

Punxsutawney Phil: The Famous Weather Forecaster

By Kay Poeth

On February 2 of every year Punxsutawney Phil, the esteemed weather prognosticator, will make his annual prediction on the length of winter. On Groundhog Day, thousands will gather on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania to witness his prediction. Punxsutawney Phil will be roused from his burrow at 7:20 am, observe the weather conditions, look for his shadow, and make his prediction for 2020.

According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow when emerging from his burrow, then there will be six more weeks of winter. If Phil does not see his shadow, then he predicts an early spring. Phil speaks only to the President of the Groundhog Club in "Groundhogese." Only the current president can understand Phil. His prediction is then translated and broadcast to the entire world. If you cannot attend the fun and festivities on Gobbler's Knob, you can follow the event on TV, online, Twitter, or Facebook!

Punxsutawney Phil, the Prognosticator of All Prognosticators, is never wrong in his prediction! Sometimes, during the excitement of the activities on Gobbler's Knob the President misunderstands Phil and relays in the prediction inaccurately. After the celebration, Phil is returned to his home in the town library where he lives with his "wife" Phyllis.

How did Punxsutawney Phil rise to fame as the Weather Forecaster Extraordinaire? Well, it all began in 1887 when a lively and fun-loving group of groundhog hunters dubbed themselves "The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club." One member was the editor of the local newspaper. In his paper he proclaimed Punxsutawney Phil to be the one and only weather prognosticating groundhog. Thus, Phil became a renowned weather forecaster and his fame has spread throughout the world.

For over 133 years Punxsutawney Phil has been a weather prognosticator. All other groundhog weathermen are denounced as imposters! Each summer Phil drinks a magical punch during the Annual Groundhog Picnic. This mysterious Groundhog Elixir magically adds seven more years to his life. Typically, a groundhog's life span is 6-8 years. Punxsutawney Phil is also the heavy-weight of groundhogs weighing 20 pounds and measuring 22 inches long. The average groundhog weighs only 12-15 pounds and is 20 inches long.

Punxsutawney Phil even has his own special vehicle called the "Philmobile." This distinctive bus seats members of the Inner Circle inside with a specially-designated seat on the outside so Phil can be seen in parades. Sometimes, during summer parades spectators become alarmed when they spot Phil lying flat on his back with his legs pointing toward the sky, looking very much like a dead groundhog. However, that is just a ruse and Phil is merely cooling himself off-in true groundhog style.

So, with all this unpredictable weather we wait with baited breath for Phil's prediction! What will it be? Six more weeks of winter...or six weeks until spring? What's your preference? "Snow-time" or perhaps a warm and filling bowl of groundhog stew!



Tri-County Obedience Dog Club Forms Hospice Team



Front: Cindy Yoder President with Ella, Lacey, Willow, Jennifer Lettich Snyder with Charlotte, Honu, Melissa Fuhrman V. President with Marley, Max, Wendy Rote with maverick. Back: Susan Fraganio with Skippy, Lori Walter with Tanner, Kara Persun Volunteer Liaison, Judy Ronco with Joey.

Precious Paws Therapy Program is a partnership of the Tri-County Obedience Dog Club. Seven handlers and their canine companions are available through Hospice of Evangelical to make visits to hospice patients in their homes, nursing facility or hospital.

The canines are Certified Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Certified. Our volunteers would love to put "Paw Prints" on the hearts of any individuals, may it be the patient or the caretakers. Our therapy dogs are trained to offer affection, comfort and support.

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Cub Scout Pack 3419 Collecting Donations For Australian Red Cross

By Kay Poeth

Cub Scout Pack 3419 in Selinsgrove has been touched by the horrible bush fires that have devastated Australia. The pack is seeking monetary donations to help with the relief efforts. Monetary donations will be sent to the Australian Red Cross.

In addition to monetary donations, the pack is collecting items to help with the relief and rehabilitation efforts there. Items needed include: vet wrap, Joey pouches, cotton and fleece fabric, and sewing supplies, first aid supplies.

Donations are being accepted at Demeter Fragrances located at 499 Sassafras St. Selinsgrove PA 17870 on Monday-Friday from 9 am-4 pm or by calling Marissa Cramas, Tiger Den Leader, at 570-492-7400.

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Mifflinburg Buggy Museum Benefit Feb. 15th

The Mifflinburg Buggy Museum Roaring 20s Event at the Rusty Rail Brewing Company is approaching soon on February 15, 2020. A buffet dinner including Shade Mountain Winery Wine and Rusty Rail beer, cash bar, fun activities and dancing is all included in the \$75 ticket price. There will also be a silent auction and live auctions with more than 50 donations from local and outside businesses.

"The Museum is a huge part of Mifflinburg, the history," said Roxanne Kopelcheck, event manager for the Rusty Rail. "Mifflinburg had the most buggies per capita (than any other town) in the United States and cars too played in huge part of the buggy museum where the Mifflinburg Body Company went from making horse carriages to car, truck and school bus bodies" says Eva Linke, chair person and board member of the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum.

This benefit is a wonderful way to give back to the town and keep the history alive and the Museum board members hope to make this an annual event. Tickets Sales will close on February 5th and are still available for purchase at The Tack Room Inc, in Vicksburg, Heritage Printers and Dr. Dave Holman's office both in Mifflinburg or text 570-713-9202.

Conrad Weiser DAR Provides Pet Food For Veterans

By Kay Poeth



Patty Wetzel, DAR Regent, presents Angela Shipe, representing the Military Share Program, with pet food for veterans.

Conrad Weiser Chapter NSDAR collected and delivered pet food to the Selinsgrove VFW for their distribution to the veterans who need help feeding their pets.

For the convenience and privacy of the individuals and families served, the Military Share distribution in our area takes place at Selinsgrove VFW 6631 located at 940 US 522. Food will be distributed from noon-2 pm the 4th Friday of every month in the Bingo Hall of the building.

The Military Share Program does not just help veterans. Active duty military, National Guard, reservists, widows and widowers may also be eligible for the program. Veterans must pre-register and need to bring proof of military service, DD214, Military ID or VA Medical Card.

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NOTICE
Beavertown Baseball Sign ups-@ Firehall
 January 30th, 6-8 pm. 570-547-8848
Penns Creek Baseball Registration- @ Fire Co.
 January 30th, 6-7 pm, Feb. 1st 9-10:30am. 570-837-6714
Mobile Health of Evangelical Bus-Port Trevorton
 January 31st, 9-11am Snyder Cty Produce Auction
Bannerville Fire Hall Grocery Auction
 January 31st, 6pm 570-658-6477
JMS Sports Super Bowl Soup Supper
 February 1st, 4-7pm,
Fremont Fire Hall Sweetheart Banquet/Dinner
 February 1st, 6pm, Sponsored by Evendale Bible Church
Beavertown AYCE Ham/Beef Potpie Supper
 February 1st, 4pm, Rescue Hose Com
Union Cty Muzzle Loaders Silhouettes Shoot
 February 2nd, 9am, Lunch, 570-966-2304
Mid-West HS Bowling All you Can Eat Breakfast
 February 2nd, 7-11am, Middleburg Moose Lodge
AFSCME Retirees Chapter 86-02 Meeting
 February 3rd, 1pm, Selinsgrove VFW
Mobile Health of Evangelical Bus Port Trevorton
 February 3rd, 7-10am Snyder Cty Produce Auction
SUN P.E.T.S Dine at Wendys & Donate
 February 3rd, 5-8 pm, Benefit
Selinsgrove High School Class of 1961 Breakfast
 February 5th, 10am, Perkins Restaurant
Selinsgrove High School Class of 1949 Luncheon
 February 5th, 11:30 am Dennys Selinsgrove
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Jimmy McCloskey Jr.
 February 7th, 5pm, Bannerville Fire Co. McClure
Free Ladies Craft Day Lewistown
 February 8th, 9-5pm, Paintersville Church
Mt. Pleasant Mills Baseball (Fremont) Sign Up
 February 8th, 8:30-10am MPM Comm. Bldg
Fremont Ladies Auxiliary All You Can Eat Valentines
 February 8th, 4-6pm, Fremont Social Hall. MPM
2nd Beavertown Youth Baseball Sign up
 February 8th, 10-2pm, Midd West MIDDLE SCHOOL
Selinsgrove Class of 1956 Luncheon
 February 10th, 12 noon, Hoss's Steak House
West Snyder Class of 1965 Breakfast-Beaver Springs
 February 11th, 9am, Vincas Family Restaurant
Mobile Health of Evangelical Bus-Beaver Springs
 February 11th, 9-11am Free Bone Density MACC
Mt. Pleasant Mills Baseball (Fremont) Sign Up
 February 11th, 6:30 to 8pm MPM Comm. Bldg
Mobile Health of Evangelical Bus-Selinsgrove
 February 13th, 9-11am Free Blood Screenings Weis Mkts
MJHS Class of 1969 Luncheon-Shamokin Dam
 February 14th, 11 am. Hoss's
RiverStage Community Theatre "Cyrano"
 February 14th, 15th, 21st and 22nd, 7:30pm Feb. 23rd
 2:30pm Greenspace Center 815 Market St. Lewisburg
East Snyder Comm. Garden Seed Exchange
 February 15th, 11-1pm Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library
NOTE 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.

By Kay Poeth
Paxtonville News
 An Indoor Vendor Event will be held at Paxtonville United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 8 am-2 pm. Come and browse a variety of vendors. Snow date is February 15.
 Happy Anniversary to Alice and Jake Steining for whom the honeymoon never ends!
 Audrey Trego who will be serenaded by the Birthday Song on January 30.
 Happy 11th Birthday to Ace Weaver who celebrates his special day on Feb. 5. He will have a week filled with party hoopla. He will celebrate with his Cub Scout pack on a weekend camping trip. Nothing bets being with your buddies! He will be serenaded by the Birthday Song by family on Feb. 2 and by the Rock Youth Group at the Paxtonville United Methodist Church on Feb. 5. What a way to bring on the cake and ice cream!
 Welcome home, Shirley and Leonard Goss! All the neighbors will be popping in to see your renovated house!
Middleburg News
 The Middle-West Bowling Team will host an All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 7-11 am in the dining room of Middleburg Moose Lodge #1229 on Grand Street. \$9 per person. Walk-ins welcome!
 The Reliance Hose Company will host a Seafood Supper on February 8 from 5-7 pm.
 Happy Birthday to Lois Yeater who celebrates her special day on Feb. 4.
 Happy Birthday to Paulson Smith who will put on his blue suede shoes and dance the Birthday Boogie on Feb. 4...at the Moose, of course!
Beaver Springs News
 The Beaver Springs Fire Co. will be selling Super Bowl Wings on Feb. 2 from 3:00-5:30 pm at the fire company. \$8 per dozen or \$9.00 per dozen delivered. Delivery only in the Beaver Springs, Beavertown, and McClure areas. Flavors include Firehouse Bacon, Plain, Hot, Honey BBQ, Teriyaki, and Bacon Ranch Contact Eric at 570-541-1938 or 570-658-2311 or Email: admin@beaverspringsfire.com. Credit Cards Accepted. All proceeds benefit the Beaver Springs Fire Co.
 The MACC is hosting a Nerf Party on Friday, Feb. 7 from 6:00-7:30 pm for children ages 4-grade 5. The gym will be divided and children will be Nerf battling within their appropriate age group. Please bring your own Nerf supplies. Eye protection required. \$5 non-members and \$2.50 members includes admission and snacks. Call 670-658-2276 for more information.
McClure News
 A Prom Giveaway will be held on Friday, Feb. 28 from 5-8 pm and Saturday, Feb. 29 from 9 am- 4pm at McClure First United Methodist Church. In addition to gowns, shoes, jewelry and makeup will be available for the girls. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please contact Dez Ewig at 717-953-5573.
 The Veterans Memorial Pool in McClure is having their 12th annual Basket and Chinese Auction on Saturday, March 7 at the McClure American Legion Social Room on the corner of Forbes and Ohio Streets. The Chinese Auction will begin at noon and last until 4:30 p.m. with the drawing immediately following. The Basket Auction will begin at 7:00 pm featuring baskets to bid on as well as other great items. In addition, there will be a Gift Raffle at the event. Food will be available for purchase all day.
 To contribute a basket or a new Chinese auction item, please contact Janet Will at 570-765-5731 or Lou Ann Wilson at 717-543-5712 by February 28, 2020.
 The McClure Pool is now taking applications for a pool manager to oversee the daily operations of the pool this summer. Duties involve supervising all swimming pool and concession stand operations and requires weekend and holiday work. This employee should have, or be willing to obtain, lifeguard and food employee certifications. The pool is also accepting applications for lifeguards and concession stand employees. Visit our Facebook page for an application. Pool manager applications are due February 28 and lifeguards and concession stand employees by March 20. For more information, contact Jaime at 717-503-9589.

St. Pius X Catholic Church Meal Distribution
 January 30th, 2-4pm, 112 Fairview Dr. Selinsgrove
Richfield Faith Support Group
 February 1st, 5pm, Family Life Social Hall
Stony Run Mission McAlisterville
 February 2nd, 6pm, Mercy Run will be singing
Hope UMC Outreach & Missions Team Free Dinner
 February 13th, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall Port Trevorton

Go Ask Alice



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Answer: Not exactly, Mostly, Sorta! The Donut Hole will never be eliminated from your Medicare Part D prescription drug plan coverage. Some members of the press or Medicare advocates often mention that the Donut Hole or Coverage Gap will be "eliminated." However, what they mean is that this year, after you meet your drug plans initial coverage limit, your brand name drug purchases will cost a fixed 25% of retail while you are in the Donut Hole. This is technically not a gap, but a shift. It's great that the Donut Hole is shifting, but people will continue to be exposed to very high drug costs without Congressional action.

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Middleburg Auction

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Selinsgrove News
 A Chinese Auction will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 from 9 am- 2 pm at the Selinsgrove Moose Lodge 1173. Doors open & ticket sales begin at 9 am. Drawing starts at 2 pm. 1 sheet of 25 tickets for \$2. Need NOT be present to win. Food and beverages available all day. Benefits the Selinsgrove High School Bowling Team. The Selinsgrove Moose is located at 40 W. Spruce St.

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Obituaries

Virginia M. Hockenbroch, 89, Liverpool

Virginia Mae Hockenbroch, 89, of Liverpool entered into rest on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Nottingham Village, Northumberland. She was the wife of the late Woodrow C. "Woody" Hockenbroch, who preceded her in death on August 22, 2009.

Virginia was born on May 31, 1930 in Richfield. She was the daughter of the late Emery and Iva (Hornberger) Brown. She graduated from Fayette High School. She was formerly employed at the Richfield Shirt Factory and also tinted black and white photos.

Virginia formerly attended the Richfield Senior Center. She enjoyed oil and water color painting, writing letters to family and friends, hiking with her late husband, computers, and all types of puzzles.

Virginia is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Daune Hockenbroch of Hampton, VA; a daughter, Diane West of Bloomsburg; a brother, Harold Brown of Rockville, MD; a sister, Lois Graybill of Mifflintown; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Janet Brown in infancy, Nedra Pyle, and Violet Pontius.

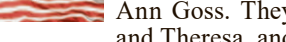
There will be no viewing or services at this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in loving memory of Virginia to the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, 176 Water Company Road, Millersburg, PA 17061.

The George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 9366 Rt. 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills is assisting the family with the arrangements.

David E. Wagner, 89, McClure

On Saturday, January 18, 2020, David E. Wagner, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at the age of 89.

David was born on September 18, 1930 in McClure, PA to Isaac and Eva (Walters) Wagner. He served in the United States Air Force from 1948 to 1953 and worked at U.S. Steel Fairless Works from 1955 to 1985. On June 21, 1952, he married Patricia



Ann Goss. They raised two daughters, Dixie and Theresa, and two sons, Dale and James.

David was always happy to lend a helping hand if he could and loved spending time with his family. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved spending time in the woods. He enjoyed watching the wildlife venture through his yard and going spotlighting for deer. He loved listening to music and was known for his wonderful sense of humor.

David was preceded in death by his wife Patricia, his father, Isaac, his mother, Eva, his brothers, Edward, Warren and James, and his sisters, Grace and May. He is survived by his brother, Richard, his sisters, Mary, Kathy, Eileen and Betty, his four children and their spouses, Dixie & Roger Hillborn, Theresa & David Baker, Dale & Christine Wagner and James Wagner, his five grandchildren, Katina, Roger II, Lacey, Cory and Patricia and his three great grandchildren, Kaiya, Aiyana and Ryan.

At David's request there will not be a funeral or memorial service. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (<https://www.michaeljfox.org/>).

Clare Wendt, 82, formerly from Selinsgrove

Clare (Bogle) Wendt, 82, formerly of Selinsgrove, passed peacefully into heaven on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, surrounded by her family at Heritage Springs Memory Care, Lewisburg where she had been a resident for three years. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Milton.

There will be no viewing.

Shirley M. Leister, 79, McClure

Shirley M. Leister, 79, of East Kline Alley, McClure, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020, at Geisinger Lewistown.

A visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Pheasant Funeral Home, where the funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, with the Rev. Jim Jacobs officiating.

Burial will follow in Baker's United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Shirley Mae Hook, 89, Milroy

Shirley Mae Hook, 89, of New Lancaster Valley Road, Milroy, passed away Sunday morning, Jan. 26, 2020, at the Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital. Born Oct. 7, 1930 in Belltown, she was a daughter of the late James Carl Wray, Sr. and Phronie Mae (Paul) Wray. Her husband, Merle E. Hook, whom she married May 13, 1950, preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 2018.

Surviving are: children, Carmen D. Dasher of Reedsville, Patricia M. Fultz and husband Kenneth L. of McClure; a sister, Nancy A. Stains of Lewistown; five grandchildren, sixteen great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by siblings, James C. Wray, II, Elmer E. Wray, Betty J. Ishler, Gerald F. Wray and Leon R. Wray. She had worked at Arrow Shirt Co., Lewistown.

At her request there will be no services. For online condolences visit bohfuneralhome.com.

Betty K. Hummel, 85, Middleburg

Betty K. Hummel, 85, of rural Middleburg, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at the Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born Aug. 23, 1934, in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Raymond and Alberta (Renn) Fisher. On Oct. 13, 1953, she married Lester E. Hummel who preceded her in death on April 14, 2013.

Betty was a 1952 graduate of Lewisburg High School. Her employment history included Colonial Fair, JPM, Walnut Acres, and the Hotel Middleburg.

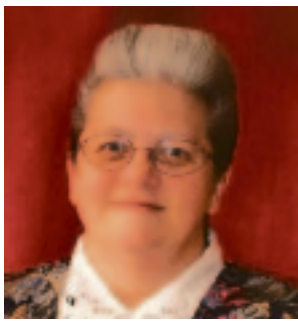
Betty loved to dance and enjoyed doing word search puzzles and watching old time TV.

She is survived by two daughters, Cathy and Lloyd McChancy and Lorraine Wallace and Tim Reading; two sons, David Hummel and Brian and Lori Hummel; nine grandchildren, Marcel Hassinger, Melanie Rager, Adam Hummel, Laura Goetz, Keith Hummel, Matthew Wenrich, Ryan Wenrich, Kelsi Rustad, and Kasey Hummel; 12 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris Lukens; and one brother, Charles Fisher.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kylie Hummel; two sisters, Ida Mae Krouse and Lucille Spotts; and one brother, Harold Fisher.

At Betty's request, services will be private.

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

Emma J. Benfer, 58, Middleburg

Emma Jean Benfer, 58, of Troxelville Road, Middleburg, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, at her home.

She was born Jan. 4, 1962, in Lewisburg, a daughter of Junior E. and Anna M. (Shemery) Stahl of Middleburg. On Nov. 27, 2004, she married Daniel I. Benfer Jr. who survives.

Emma was a 1980 graduate of Penn View Bible Institute.

Early in her life she had been employed by Penn Valley Motor Inn, Selinsgrove, and Sew-Comp, New Berlin. She was a member of Richfield Evangelical Methodist Church.

Emma enjoyed doing crocheting and crafts.

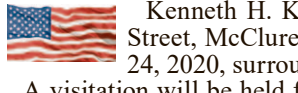
In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by one stepdaughter and son-in-law, Ruby and Steve Maurer of Richfield; two stepsons and daughters-in-law, Rodney and Pat Benfer of Middleburg, and Tommy and Sandy Benfer of Jefferson, Ohio; four stepgrandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren; one sister and brother-in-law, Wenda and Daniel Crossgrove of Mifflinburg; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Lois Stahl of Middleburg, Scott and Robin Stahl of Mifflinburg, and Mark and Jennifer Stahl of Middleburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Mountain Road God's Missionary Church, Penns Creek, followed by the funeral at 11, with the Rev. Troy Shaffer and the Rev. Rob Dicken, officiating.

Burial will be in St. Luke's Cemetery, Middleburg.

Contributions to honor Emma's memory may be made to Richfield Evangelical Methodist Church, 13247 Route 35, Richfield, PA 17086.

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

Kenneth H. Klingler, Sr. 84, McClure

Kenneth H. Klingler Sr., 84, of W. Walker Street, McClure, passed away on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, with the family present from 1 to 2 p.m. at St. John's "Ridge" Lutheran Church, Stage Road, McClure, followed by the funeral at 2.

Burial with military honors will follow in the adjoining church cemetery.

Sandra J. Wolf, 75, Selinsgrove

Sandra J. (Dietz) Wolf, 75, of Selinsgrove, entered into eternal rest Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at Elmcroft, Lewisburg, where she was a guest.

Friends and family may visit from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at Witmer's United Methodist Church, 350 Witmer Road, Port Trevorton, followed by a Commemoration of Life Service with Pastor Ruth Liples officiating.



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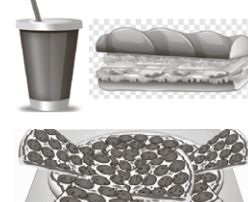
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Obituaries

Thomas F. Maurer, 66, Selinsgrove
 Thomas F. Maurer, 66, of Selinsgrove, slipped from the bonds of this valley of tears on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020. He passed peacefully in the presence of his sons.

Family and friends visited on Jan. 25, at St. Pius X Catholic Church, Selinsgrove, where a funeral Mass was held, with Father John Mark Igboalisi O.P., as celebrant.. Burial followed in Orchard Hill Cemetery, Shamokin Dam.

Allen H. Yearick, 91, Shamokin Dam

This obituary celebrates the life of Allen H. Yearick, 91, of Shamokin Dam, who passed away on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020, at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village surrounded by his wife and children.

A private service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family and a celebration of "Big Al's/ Sonny Yearick's" life later this spring.

Beth Anne Goff, 61, Selinsgrove

Beth Anne Goff, 61, of Selinsgrove, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Selinsgrove Moose Lodge 1173, 40 W. Spruce, Selinsgrove.

Monique O. Andrew, 90, Mt. Pleasant Mills

Monique O. Andrew, (Monique Odette Louise Cordeau) 90, of Mount Pleasant Mills, formerly of France and Ephrata, entered into rest on Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Friends and family are invited to the viewing from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, followed by the funeral at 11, at the Paul L. Gravenor Home for Funerals Inc., Ephrata, with her grandson, Pastor Joel Beiler Jr., officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ephrata.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor
 Should local and county governmental units and public schools eliminate the use of earned income, occupation and per capita taxes by increasing real estate property taxes? Yes, it would lower tax collection expenses, make tax collection easier and be fairer to taxpayers. Here's why:
The Property Tax

Pennsylvania has a regressive tax system where the tax burden falls mainly on the lower and middle income taxpayers, not on those with higher incomes. At the State level, the flat-rate personal income and sales taxes are examples.

At the local level, the per capita tax is an example of a regressive tax. However, the earned income tax is also regressive, but it is levied only on the working class. Both of these taxes are unfair.

In order for Pennsylvania to adopt a progressive taxation system, such as a graduated income tax, a constitutional amendment would be necessary. Our surrounding states, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and West Virginia, have already done that.

Like it or not, the tax that is closest to being progressive is the property tax. Think about it! The owners of large estates pay higher property taxes than the owners of smaller parcels of land with smaller structures.

If property taxes were eliminated, the higher taxes on the larger estates would be shifted to working class taxpayers unless property taxes were replaced by a progressive tax at the county and local levels of government, including public school districts.

In summary, the only tax in Pennsylvania that is close to being fair, based on the ability to pay (income) is the property tax.

David L. Faust, Selinsgrove

Commercial Tree Fruit Growers To Meet

The Commercial Tree Fruit School (formerly call the Central Susquehanna Tree Fruit Meeting) is planned for Tuesday, February 11, 2020. The meeting is held at the Carriage Corner Restaurant in Mifflinburg. Registration is at 8:45 am and the meeting starts at 9:00 am. Commercial tree fruit growers have an opportunity to learn from Extension specialists who are experts in their program areas and discuss current tree fruit issues. The meeting will give growers an opportunity to learn the results of the latest research on growing tree fruit. Growers will also get an update on regulations that affect the way they manage their orchards.

- Program Topics**
- Identifying and Avoiding Herbicide Injury & Burndown Herbicide Uses (new Paraquat regs)
 - Understanding Different Pathogens in the Orchard: Bacteria, Fungi, and Viruses – Oh My!
 - Worker Protection Standards and the Applicator Exclusion Zone Changes
 - Psylla, Borers and Scale - Old but Still Important Culprits
 - Fruit Cultivars and Rootstocks Updates and Controlling Problematic Pathogens
 - Thinking You've Done Everything Right: Why Diseases (Like Apple Scab) Still Happen
 - The 2020 Penn State Tree Fruit Production Guide Update
 - Are You Pesticide Label Literate?

Speakers include Penn State Extension Tree Fruit Specialists Dr. Kari Peter, Dr. Rob Crassweller, Dr. Greg Krawczyk, Health and Safety Educator Jim Harvey, and Extension Educator John Esslinger.

This Commercial Tree Fruit School has been approved for 2 core recertification credits and 6 category recertification credits.

You can register for this program on-line by going to <https://extension.psu.edu/commercial-tree-fruit-school>, under Where and When select Mifflinburg, February 11, 2020 or by calling 1-877-345-0691.

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The registration fee is \$30 per person if registered by February 4, 2020 or \$40 at the door. Please save yourself \$10 and register by February 4th. Registration includes handouts, morning refreshments, and a hot buffet lunch. If you have any questions about the meeting content, please contact John Esslinger at 570-316-6516.

Young Americans

Mid-West High School's Young American for January



Mid-West High School's Young American for January is **Hunter Beward**. He is the son of Brian and Amy Beward of Middleburg. Hunter is the Varsity Golf Co-Captain and a Choir Section Leader. He is also involved in Class Congress and Student Council. Hunter has been on the Distinguished Honor Roll and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has been selected as a Student of the Month in Grades 9 and 11. Hunter has given back to his community by being a Boy Scout Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, an Outdoor Education Counselor, and a Halfway Dam Marathon Aid Station Volunteer. Hunter is actively involved in service projects for the Boy Scouts and has earned his Eagle Scout Award. He enjoys hunting and being in the outdoors. Hunter believes he was selected as a Young American because he believes in helping others and improving his community. He plans to earn a degree in Engineering after graduation. Hunter would like people to know that he trusts in God to guide him throughout his life.

Linn Conservancy Moonlight X-C Ski/Snowshoe Event



With confidence that more snow is on the way for the Susquehanna valley, the Merrill Linn Conservancy is planning a cross-country ski and snowshoe event at Thom Rippon's One Barn Farm a few miles southwest of Mifflinburg in the village of White Springs, according to Conservancy coordinator Geoff Goodenow. "We have set the date, Saturday, February 8, to coincide with a full moon," he says. "This beautiful 90-acre property is laced with trails that should provide enjoyable skiing/snowshoeing through meadows and woodlands over gentle terrain as well as an opportunity to learn about nature on our winter landscape."

The event will begin on the property at 4 p.m., approximately an hour before moonrise. If conditions are not suitable for snow-based activities, visitors can enjoy a walk on the property and learn about its natural and human history. In any case, light refreshments, compliments of host Thom Rippon, will follow.

This is a free event, but participation is restricted to 30 people. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 6 by emailing the Conservancy at linn@ptd.net or calling the office at 570-524-8666. Please leave name, contact information, and the number of people that will be joining you for the event. "So, let's think snow and look forward to a great winter evening under the light of the moon," Goodenow says. (Note: participants must supply their own skis and snowshoes. A head lamp or flashlight might be helpful but not necessary.)

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Selinsgrove Speedway On Display In York This Weekend

Selinsgrove Speedway will be on display at the upcoming Racing Xtravaganza Motorsports Show & Convention in York, Pennsylvania, coming up on Friday, January 31 and on Saturday, February 1.

Held annually in the York Expo Center located at 334 Carlisle Avenue in York, the show runs Friday from 3 pm - 10 pm and on Saturday from 10 am - 9 pm.

The newly released 2020 Selinsgrove Speedway schedule of events will be up for grabs by show-goers as they check out two convention halls filled with race cars from the area along with speedway management groups, motorsports-themed vendors, photographers and more.

Following this week's York appearance, Selinsgrove Speedway will team with Selinsgrove Ford to hold "Race Day at the Dealership," coming up on Saturday, March 7.

Speedway supporter Selinsgrove Ford is located just blocks north of the speedway at the intersection of Rt. 522 and business Rt. 15, in Selinsgrove.

The dealership will host the speedway motorsports show from 10 am - 3 pm on March 7.

Selinsgrove Speedway will open the 2020 season at 2 pm Saturday, March 21, with the highly-anticipated return of the Northeast modifieds in the \$5,000-to-win Icebreaker 40!

The Icebreaker will be a combined small and big block, non-sanctioned race offering a \$24,625 purse and will be run under rules and specifications that mirror the Short Track Super Series.

Also on the March 21 racing program will be the crate 602 sportsman modifieds in a \$1,000-to-win 20-lap feature.

The first 410 sprint car show of the year is set for one week later, on Sunday afternoon, March 29 at 2 pm when March Mayhem hits the track along with the super late models.

Preliminary 2020-21 Hunting/Trapping Seasons Approved

The Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners today gave preliminary approval to hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits for the 2020-21 license year.

Modifications proposed for the 2020-21 seasons include: expanding Sunday hunting opportunities on three days - Sunday, Nov. 15 for archery deer hunting, Sunday, Nov. 22 for bear hunting during the bear firearms season, and Sunday, Nov. 29 for deer hunting during the firearms deer season; allowing concurrent hunting of antlered and antlerless deer statewide for the duration of the 14-day firearms deer season; shifting the statewide general bear season to run from Saturday through Tuesday; bringing back a three-day Thanksgiving turkey season, running Wednesday through Friday, in many Wildlife Management Units (WMUs); adding a week to the archery bear season, creating an overlap in the first week with the muzzleloader deer and bear seasons; opening squirrel season statewide on Sept. 12; permitting either-sex pheasant hunting statewide, outside of Wild Pheasant Recovery Areas; shortening the length of the fall turkey season by one week in WMUs 4D and 4E in response to declining local turkey populations; opening bobcat hunting and trapping seasons in WMU 2B; opening river otter trapping seasons in WMUs 1A, 1B and 2F; increasing the season bag limit for beavers from 40 to 60 in WMUs 1A and 1B in response to nuisance complaints; and eliminating the extended elk season held out-

limits, as well as other board actions, between now and the board's next quarterly meeting, when 2020-21 seasons and bag limits will be finalized, and antlerless deer license allocations will be determined.

The board's next quarterly meeting is scheduled to be held April 6 and 7 at the Game Commission's Harrisburg headquarters.

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Mifflinburg 60, Selinsgrove 49
C. Columbia 58, Midd-West 37
Midd-West 47, S. Williamsport 45
Danville 64, Selinsgrove 41
Selinsgrove 57, Halifax 41

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C. Columbia 62, Midd-West 39
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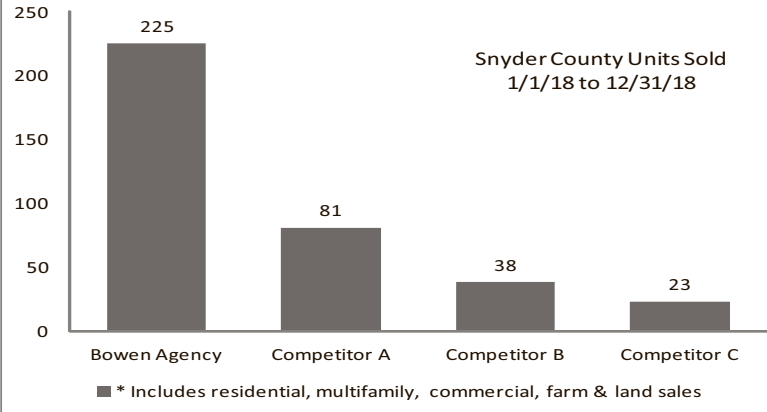
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Hot Topic In Education: Ensuring A Career Ready PA!

By Kay Poeth

Interested in the latest hot topic issues in education? Then attend the free informative session, "Ensuring a Career Ready PA!" hosted by Keystone State Literacy Association Susquehanna Valley (KSLA SV). The purpose of this session is to keep specialists in the field of education updated on Pennsylvania's efforts to ensure all high school graduates are career ready upon graduation. Our economic future depends on it.

This session is provided by Christina Herman who comes to us with 30 years of experience in education focusing on the development and implementation of comprehensive programming related to student services, career development, intervention services and special education. Herman is an Educational Consultant and Career Ready Specialist, who works for CSIU16 and PDE's Career Ready PA initiative.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, February 6 at 6:00 pm at the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) 16 located at 90 Lawton Lane in Milton. Hosted by the KSLA Susquehanna Valley, this free 60 minute workshop is designed for teachers of Grades 1-12. Snow date is February 20. This educational session is open to all educators, administrators, preschool teachers, pre-service educators, and homeschool parents.

Don't forget the PDE Teacher Evaluation requires all PA teachers to demonstrate "participation in a professional community" and "growing and developing professionally." KSLA Susquehanna Valley helps to fulfill that requirement. Teachers will receive 1.0 hours credited toward their Act 48 requirements and a letter of commendation by completing a short survey. So bring your PDE number to the meeting! Please RSVP Janice Adair - jadair1225@yahoo.com so she can prepare your letter of commendation.

All KSLA Susquehanna Valley meetings are free of charge. However, there will be a \$5 fee to process non-member Act 48 credits. As always, there will be no charge to process Act 48 credits for KSLA SV members.

Not a KSLA member? For

a small fee of \$40, \$15 for full-time students and retired educators, provides membership in both the Keystone State Literacy Association and the local KSLA Susquehanna Valley organization. For a membership form visit the KSLA SV website at kslasusquehannavalley.weebly.com and Like KSLA SusquehannaValley on Facebook. The membership information is also on the KSLA website at ksla.wildapricot.org.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming KSLA Susquehanna Valley Celebrate Literacy Banquet being held on Thursday, May 7 at the Country Cupboard Restaurant in Lewisburg. Doors open for registration at 5 pm. The banquet begins at 5:30 pm.

Email:
Upcoming Events
Articles and Photos to
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McClure West Beaver Chest Fund Drive

The McClure-West Beaver Community Chest Fund Drive has ended for 2019. A total of \$8,187.20 was collected from area residents and business.

Eight agencies are listed to benefit from the drive as follows: Bannerville Volunteer Fire Co. and Bannerville QRS, McClure Volunteer Fire Co. and McClure Qrs, Veterans Memorial Pool, McClure Community Library, and the McClure Boy & Girl Scouts.

Residents and businesses of the solicitation areas are to be commended for their generous financial support of the drive. Special thanks is also extended to the volunteers, who gave much towards the success of this community undertaking.

If you were not contracted, and wish to make a donation, you may mail it to:

McClure-West Beaver Community Fund, C/O Kathy Rarich, 286 Pine Crest Dr. McClure, PA 17841

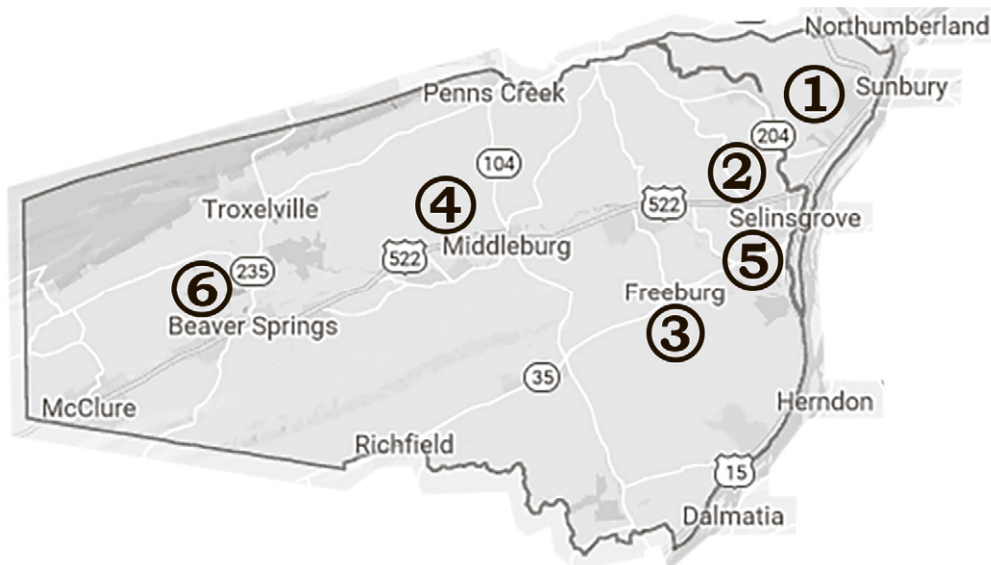


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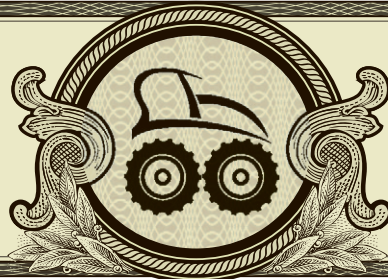
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