks available for purchase. Trainwreck Survivors will play classic rock from 7-10 pm with a \$5 cover charge.

New Year's Resolutions 2024 Word on the Street Edition

By Jamiee Joiner

It's a new year, and many people use this time to declare one or more New Year's resolutions for themselves. Traditionally, many choose resolutions based upon creating healthier habits like exercising more, eating healthier, losing weight, and making better choices. I researched a few online surveys about resolutions for the 2024 year, and I found that a CBS news survey showed that the number one resolution for people in 2024 is improving physical fitness. It also stated that the average resolution lasts just three months, and overall, only one percent of people make it a full year. Another survey I reviewed that was conducted by statista.com indicated that the top resolution for 2024 is to save more money, followed by to exercise more, to eat healthier, to spend more time with family and friends, to lose weight, to reduce spending on living expenses, to spend less time on social media, and to reduce stress on the job.

When I searched out what the top resolutions are year after year, the majority of resolutions have remained quite the same - quit smoking, learn something new, lose weight, spend less money, get organized, read more, travel more, drink less, eat healthier, get in shape, live life to the fullest, and reduce stress.

I, once again, decided to get out and talk to people in the area on what they resolve for in 2024, and while some haven't given it any thought just yet and some choose not to put that kind of pressure on themselves for their own mental health or a variety of other reasons, there are still those that have made some resolutions for the new year. Each year, I seem to have weight loss as a focus, but not this year. My resolution is to go on more walks and hikes and visit more State and National Parks. It seems doable to me, and I really enjoy spending time in nature. Though losing weight could be a great side effect of walking and hiking more, I'm not going to focus on that this year. That bring us to the word on the street and what people around town are resolving for the new year, and I hope you enjoy the responses below to my question of "do you have any New Year's resolutions?"

"I have six kids, and I work, so I am just trying to keep my sanity." - Sarah L. of Middleburg, PA.

"I don't have any because I'm perfect." - Jeremy N. of Winfield, PA

"I want to start ballet and go on tour as a photographer." - Allie W. of Selinsgrove, PA

"To stop being so foul-mouthed." - Christine H. of Blairstown, NJ

"To continue to be happy, to find a long-term nice girl for a relationship, and get into doctorate school." - Joe K. of Selinsgrove, PA

"I want the world to read my poetry." - Bryce W. of Selinsgrove, PA

"Buy a new muzzleloader." - Tom W. of Selinsgrove, PA

"To eat less sugar." - Peggy S. of Dauphin County, PA

"To quit smoking." - Al P. of Selinsgrove, PA

"My New Year resolution is to never have a New Year resolution." - Bruce C. of Selinsgrove, PA

"To get my kids out of my house." - Jake K. of Selinsgrove, PA

"To quit smoking." - Candice P. of Selinsgrove, PA

Friends of the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library Annual Report

By Kay Poeth



In 2023, Friends of the Gelnett Memorial Library celebrated its 20 anniversary. In March, the Friends presented to the library a donation of \$15,000 for computer upgrades, Summer reading program, and Summer reading books and children's books.

Through these endeavors, the group has provided funds for and increased awareness of the Gelnett Library and its branches in Selinsgrove, McClure, Beavertown, and Middleburg.

In March 2023, Friends presented to the library a donation of \$15,000 for computer upgrades, Summer reading program, and Summer reading books and children's books.

"Friends of Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library is a group who feels strongly about the importance of having a library system that provides valuable services to the community. Through fundraising efforts, generous donors, and our general membership, we have been able to support all four branches of the Snyder County Library system," said Beverly Menne. "All of this takes a lot of dedication and work. Many thanks to all who have made it another successful year for Friends of Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library."

The 2024 incoming slate of officers is comprised of President-Beverly Menne, Vice President-Linda Wieder, Co-Secretaries- Tina Burgess and Barb Feldmann, and Treasurer-Candidate Needed. Many thanks to the outgoing officers; Grace Hously and Liz Fincke. David Bauman, Executive Director is the Library Liaison and Gretchen Wagoner is the Library Board Liaison.



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Marriages:

Gage Michael Noll, Mifflinburg to Teira Jean Knarr, Mifflinburg

David Michael Clark, Middleburg to Leako Christine Bateman, West Milton

DISTRICT JUDGE BO TRAWITZ, MIDDLEBURG

Charged Timothy A. Shaffer, 66, of Mifflinburg, with DUI/BAC .16% or greater, DUI/unsafe driving, careless driving, and disregard traffic lane (single) on December 12. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 26, at 9:15 a.m.

Charged Angela Marie Listman, 49, of Mifflinburg, with bad checks on December 12. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 30, at 9 a.m.

Free Online Family Recovery Course for Those Affected By Another's Addiction/Substance Use

Susquehanna Valley Mediation will be offering a Free Online course by Zoom platform for those in Snyder and Union Counties affected by another's Substance Use Disorder/Addiction. The course will be taught by Stacey Karchner, a BALM Family Recovery Life Coach. The BALM (Be A Loving Mirror) Family Recovery program evolved around the fact that those with Substance Use Disorder are human beings and are deserving of love just as any other person is.

The family can and does make a difference. Research shows when the family gets well, the loved one has a much better chance of getting and staying well. The brains of those with substance use /addiction are hijacked by a drug, believing it is needed to survive. In turn, the family's brains are hijacked to believe they can control or fix it, and they become obsessed with the outcome. The family needs just as much, if not more recovery than the loved one.

Because of the profound effect the BALM (Be A Loving Mirror) program had on Stacey's journey, she took intense training to become a BALM Family Recovery Life Coach to help other families get to the BALM sooner than she did. The course Stacey will be teaching is a component of the year BALM program consisting of 12 lessons. Lessons include topics such as The Crucial Role of the Family, Leverage and Boundaries, Motivational Interviewing, Enabling vs Helping, Responding vs. Reacting, Self-Care, Mindfulness and more. Family members find a new perspective and learn new ways of acting, being and speaking without anger and judgement, becoming the chief supporter rather than the obstacle. The family can, and often does, make a difference!

The free 8-week, transformational course is offered to all Snyder and Union County residents by Susquehanna Valley Mediation. The weekly classes begin on January 16, 2024 online by Zoom platform. The courses will be held every Tuesday for 8 weeks from 5:45-8pm. Those enrolled will receive the materials by mail. For more information or to enroll, please email skarchner9@gmail.com or call Stacey at 814-360-7590.

Police

SELINSGROVE STATE POLICE

Crash 1:24 p.m. December 17, on Sunbury Road north of its intersection with SR 15, in Shamokin Dam. A 2005 Dodge Caravan driven by Isaiah M. Roberts, 22, of Selinsgrove, was traveling north on Sunbury Road at a rate of speed that was too fast for the wet roadway conditions. Roberts's Dodge Caravan lost traction and traveled off the northbound shoulder of the roadway, where it came to rest. No injuries were reported. Roberts was cited for driving vehicle at safe speed.

Harass Physical Contact 10:42 p.m. November 25, on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Shamokin Dam. A fight between two juveniles was reported. This incident is under investigation.

Retail Theft 7:10 p.m. December 21, on Marketplace Blvd., in Monroe Township. PSP responded to Giant for a report of retail theft. Following investigation, the Suspect, a 43 year old female, of Gallitzin, was identified and charges will be filed through District Court 17-3-03.

Crash 5:49 p.m. December 23, on SR 522 at its intersection with Salem Road, in Penn Township. A 2016 Nissan Frontier driven by Harold E. Weaver, 86, of Marysville, was traveling south on Salem Road and a 2002 Toyota Highlander driven by Stephen P. Fluck, 39, of Danville, was traveling east on SR 522. Weaver's Nissan Frontier continued through the intersection towards University Avenue and was unable to stop prior to striking Fluck's Toyota Highlander. No injuries were reported. Weaver was cited for stop signs and yield signs.

Simple/Harass BTW Entities 10:42 a.m. December 23, on W. Market Street, in Middleburg. PSP was dispatched for a report of a domestic call. PSP is investigating.

Assault Bodily Injury No Weapon 8:22 a.m. December 20, on Stetler Avenue, in Shamokin Dam. PSP responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. Following investigation, Nathan Dumas, 30, of Shamokin Dam was arrested for simple assault. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-03.

Hit & Run 12:23 p.m. December 20, on New Berlin Highway at its intersection with Middleburg New Berlin Road, in Franklin Township. An unknown vehicle was traveling behind a International Harvester Case IH 2366 Axial Flow driven by Kenneth E. Smith, 74, of Middleburg. Smith had slowed down and started turning left in attempt to enter the Middleburg New Berlin Road. The unknown vehicle carelessly passed Smith's International Harvester Case IH 2366 Axial Flow on its left side, uphill and on a right curve of the roadway. The unknown vehicle's passenger side mirror made contact with the harvester ladder. Smith pulled over into Middleburg New Berlin Road while the unknown vehicle fled the scene continuing its northbound direction.

DUI 1:58 a.m. December 10, on S. Old Trail/Countryside Village, in Monroe Township. Whitney Brosious, 30, of Selinsgrove, drove a Honda Civic while under the influence of alcohol. DUI charges have been Filed.

Theft by Deception ID Theft 10:29 a.m. December 7, at 432 S. Center Street, in Beavertown. PSP is investigating a report of identity theft.

Retail Theft 4:15 p.m. December 18, on Susquehanna Valley Mall Drive, in Monroe Township. PSP investigated an active retail theft in progress at Boscov's. Josephi Iglesias-Rivera, 36 year old female, of Coal Township, was apprehended in the Boscov's parking lot attempting to flee in her 2004 Toyota Camry. Iglesias-Rivera stole over \$1,000 in merchandise from the store. Iglesias-Rivera was taken into custody and subsequently charged for felony retail theft and receiving stolen property.

Receiving Stolen Property 3:55 p.m. December 16, on SR 235/SR 522, in Spring Township. On December 16 PSP conducted a traffic stop of a 2005 Mini Cooper and recovered stolen property. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft 2:39 p.m. November 22, at 604 Center Street, in Franklin Township. PSP received a report that an unknown actor used \$1,802.50 worth of the victim's Airline Miles to purchase a ticket through American Airlines without his knowledge. This investigation is ongoing.

Burglary Residential Force Between 8:30 p.m.-7p.m. December 24-25, on SR 522, in Spring Township. PSP was dispatched for a report of a burglary which occurred days prior. Investigation is currently ongoing.

Theft Bad Checks 8 a.m. September 12, on 110 N. Susquehanna Trail, in Penn Township. Petula Smith, 55, of Chambersburg, is charged with bad checks after failing to rectify payment for a non-sufficient fund check transaction. Charges filed through District Court 17-3-03.

Theft Bad Checks 12 a.m. October 17, Heimbach's Country Store, at 1208 Mill Road, in Monroe Township. A bad check was reported to PSP. Angela Listman, 49, of Mifflinburg, has been charged with bad checks.

Crash 8:30 p.m. December 24, on N. Susquehanna Trail, just south of Roosevelt Avenue, in Monroe Township. A 2018 Hino driven by Thatcher S. Williams, 58, of Harrisburg, was traveling south on N. Susquehanna Trail approaching stopped traffic in the lane due to a red light. Williams' Hino was approaching a 2011 Kia Optima driven by Portia X. Anderson, 29, of Glen Burnie, which was stopped in traffic. A 2013 Hyundai Sonata driven by Colin A. Sherrick, 20, of Lemoyne, which was in front of Anderson's Kia Optima. A 2023 Ford Escape driven by Brian L. Hayhurst, 51, of Sunbury, was in front of Sherrick's Hyundai Sonata stopped in traffic. Williams failed to stop for traffic and struck the rear of Anderson's Kia Optima causing it to strike the rear of Sherrick's Hyundai Sonata which then struck the rear of Hayhurst's Ford Escape. No injuries were reported.

Theft/Crime by Deception Between 12 a.m.-12a.m. April 1-November 23, at 305 Paxtonville Road, in Franklin Township. The victim arrived at PSP Selinsgrove reporting that she was scammed out of approximately \$3,600. Investigation is ongoing.

Retail Theft 12:17 a.m. November 15, at 1389 N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. A retail theft was reported to PSP from Lowes in the amount of \$1,116.

One of the three suspects has been identified and charges have been filed.

Fatal Crash 2:29 a.m. January 1, on SR 104, south of Shade Mountain Road, in Washington Township. A 1999 Volkswagen Beetle driven by Brock M. Kerstetter, 27, of Millerstown, was traveling south and failed to negotiate a right curve. Kerstetter's Volkswagen Beetle exited the roadway to the west and struck an embankment. After initial impact occurred Kerstetter's Volkswagen Beetle struck a utility pole and came to rest in the grassy area off the west side of the roadway facing north. Kerstetter was ejected from the vehicle as it struck the embankment. Kerstetter came to rest in the southbound lane of SR 104. Kerstetter was pronounced deceased at the scene by Snyder County Coroner Bill Pheasant. SR 104 was close in the area of the crash for approximately three hours for investigation.

Terroristic Threats 10:36 a.m. December 30, on Airport Road, in Monroe Township. PSP responded to a domestic dispute. Once on scene, parties were separated and multiple interviews were conducted. It was learned that Adam Tanner, 34, of Sunbury, in a fit of rage screamed at the victim, a 30 year old female, of Selinsgrove, and made multiple threats to obtain a weapon and cause harm to the victim. It was also learned that Tanner violated his bail conditions from a previous case by being at the residence of the victim. Tanner was taken into custody by PSP. Tanner was arraigned on misdemeanor terroristic threat charges before District Judge Trawitz. During the arraignment a monetary bail was set in the amount of \$75,000. The actor was subsequently committed to Snyder County Prison.

New Year's Day Fatality on Rt. 104

By Kay Poeth

Brock M. Kerstetter, 27, of Millerstown died in an early morning crash on New Year's Day. The fatal accident occurred at 2:29 am on Monday, January 1, 2024, along Route 104, Washington Twp, in Snyder County.

According to Pennsylvania State Police reports, Kerstetter was traveling south on Rt. 104, just south of Shade Mountain Road, and failed to negotiate a right-hand turn. Kerstetter's 1999 Volkswagen Super Beetle exited the roadway to the west and struck an embankment. After the initial impact, the vehicle then hit a utility pole. The vehicle came to rest in a grassy area off the west side of the roadway. Kerstetter was ejected from the vehicle as it struck the embankment. He was not wearing a seat belt.

Kerstetter was pronounced dead at the scene by Snyder County Coroner Bill Pheasant. Route 104 was closed for approximately three hours during the investigation.

In addition to the PSP, Fremont Fire Department and Middleburg Ambulance also assisted at the scene.

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

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Myron C. Campbell, 87, Penns Creek



Myron C. Campbell, 87, moved to Heaven at 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, while at his home in Penns Creek, surrounded by his family while singing praise hymns to God, our Loving Heavenly Father.

He was born Nov. 9, 1936, in Hutchinson, Kansas, a son of the late John and Florence (Merkle) Campbell. He was a 1955 graduate of the Eastern Pilgrim College Academy and then graduated from their college in 1960. He met and married his sweetheart from college, the former Celestia Walz, who survives, on July 13, 1957.

Myron was a very hard worker with a witty sense of humor. He enjoyed hunting and antiquing in his spare time. He spent many summers on his grandfather's Lost Creek Ranch in Nebraska where he learned a good work ethic that continued throughout his life. He worked at General Electric before becoming a pastor for 27 years in the Pilgrim Holiness Church which later merged to become the Wesleyan Church. Afterwards, he was employed as the caretaker of God's Holiness Grove Campground in Selinsgrove while working at SEDA-COG until his retirement. After retirement, he served as an interim pastor for the White Springs Evangelical Church in White Springs, Pa. and the Saint Peter's Evangelical Church in Freeburg, Pa. He also did a chaplaincy for the Penns Creek Community Center.

Myron was a faithful husband, father, grandfather, pastor, and dedicated Christian who read his Bible and prayed daily, a man of God in word and deed. He instilled a heart for God and people in us as children through many activities including being a missionary in Haiti from 1970 to 1974. He, his brother and father held an evangelistic campaign in Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad prior to embarking on his own missionary journey.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 66 years, are two daughters and spouses, Crystal and Scott Shambach and Starla and Wesley Wagner, both of Middleburg; one son, Ned Campbell of Selinsgrove; as well as five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one foster daughter, Emily Noll of Port Matilda; three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Myron was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Robert Campbell; as well as one sister, Betty Argot.

Family and friends are welcome to a viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Port Ann Wesleyan Church where he attended as a member, 2856 Troxelville Road, Middleburg. A viewing will again be held Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service at 2 p.m. Officiating pastors will be Rev. Jason A. Shambach (grandson) and Pastor Brandon R. Kuhns (grandson-in-law).

Interment will be in Penns Creek Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are requested to be made to Port Ann Wesleyan Church.

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

Linda D. Crossgrove, 75, Middleburg



Linda D. Crossgrove, 75, of Middleburg, passed away Thursday morning, Dec. 28, 2023, at her home.

She was born May 27, 1948, in New Berlin, a daughter of the late Robert and Alice (Stahl) Hummel. She attended Mifflinburg High School and on March 24, 1973, married Roland M. Crossgrove who survives.

Linda had been employed at her family's restaurant, Hummel's Restaurant in

New Berlin, Hi-Li in Penns Creek, and retired from Wood-Mode.

She attended Grace Covenant Community Church in Middleburg where she served in the food pantry and Blessings Fund.

Linda loved the outdoors and got tremendous joy from working with her flowers and many landscapes. She also enjoyed cooking for her family and loved birds. The greatest joy in her life though was her family, especially her grand- and great-grandchildren who were her pride and joy.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 50 years are three children, Cindy Kreider, David Kreider and his companion Jess, and Jeffrey Crossgrove (Cathi); seven grandchildren, Amanda, Michael (Lacy), Taylor, Matthew, Marissa, Cade and Bren; nine great-grandchildren, Brayden, Riley, Hunter, Bow, Brynley, Kenna, Caroline, Paisley, and Braylee; four sisters, Gladys Foreman, Sharon Underhill (Michael III), Karen Underhill, and Carol Walter (Andy); and two brothers, Stanley Hummel and companion Patti, and Robert Hummel Jr. (Denise).

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Kreider; and a brother, Harry Hummel.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, at Grace Covenant Community Church, Middleburg, followed by the funeral at 11.

Burial will be in the New Berlin Cemetery.

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

Shelby Jean Reeder, 86, Lewisburg



Shelby Jean Reeder, 86, of Lewisburg, departed from this earth on Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

She was born April 26, 1937, in Burnham, the daughter of the late David "Banks" and Nellie I. (Henry) Fultz.

She is survived by her son, Douglas M. Reeder and daughter-in-law, Rebecca L. Reeder of York; son, Steven K. Reeder of Middleburg; son, Brian D. Reeder of Brooklyn, New York; granddaughter, Ashley L. Reeder and husband Ian Andrews of Philadelphia; brother, Daniel G. Fultz of Pittsford, NY, as well as seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William M. Reeder II; and brother, Gary B. Fultz.

Shelby was a graduate of Chief Logan Joint High School (Class of 55). Upon graduation she worked at Standard Steel in Burnham, and as a Bell Telephone operator in Harrisburg. She was married to the late William

M. Reeder II and lovingly raised three sons.

While raising her loving family she worked several jobs throughout the years, supervisor at Keystone Inventory Services, dental assistance, and cashier for Weis and Fox's Markets. She also volunteered as an Ombudsman person for the Union-Snyder Agency on Aging.

Shelby was involved in the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and was active in all churches she had attended throughout her life, singing in choirs, and serving many community outreach programs. She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Middleburg. She was active as a participant in the Relay for Life events and was a passionate supporter of the arts her whole life.

She will be sorely missed for her outpouring of love, encouragement, and humor. She prioritized others over herself and always displayed concern and passion. She was thoughtful and giving her entire life.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Shelby's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, SPCA, or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

After cremation, a celebration of life will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 100 E. Main St., Middleburg, with Pastor Paul Kampa officiating. The family will receive guest starting at 10 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m.

Memorial service arrangements were made by the Hummel Funeral Home, Middleburg.

Normalea J. Fawver, 88, Liverpool



Normalea J. Fawver, 88, of Klinger Hollow Road, Liverpool, passed away Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born Dec. 30, 1935, in Monroe Township, Juniata County, a daughter of the late Clarence W. and Sarah V. (Brown) Clotfelter. On June 26, 1954, she married Allen L. "Skippy" Fawver who preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 2014.

Earlier in life she was employed at the Liverpool Garment Factory and Richfield Shirt Factory. She had attended the Stony Run Mission Church.

Normalea was an immaculate homemaker who enjoyed gardening and caring for her flowers, with the focus of her life being her family.

Surviving are one son, Lonnie R. (Penny) Fawver; one grandson, Shannon (Angie) Fawver; three step-grandchildren, Heather Moore, Tyler Rinker, and Drew Rinker; and 11 great-grandchildren, Clayton, Yosef, Kaitlyn, Mihret, Lucas, Norah, Amelia, Emily, Noah, Jaycee, and Everly.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Brady; and two brothers, Cletus "Bo" Clotfelter and Leonard Clotfelter.

At Normalea's request, services will be private with the Rev. Nick Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the Evangelical Methodist Cemetery, Richfield.

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

Kenneth Irven Rood, 70, Aitkin, MN



Kenneth Irven Rood, 70, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Brookline Health-care and Rehabilitation Center, Mifflintown, PA.

Ken was born on October 2, 1953, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to the late Irven and Sarah Elaine (O'Neil) Rood. On November 2, 1974, Ken married the love of his life and best friend, Carol (Snook) Rood.

Ken was a graduate of Brainerd High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served for six years. For almost thirty years, he dedicated his life to operating his own painting business. He was an avid trapper, and he loved deer and duck hunt-

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ing. Ken was happily married to his life partner and caregiver, Carol. His greatest enjoyment was spending time with Carol, his sons and grandchildren, and his loving furbabies.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Carol; his two sons, Jamie Rood and his wife, Sonya, and Scott Rood and his wife, Raena; his grandchildren, Christian Rom and his wife McKenzie, Amber Rood, Garrin Rood, Valerie Rood, Benjamin Rood, Samuel Rood, and George Rood; his great-grandchildren, Oliver, Rosaleigh, and Nichola; his siblings, Cindy Fields, Shelley Watson, Jodi Calkins, and Doug Rood; and his furbabies, Uff-Uff and Ginger.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, Irvan and Sarah Elaine; his sister, Tracy Zontelli; and his beloved cousin, Mike O'Neil, who was like a brother to him.

Services will be held in Aitkin, Minnesota, and announced upon completion.

George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 9366 Route 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853, has been entrusted with the care and arrangements in partnership with Sorenson-Root-Thompson Funeral Home, 31 Minnesota Ave. S., Aitkin, MN 56431. To leave online condolences, please visit garmanfh.com.

Joyce R. (Strawser) Freed, 86, Freeburg



Joyce R. (Strawser) Freed, 86, of Freeburg, entered eternal rest on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at her home.

Joyce was born on June 23, 1937, in Meiserville, Snyder County, a daughter of the late Nevin and Mary (Aucker) Strawser, Sr. On March 3, 1956, she married Allen E. Freed, who preceded her in passing on June 30, 2021.

Joyce attended the Meiserville One-Room School. She looked forward to and

attended their school reunions over the years. Early in life, Joyce had been employed at Furman's Food, various sewing factories, the Empire Hotel as a cook, and later at Troutman's Meat Market in Freeburg. She was a member of Freeburg Fire Company and DH&L Fire Company. She and Allen formerly attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Freeburg.

She enjoyed sewing, cooking, baking, gardening, weed whacking, and doing crossword puzzles and word searches.

Joyce is survived by a son, Michael A. Freed; grandson, Christopher Bickhart and his fiancée Jess Keister; great-granddaughter, Ellie Lynn; godson, Dan Lash; sisters, Shirley Barth, Janet Sheaffer and her husband Jim, Alice Shaffer and her husband Henry, Arlene Wilbert and her husband Jim, and Darlene Soder; brothers, Larry Strawser and his wife Laura and Stanley Strawser; brother-in-law, Gene Lingle; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her parents, Nevin and Mary; husband, Allen; son, James E. Freed; daughter, Cindy Lea Freed in infancy; sister, Rose Lingle; brothers, Nevin Strawser, Jr., Arthur Strawser, and Bill Strawser; and sister-in-law, June Strawser.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 9366 Route 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853, with Rev. Charles Melton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions in loving memory of Joyce be made to the Freeburg Fire Company, 15 E. Market Street, Freeburg, PA 17827.

Everett R. Bolig Jr., 97, Selingsgrove



Everett R. "Cuffy" Bolig Jr., 97, of Selingsgrove joined his wife in the heavenly home on Friday, December 29 in the company of his loving family.

He was born October 16, 1926 in Selingsgrove, a son of the late Everett R. Sr. and Katherine M. (Martin) Bolig. On May 25, 1951 he married the former Dorothy I. Hendricks who preceded him in death on August 25, 2023.

Everett was a 1944 graduate of Selingsgrove High School.

He was a long-time member of Sharon Lutheran Church, Selingsgrove.

He worked on the family farm for many years, while also working at Pennsylvania House (formerly Lewisburg Chair Co.) for over 35 years until his retirement.

Everett was a member and past president of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a member of the Clifford Gun Club. He loved hunting, especially with his beagle dogs, sports, gardening and spending time with his cherished family. He was known to be very mechanically inclined. Everett was very passionate about gardening and was never happier than to get his hands in the dirt, especially after he retired at age 65. He also loved watching westerns that included John Wayne, Audie Murphy, and the Rifleman.

Surviving are three sons, Ronald R. Bolig, John E. (Sherrie L.) Bolig and Jerry L. (Kimberly L.) Bolig; three grandchildren, Katelin E. Auchenbach and her husband John D., Sarah E. Bolig and Nikolas T. Bolig; one very special great-granddaughter, his little pumpkin Mackenzie E. Auchenbach; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three siblings, Elizabeth Schlingmann, James P. Bolig and Richard Bolig (in infancy).

A visitation will be held on Friday, January 5 from 10-11 am at the V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 N. High St., Selingsgrove followed by a celebration of life service at 11 with Rev. Robert P. Doll officiating.

Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Selingsgrove.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to honor Everett's memory may be made to

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Jay Murray Hollenbach, 76, Winfield



Jay Murray Hollenbach, 76, of Winfield passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, December 29, 2023.

Jay was born on the family farm in Winfield on January 12, 1947. He was the son of the late Roy and Leila (Sassaman) Hollenbach. He was a graduate of Selingsgrove High School. On April 21, 1979 he married the former Jane M. Boop, who survives. The couple were married for 43 years at the time of his passing. Jay was the eighth generation to work his entire life on the family farm.

He enjoyed hunting. Jay loved to spend time with his family and all of the family picnics and was passionate of his farm.

He was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kratzerville, the Kratzerville Fire Company, New Berlin Fire Company, and the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

In addition to his loving wife Jane, Jay is survived by his four children, Jennifer (David) Miller, Michael (Alicia) Hollenbach, Tina (Bradley) Hook, and Gregory (Bethany) Hollenbach, 10 grandchildren, Zackary (Shelby) Miller, Chelsea and Darren Miller, Danielle, Austin, and Emily Hollenbach, Lane and Brylee Hook, and Evan and Ian Hollenbach, two brothers Paul Hollenbach and Ray Hollenbach, one sister Shirley Rishel, three sisters-in-law Nancy Hollenbach, Janie Hollenbach, and Susan (Randall) Walter, three brothers-in-law Paul Watson, Earl Frantz, and Butch (Lorrie) Boop, his mother-in-law Charlotte Boop and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Gertrude Snyder, Mac Watson, Baby girl Hollenbach in infancy, and Virginia Frantz, and three brothers Carl Hollenbach, Grant Hollenbach, and Dale Hollenbach.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4298 Route 204, Selingsgrove with Rev. Mindy Bartholomew officiating. Burial will be in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Kratzerville. Arrangements by the V. L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 N. High Street, Selingsgrove.

Donald L. Kline, 75, Middleburg



Donald L. Kline, 75, of rural Middleburg passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 25, 2023 at his home.

He was born December 3, 1948 in Sunbury, a son of Ruth I. (Bachman) Kline Bowersox and the late Paul W. Kline Sr.

Donald was a 1966 graduate of Middleburg High School. Later he went on to graduate from Williamsport Area Community Col-

lege in 1974 with an associate's degree in mechanics after serving in the United States Army from 1968-1970.

Donald worked several jobs prior to working as a mechanic at Beavertown Block until his retirement.

Donald was a member of the Middleburg Moose Lodge 1229 and the Middleburg VFW Post 5640. He was an avid hunter and loved baseball, especially the Atlanta Braves. Donald also enjoyed watching Penn State and playing baseball, softball and soccer.

In addition to his mother, Donald is survived by a son, Daniel L. Kline; two brothers, Dale (Lawana) Kline and Paul (Lisa) Kline Jr.; one sister, Dianne (Barry) Hackenberg; one stepbrother, Joseph (Sharon) Stallone; one step sister, Marci (Ivan) Hassinger; sister-in-law, Deborah Kline; step sister-in-law; Debbie Stallone; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, David Kline; one sister, Debra P. Kline; one stepbrother, Jeffrey Stallone.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 3 from 10-11 am at the Kreamer Funeral Home, 130 S. Zechman St., Beavertown followed by a celebration of life service at 11 with Rev. Kathy Mercado officiating.

Burial with full military honors accorded by the Middle-West Veterans Honor Guard will be held in Adamsburg Cemetery, Beaver Springs.

Avis L. Keister, 92, Middleburg

Avis L. Keister, 92, of Middleburg, passed away Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023, at Heritage Springs Memory Care.

Burial will be in the Globe Mills Cemetery, beside her husband, Leroy L. Keister. There will not be any services.

Arthur B. Ford, 88, Selingsgrove

Arthur B. Ford, 88, of Selingsgrove, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at the Manor at Penn Village.

Private services will be in Orchard Hills Cemetery, Shamokin Dam.

Clayton A. Kline, 89, Middleburg

Clayton A. Kline, 89, formerly of Middleburg, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Rolling Hills Manor, Millmont.

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Selinsgrove Students Experience Trip of a Lifetime

By Jamiee Joiner

hosted a Japanese foreign exchange student named, Mao Kasai, here in Selinsgrove during her junior year of high school. Their guest was one of eight students who traveled from Japan to experience America and American culture during March of 2023 for ten days. She genuinely enjoyed that experience, and it made her desire the opportunity to go to Japan even more.

Through her Art Teacher, Ms. Beeler, she learned of an opportunity to travel to Japan and be an exchange student in Tokyo. There was an application process to be considered for this experience, and she was one of eight Selinsgrove students chosen to go on the trip. Of the students going on the trip, there were seven girls, one boy as well as two chaperones, Mr. Parise, the Assistant Superintendent of the Selinsgrove School District and Mr. Beddall, Selinsgrove High School Teacher. Skye stated, "we took a very long flight direct from Newark, New Jersey to the Narita International Airport located in the Greater Tokyo area."

Upon her arrival, Skye and the other students stayed in host homes and attended school with students of the Senshu University High School located in Tokyo, Japan. She explained that "The students there go to school Monday through Friday as well as a half day each Saturday. My host parents drove us to the train station where we then took a one-hour train ride. After that, it was a fifteen-minute walk to the school."

Skye said they were required to wear dressier clothes while attending school there even though the Japanese students all wore uniforms. She said it was a large, private school that taught thousands of students from three grade levels.

Upon their completion of their first day of school in Japan, they were treated to a welcome party. They then attended homeroom with their host students, but then had different classes. She stated that they "learned to write a welcome speech and were taught typical Japanese phrases. We dressed up in kimonos, had tea, and made flower arrangements for the tea ceremonies. We all got along very well with the students, and they also had a farewell party for us at the end of the week."

Throughout the week, they took various trips to see different sites which included Kamakura which had a temple and shrine and was considered a sacred town. They also went to Harajuku which was a downtown shopping area which was a remarkably busy market that had little shops which were half outdoor and half indoor located in Shibuya, Tokyo. They visited a place in Okinawatown for lunch. Another place they visited was Sanrio Puroland which was a Hello Kitty and Friends themed park which featured a dollhouse, rides, characters, shops, and places to take pictures. They also took an all-day trip to Tokyo Disney. She said, "we took a train at 6:15 in the morning, rode rides all day, and got home at 11 p.m. Every time we traveled, everyone stood in line and was so respectful. I always felt safe."

One of the highlights of her trip was trying out all of the traditional Japanese foods. Skye Ritter stated, "I love trying food from foreign places in general, and we got to try a variety of foods. I tried fresh sushi, takoyaki octopus which were Japanese octopus balls. They were kind of like a crabcake texture with octopus tentacles in it. I also tried sukiyaki beef and a noodle type of dish with vegetables which were all cooked in a pan in the center of the table. I also had lots of ramen, which was very good, but it was quite different from ramen here in America. The only thing I didn't try was the raw egg. I already miss some of the foods."

I inquired what it was like to live with a host family during her trip. She stated that, "my host family was so welcoming. Our host families gave us books with pictures, and we learned as we went along. My host student was a girl named Rika Matsuoka who was 15 years old and a little younger than me. We got along well, and she was very sweet. The family was amazing and there was a mom, dad, and older brother also. To be able to host, they all take an English proficiency test, and the older brother also knew a decent amount of English."

Skye further explained that "if we were struggling to communicate, we would point to the pictures in the book I was given or use Google Translate. One night, my host Dad asked where I was from. He searched for some videos of Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania on YouTube, and we watched them together after dinner one night. Another night, my host mom took us to a ramen restaurant, and we all played Mario Kart together."

Next, I inquired about the bathrooms in Japan particularly because I have noticed such a difference in bathrooms when I have traveled abroad compared to bathrooms in the U.S. She indicated that, "Bathrooms were definitely different. The toilet was in one room, and a vanity and shower head in another room. Everywhere had heated toilet seats, and bird noises played when you sat down. They had a very private feeling, and the walls went floor to ceiling."

Skye described the overall experience as fun. She said, "I loved it, and it was so fun. Since some of the students got to see and experience Selinsgrove, I was excited to

see and experience the homeland of my host family. There was nothing difficult about this trip, and I made the best of every situation. I would 100% do it again, and I am already ready to go back. The culture was amazing. I loved it, and the people were amazing. I will never forget them. My host family wanted me to promise them that I would come back."

After graduation, Skye Ritter plans to attend Bloomsburg University where she intends to pursue a dual major of early childhood education and special education. She was thankful to have had this incredible opportunity and experience, and it will remain special to her throughout her lifetime.

Mid-West High School November 2023 Students of the Month



The 8th grade Student of the Month for November is Kimberlyn Smith. She is the daughter of Jessica Yost of McClure and Joshua Smith of Beaver Springs. Kimberlyn was chosen as Student of the Month because she participates well in class and is willing to help other students. Her school activities include Band, Choir, Theatre, and Enrichment.

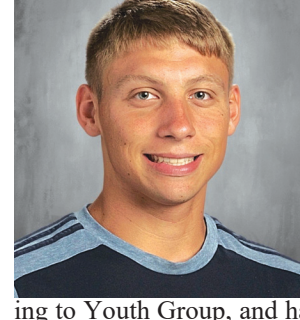
Outside of school, she enjoys crocheting, writing, and relaxing. In the future, Kimberlyn plans to go to college for Pediatric Nursing.



Katelyn Knouse is the 9th grade Student of the Month for November. She is the daughter of Dan and Kathi Knouse of Beavertown. In school, Katelyn participates in Chorus and Vocal Collective. In her free time, she enjoys art, singing, writing, tutoring, babysitting, and spending time with friends and family. After graduation, Katelyn plans to attend college and pursue a career in teaching. Katelyn was selected as Student of the Month because she is a hard-working student and is involved in Chorus and other clubs.



The 10th grade Student of the Month for November is Noah Wert. He is the son of Adam and Elise Wert of Beaver Springs. Noah was selected as the Student of the Month because he is a conscientious student who regularly participates in class discussions and tackles challenges with a positive attitude. In school, Noah participates in Baseball. Outside of school, he enjoys playing travel baseball and doing anything outdoor related. After graduation, Noah is planning to enter the work force.



Jasher Wolf is the 11th grade Student of the Month for November. He is the son of Christopher and Stephanie Wolf of Middleburg. Jasher is a member of the National Honor Society and participates in FFA, Football, and Track and Field in school. He enjoys hunting, fishing, lifting weights, going to Youth Group, and hanging out with his friends. In the future, Jasher is planning to attend college to become a teacher. Jasher was chosen as Student of the Month because he is a well-rounded and involved student who is a leader in and out of the classroom, always has a smile on his face, and a positive attitude that is uplifting to his peers.



The 12th grade Student of the Month for November is Mckennin Voss. She is the daughter of Peter and Christa Voss of Beaver Springs. Mckennin was chosen as Student of the Month because she is an honor roll student who has a strong work ethic combined with a pleasant demeanor. She is polite, respectful, and empathetic. Mckennin's school activities include Softball, Basketball, DECA, and Class Congress. In her free time, she enjoys riding horses, shopping, and hanging out with friends and family. After graduation, Mckennin is planning to further her education by attending college to major in Business.



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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned in the Estate of ANTHONY L. WOJCHE-HOSKI, late of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, Deceased. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands will present them without delay to the undersigned Executor or his Attorney.

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Lauren Martz Borough Manager

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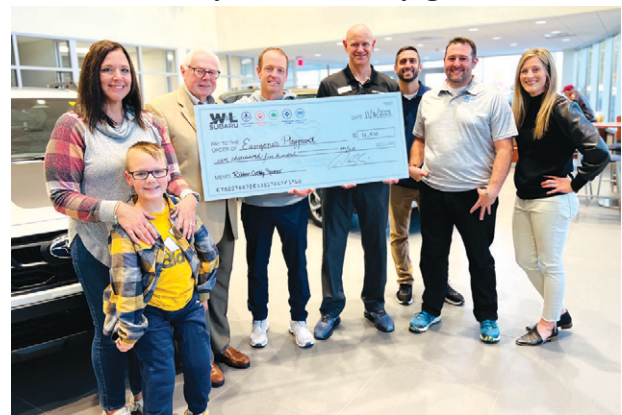
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W&L Subaru Presents Donation to Everyone's Playground



Recently, Everyone's Playground received a check for \$10,500 from W&L Subaru. Pictured here are: Jamie Swan, Griffin Swan, Fritz M. Heinemann, President, Andy Russell Charitable Foundation Central PA Region, Andy Long, Dealer Principal at W&L Subaru, Gregg Bassett, General Sales Manager W&L, Shane Bierly, W&L Marketing Assistant, Bryce Kile, W&L Marketing Design and Graphics, and Meghan Balum, W&L Subaru Marketing Director.

"Giving and supporting Everyone's Playground is fun, a solid corporate community investment and, most important, helps maintain one of the most consequential local recreation and safe play space resources for kids with special/different needs," said Andy Long, Dealer Principal, W&L Subaru of Northumberland. "Even before the ground breaking in 2017, W&L was an enthusiastic supporter and benefactor of the playground and with this latest contribution we want to demonstrate our continuing commitment to the ideals and mission of the facility."

Accepting the check from Mr. Long was Griffin Swan 10 year old son of Rob and Jamie Swan and a fifth grade student at Middleburg Elementary School. Griffin was born with a rare condition known as Arthrogyrosis Multiplex Congenita that impedes his mobility but not the lifestyle of an active and energetic 10 year old. "We visit Everyone's Playground as often as possible and Griffin enjoys the challenge of the different play items as well as meeting other kids and joining in group activities. The playground is a Godsend and adds immeasurably to Griffin's development and social acumen plus providing an opportunity for just having fun," commented his mother.

Everyone's Playground is located within the East Snyder Regional Recreation Complex at 875 University Avenue, Selinsgrove. With 16 different play and therapeutic modules it has become a destination point for families and caregivers from throughout the greater Central Susquehanna Valley region and beyond. "We have visitors coming from all areas of the Valley with many traveling significant distances including bordering states such as New Jersey, Maryland and New York," said Fritz M. Heinemann, President, Andy Russell Charitable Foundation Central PA Region. The Russell Foundation was one of the primary sponsors of the playground as well as the newly constructed adjacent ADA compliant comfort station and changing facility.

In addition to the monetary donation of \$10,500, W&L Meghan Balum, W&L Subaru Marketing Director, noted that along with their financial support dealership employees also volunteer time helping with landscaping and maintenance at the playground. "Our team members are as dedicated to the playground as are Andy and I and anytime there is an opportunity to help we love being involved."

Mrs. Swan urged area residents to visit the playground, become acquainted with the recreational apparatus and resource units that are available, and make the facility a part of the routine for those with special/different physical or cognitive challenges. "It's a wonderful, magical and uplifting place for kids and others regardless of age or ability."

"For individuals and businesses considering a year end special tax deduction opportunity Everyone's Playground would be a perfect choice. Families from all over our region benefit from the amenities, it's centrally located and offers a wonderful variety of activity modules that benefit each person regardless of age or ability," Andy Long noted. For more information on Everyone's Playground, visit everyonesplayground.com. Tax deductible contributions may be sent to Andy Russell Charitable Foundation, 71 Peach Tree Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

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Riverview Baptist Church Forms in Vicksburg



On November 5, 2023, Riverview Baptist Church congregation held their first Sunday service in the newly purchased building in Vicksburg, and on Sunday, November 12, they had a "Praise the Lord" Sunday service.

In the spring of 2022, under the leadership of Pastor Tom Krampert from Selinsgrove and Assistant Pastor Zach Peterson from Middleburg, about 70 people met to form a new church ministry. Those attending came from a wide area, from Beaver Springs to Danville, West Milton, Mifflinburg, Middleburg, and Selinsgrove. Based on part of the church's theme Bible passage from Psalm 1:1-3, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season: his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper," the new work was named Riverview Baptist Church.

But where does a brand-new body of believers meet? While the members prayed and looked for a vacant building, possibly a storefront or an empty church building, they started meeting for services on May 8, 2022, in the social room at the Econo Lodge in Shamokin Dam. On June 26, 2022, the church was officially formed as a nonprofit organization while the search went on for a place to hold services.

Two weeks later, the group started meeting at Zion's Church of Kratzerville thanks to the kindness of Pastor Dan Conklin and his congregation. The two church groups shared the space. Pastor Conklin's congregation met Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings, while Pastor Krampert's members met at noon and again at seven every Sunday and Thursday evenings for Bible study. Pastor Krampert and his flock continued to pray and look for their own meeting place. Then something started to happen that can only be attributed to God.

Sometime in early July of 2023, Pastor Krampert's wife, Nancy, while driving through Lewisburg, noticed a church building for sale or rent in that area. She took a picture of the building and sent the photo to her husband for his perusal. The next day, he drove to look at the building, but he felt it was a "no go."

On July 20 in the Zion Church's parking lot, Nancy told a church member about the building for sale in the Lewisburg area that wouldn't work for them. The woman then told Nancy about a church building for sale in Vicksburg. Knowing nothing about that place, Nancy asked the woman to text her the address, which she did.

The next morning, Pastor and Nancy drove to the building, which looked like a perfect fit for Riverview Baptist Church. After noticing a sign that read, "For sale by owner" and a phone number, they made a call and connected with a spokesman for a group of Mennonite believers who had outgrown the building in Vicksburg and were selling it for \$230,000, preferably to another church congregation. The next Sunday, Pastor Krampert made the announcement to his flock that he possibly had found the perfect place!

But with no millionaires in the congregation, where was \$230,000 going to come from? Believing that the building was to be Riverview's new home, the people prayed earnestly and believed God would provide the funds.

After several meetings with the Mennonites through August and September, Pastor Krampert made a final cash offer of \$220,000, and after more deliberations, the sellers finally accepted the offer.

As the Riverview people prayed, donations started rolling in. First, they were given \$25,000 from a pastor friend in Alabama. That donor's father in Connecticut, who loves to help churches, sent another \$25,000. Various other people,

Riverview members as well nonmembers, gave \$5,000s and \$10,000s, and by October, only \$60,000 more was needed. Then an anonymous person gave an interest-free loan of that last amount with no specific plan to reimburse the donor. The members were told to just pay it back whenever they could. Pastor Krampert said, "God had provided the finances in a miraculous way."

On November 5, 2023 the Riverview Baptist Church congregation held their first Sunday service in the newly purchased building, and on Sunday, November 12, they had a "Praise the Lord" Sunday service. On November 19, they had an Open House, inviting guests to the morning service and a luncheon after. Twenty visitors were in attendance. Visitors are always welcome at all services.

In the hearts of the congregation of Riverview Baptist Church, God had definitely performed a miracle. By the day of the closing on November 1, 2023, Pastor Krampert had the \$220,000 in hand, three months from when he and Nancy first saw the church. Other donations such as an organ and two pianos that were given, a thousand-dollar gift to buy all the tables for the social room, and a donation of stone for the parking lot. More donations or reduced prices provided numerous other items such as kitchen equipment, a desk, and a sound system.

To the members of the newly formed Riverview Baptist Church, a verse from the Bible that they've clung to has come alive: "...for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you" (Matthew 17:20). Pastor Krampert added, "Looking back how God moved us from place to place and brought us to Vicksburg can only be seen as His working in our lives. To God be the glory."

Riverview Baptist Church is located at 205 Strickler Rd. in Vicksburg PA. Sunday School is held at 9:30 am, Morning Service at 10:30 am, Evening Service at 6 pm and Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm. All are welcome. Visit: www.riverviewbaptistchurch.net for more information.

Rail Projects To Spur Economic Development

Edited by Kay Poeth

Recently, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced the approval of 25 rail freight improvement projects that will enhance freight mobility while creating or sustaining nearly 300 jobs across Pennsylvania. These investments are aligned with Governor Shapiro's commitment to improve Pennsylvania's infrastructure and support economic growth, and build on the announcement of new federal funding of over \$140 million in Pennsylvania rail investments to support the expansion of passenger rail along the Keystone West corridor between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

"Expanding Pennsylvania's rail freight network will support family-sustaining jobs and connect Pennsylvania communities to the global economy while bolstering local economic development," said PennDOT Secretary Mike Carroll. "This is a historic moment to build out our infrastructure thanks to state and federal funding that will create opportunities for generations of Pennsylvanians to come – and the expansion of Pennsylvania's efficient rail freight network and service will provide key mobility throughout 23 counties across the Commonwealth."

Pennsylvania has 65 operating railroads, which is more than any other state. PennDOT is committed to working with private rail operators and rail-served businesses to construct new rail lines and assist in maintaining and improving Pennsylvania's roughly 5,600 miles of freight lines. The State Transportation Commission voted to approve \$42.5 million for the following projects through the Rail Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Rail Freight Assistance Program (RFAP).

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