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## A Very Cold Veterans Day

By Middleburg Elementary 3rd Graders Hudson Steven Aucker, Sedona A. Beech and Novina G. Rae



The parade was led by the Honor Guard from Erman E. Lepley American Legion Post 23, with assistance from Boy Scouts in Troops 415 and 408. Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Cub Scouts also joined in, helping to lead the procession.

On a cold and snowy Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11, 2025, Middleburg Elementary, Middle, and High



Mrs. Kase's elementary choir students serenaded veterans with "America the Beautiful."

School students gathered to thank 50 friends, neighbors, and relatives who served in the armed forces. Despite the winds and 12-degree real-feel, the smiles and heartfelt thanks were warm and welcoming. Students and staff huddled together on the sidewalks around the school campus, cheering and waving star-spangled banners in honor of our local heroes.

In the days leading up to the event, the Mustangs worked hard to prepare. Art teacher Miss Snyder guided students in creating a striking display of handmade red poppies. Music teacher Mrs. Kase's fourth-grade choir performed "America the Beautiful." Mrs. Gump's third-grade class shared handmade cards, while Mrs. Bucher's students gave red carnations. Gunner Schreck, a fourth grader,



Other students at the high school held up signs and cheered for the veterans. Some students performed patriotic song for the veterans.

honored his grandfather, Gregg Renn, by presenting him with a red carnation. Renn served in the National Guard from 1991 to 1999. Both the middle school and high school bands filled the air with patriotic music.

At the high school, Mrs. Long's Family and Consumer Sciences classes

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# Community Calendar

**Food Distribution**  
November 21, 10am, Five Barley Loaves, Specht St., McClure

**Middleburg High School Class of '63**  
November 21, 9am, Rise and Shine Cafe, Mt. Pleasant Mills

**MJHS Class of '65**  
November 21, 12pm, Middlecreek Cafe, Middleburg

**Union-Snyder Agency on Aging Inc., Senior Centers Closed**  
November 27, 28

**Holiday Book Sale**  
November 28, 29, 10am-5pm, December 5, 4-9pm, December 6, 10am-5pm, The Union Historical Society, 15 N. Water St., Lewisburg

**West Snyder Class of '65**  
December 4, 12pm, call Delores for reservation 717-437-5201 by November 21, Bread of Life Restaurant, McAlisterville

**CONTINUOUS EVENTS:**

**Nickle/Dime Poker**  
Tuesdays, 9:15am, Selinsgrove Senior Center, 8 N. Water St.

**Grandma's Attic Fundraiser**  
Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-2pm, Selinsgrove Senior Center, 8 N. Water St., ongoing event

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

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

**Free Take-Out Meal**  
1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30pm, Martha's Table All Saints Episcopal Church, 129 N. Market St., Selinsgrove

**Take-Out Only Meal**  
1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesday, 4:30-5:30pm, All Saints Episcopal Church, 129 N. Market St., Selinsgrove

**Selinsgrove Elementary School Good News Club**  
Now open for enrollment, every Wednesday 3-4:20pm in the school, all kids in the district

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

# Neighborhood News

By Kay Poeth

Tom Turkey says, "Have a deer-filled holiday!"

## Middleburg News

Zion Fellowship Church, located at 1366 Zion Road, Middleburg, will be distributing a free Thanksgiving Food Distribution on November 22 from 9-11 am for those in need who registered.

There will be Fall Leaf Pick-Up every Thursday in November, except Nov. 27 (which will be on Nov. 26) in the Borough of Middleburg. Leaves must be bagged.

Happy Birthday to Tucker McClellan who added another candle to his cake on Nov. 22.

Adam Dietz was serenaded by the Birthday Song on Nov. 27 right before the Thanksgiving meal.

Happy Anniversary to Marie and Damon Hassinger who celebrate their special day on Nov. 27 with a Thanksgiving feast.

## Beavertown News

The Beavertown Historical Society Museum invites the public to experience our exhibit for the last time this Sunday November 23 from 1-3 pm, highlighting the historic Sunbury & Lewistown Railroad, which once played a vital role in the development of the region. The museum is located inside the Beavertown Borough Building at 111 West Walnut Street, Beavertown, PA. The museum will be closed the months of December, January & February. During this time, you can visit the museum by appointment only by contacting Karen Burns at 570-658-7385.

If you are interested in a copy of The Beavertown's Snapshots in Time book contact Karen Burns at 570-658-7385.

The Beavertown Revitalization Committee presents the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting Celebration! It will be held at the Town Square in Beavertown on Sunday, November 30. Bring your family, friends, and festive spirit as we kick off the holiday season together in Beavertown.

Happy 90th Birthday to Margie Krebs who bid adieu to the Awesome 80's and stepped over the threshold into the Nifty 90's on November 24. Margie loves quotes. This one from Sam Ullman is for her: "Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."

Candy Casner has been touched with the Fountain of Youth as she celebrates her birthday on Nov. 26.

## Beaver Springs News

Stacey Briggs is a sheer Wonder Woman as she styles hair! As she celebrates her special day on Nov. 24 may she have a day that is cut above the rest.

Happy Birthday to Michelle Bixler who was the Belle of the Ball on Nov. 25.

## McClure News

McClure Revitalization Committee invites all residents and friends to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol sing in Station Park on Sunday, November 30 at 6 pm.

American Legion Post 942 Auxiliary in McClure honored Veterans, American Legion members and their guests with a free dinner on Veterans Day.

## Selinsgrove News

Bryan and Danelle Snook strolled down Anniversary Lane on Nov. 20. May your love continue to grow stronger with each passing year and may your bond be unbreakable through life's ups and downs.

Congratulations to Brian Parise, Selinsgrove Area School District Assistant Superintendent, who has received a five-year contract extension, beginning in July 2026.

## Mt. Pleasant Mills News

Happy 66th Birthday to Selena Shellenberger who renews her membership in the Sensational 60's Club on November 26. May your day sparkle with joy and overflow with love.

## Turkey Poem

By Kay (Lenhardt) Poeth written as a child  
Turkey in the meadow... Scamper!  
Turkey in the field... Run!  
Turkey in the woods... Hide!  
Turkey in the pot... Cook



# Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **November 18, 2025**  
Timothy: \$85 by the ton; Grass: \$185 to \$200 by the ton; Mixed: \$210 to \$255 by the ton; Ear Corn: \$150 to \$165 by the ton; Firewood: \$105 to \$135 by the load; Calf: \$35 to \$1,635 per hundred; Fats: \$124 to \$230 by the hundred; Cow: \$2 to \$151 per hundred; Bull: \$128 to \$190 per hundred; Feeder: \$20 to \$800 per hundred; Hogs: \$2 to \$106 per hundred; Pigs: \$5 to \$85 per head; Sows: \$5 to \$76 per hundred; Boars: \$5 to \$46 per hundred; Sheep: \$50 to \$140 per hundred; Goat: \$45 to \$340 per head; Lamb: \$170 to \$350 per head.

# Jersey Shore Livestock Market

The following items were sold on **November 13th 2025**: Beef Calves: \$13.00 to \$18.25 per pound; Beef X Calves: \$11.00 to \$15.00 per pound; Holstein Calves \$0.10 to \$12.50 per pound; Fats: \$1.80 to \$2.33 per pound; Cows: \$0.05 to \$1.58 per pound; Bulls: \$1.00 to \$1.92 per pound; Feeders: \$0.95 to \$3.55 per pound; Sheep: \$0.15 to \$1.25 per pound; Goats \$45 to \$360 per head; Lambs: \$2.20 to \$2.85 per pound; Feeder Pigs: \$8 to \$95 per head; Hogs: \$0.55 to \$0.90.

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# A Very Cold Veterans Day



Students at the high school handed out goodie bags to the veterans and thanked them for their service.



Jaxon Mitterling, a fifth grader, proudly displayed a sign honoring his family members who served.

baked cookies for the veterans and Ms. Gunnell's FFA students provided gift bags for guests along with treats for veterans' pets. A representative from Pennsylvania State Representative David Rowe's office also attended, personally greeting each veteran with a token of appreciation.

Novina Rae, a third grader, said, "I loved to hand out the cards. It felt great to see the smiles on their faces as I was handing them out to the veterans."

Hudson Aucker, a third grader, shared, "So many students thought it was too cold outside, but I didn't care because I wanted the veterans to be proud of their service."

Sedona Beech, also in third grade, added, "It felt good to stand out there in the cold and to think about the soldiers standing out in cold weather fighting for us."

The parade was led by the Honor Guard from Erman E. Lepley American Legion Post 23, assisted by local Scouts. Students enjoyed seeing the local police and volunteer fire department, including the Middleburg Reliance Hose Company #1 fire truck. Students also enjoyed seeing some classic cars, hotrods, and even one veteran who bravely rode his motorcycle despite the frigid temperatures!

Special thanks to our community sponsors: Ira Middleburgh & Son, Inc, Richfield Buds & Booms, Graybill's Fruit Farm, Pizza Ruhl's, Texas Roadhouse, Burger King, and Middleburg Elementary PTO.

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# Public Invited to SU's Annual Christmas Candlelight Service

Susquehanna University invites the community to enjoy its Emmy Award-winning Christmas Candlelight Service at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in Weber Chapel. The service is free and open to the public.

Since its inception in 1966, the annual Christmas Candlelight Service is one of Susquehanna's most cherished traditions, as more than 1,500 members of the university and surrounding communities gather in Weber Chapel for candle lighting and carols, as well as traditional readings, songs and prayers in celebration of the season.

Vickie Brown, interim chaplain to the university, will preside over the service and deliver the message. The service will also feature numerous student ensembles from the Department of Music, including the University Choir, University Chorale, Chamber Singers and Brass Ensemble.

Nonperishable food donations will be accepted at the door.

WQSU-FM 88.9 will air the service live beginning at 7:15 pm and will rebroadcast it at 7 pm on Christmas Eve. The radio station can also be streamed via the mobile application 88.9 WQSU, at wqsu.com or from an Alexa or Google Nest device.

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# Church News

## AYCE Public Breakfast Buffet

November 22, 7-10am, Richfield United Church of Christ

## Fuller Family Concert

November 23, 9am, Wayside Bible Church, Rt. 104 Middleburg

## LCBC Church

November 23, 10am, Selinsgrove Community Group, New Location at GSVCC Building, 2859 N., Susquehanna Tr., Shamokin Dam

## Christmas Tree Lighting

November 23, 5pm, by the Shamokin Dam Water Tower, access only from right southbound lane of Rt. 11/15, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam

Heather Olson, Patsy Kline Imitator will be Singing Gospel Music

November 29, 6pm, St. Thomas Independent Brethren in Christ Church, 1070 St. Thomas Rd., Mt. Pleasant Mills

## Kettle Cook Soup Sale

November 29, 10:30am-1pm, Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, 46 Brethren Church Rd., Mifflinburg

## Hunters Sunday

November 30, Faith Baptist Church, 85 Snyder Ave., Beaver Springs

# Births

A girl, **Kinlee Wren Moyer** to Kayla and Garrett Moyer of Middleburg on November 3, 2025 at 8:33am, at Evangelical Community Hospital. Grandparents are Debra and The Late Darren Moyer of Middleburg and Dawayne and Kendra Dreese of Middleburg.

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 Joann M. Brown Marchese & John J. Marchese, Fleming Island, FL. & William M. & DeAnna Brown, Mt Pleasant Mills to Aaron & Kassondra Pettit, Cary, NC property in Perry Township for the sum of 355,000.00.  
 Carol L. Kessler Trust & Robert C. Spigelmeier to Alicia Swartzlander, Middleburg property in Paxtonville for the sum of 75,000.00.  
 Brian C. & Deborah A. Betz, Selingsgrove to Boobie Jean Owens & Jeffrey F. Rieis, Selingsgrove property in Isle of Que, Selingsgrove for the sum of 45,000.00.  
 Amos K. Jr. & Mabel H. Martin to Yvonne S. Martin, East Earl Pa. property in West Perry Township for the sum of 5,000.00.  
 Larry N. & Stephanie L. Shirk to Burkholder housing LLC, McClure property in Beaver Springs for the sum of 136,000.00.  
 Lindsay C. Corbin, Port Trevorton to Jeffrey W. Keefer, Port Trevorton property in Union Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Howard J. Reece III, Monroe Township to Howard J. Reece Jr & Howard J. Reece III, Selingsgrove property in Monroe Manor for the sum of 1.00.  
 Barbara Hubler for Robert C. Kratzer to Matthew H. & Lucille Z. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg property in Middlecreek Township for the sum of 855,000.00.  
 David W. Mitterling, Mt Pleasant Mills to Mitterling Trust property in Mt Pleasant Mills property in Perry Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 Daniel E. Hackenberg & Maddison D. Hackenberg to Dakota Barger, Beavertown property in Beavertown Borough for the sum of 125,000.00.  
 Terry Patrick Kelley, Franklin Township to Ashley Kronsberg, Jappa MD property in Franklin Township for the sum of 215,000.00.  
 Daniel T. Maurer, Nicholson Wyoming for Shirley Romayne Maurer to Sara Janelle Wenrich, Selingsgrove property in Selingsgrove Borough for the sum of 215,000.00.  
 Shirley A. Sheaffer, Mt Pleasant Mills by Lisa S. Simpson & Teresa L. Robinson to Clayton E. Meltz, Mt Pleasant Mills property in Perry Township for the sum of 1.00.  
 James D. Knouse, Mt Pleasant Mills by Jessica N. Hoff & Brandon J. Knouse & Amanda M. Majek to Jeremy L. & Judith Z. Stauffer, Sunbury property in Perry Township for the sum of 217,000.00.  
 Tracey N. Martinez for Bridget P. Yeigh, Selingsgrove & Rebecca Martinez for Bridget P. Yeigh, Selingsgrove to Jonathan Michael Osgood, Middleburg property in Kreamer, Middlecreek Township for the sum of 235,000.00.  
 Chapin P. & Faith A. Jones to George & Miria Zettlemoyer, Selingsgrove property in Monroe Township for the sum of 255,000.00.  
**Marriages:**  
 Sylvanus Noah Hershberger, Middleburg to Elizabeth Anna Yoder, Winfield  
 Samuel Moses Yoder, McClure to Rachel Barbie Yoder, McClure  
 Domingo Antonio Vasquez Tolentino, Liverpool to Piadosa Cruz, Liverpool  
**Divorce:** None

# Police

## SELINGSGROVE STATE POLICE

**Crash** 7:46 p.m. November 2, on SR 204, north of Saybrook Lane, in Jackson Township. A 2015 Audi A4 driven by Tyler S. Martin, 20, of Winfield, was traveling south on SR 204. A deer entered the southbound lane attempting to cross the roadway from the west. The Audi A4 struck the deer and subsequently came to rest off the east side of the roadway, facing south. No injuries were reported.  
**Theft** 7:12 p.m. November 3, on Zechman Drive, in Penn Township. PSP was dispatched to a report of a theft. Investigation is ongoing.  
**Theft Disposition of Funds** Between 12p.m.-12p.m. December 1, 2023-April 30, 2025, at 3343 S. Old Trail, in Shamokin Dam. PSP received a theft report. Investigation is ongoing.  
**Crash** 4:30 p.m. November 6, on Troxelville Road at its intersection with SR 104, in Center Township. A 2022 International Harvester driven by Harold R. Lamey Jr., 55, of Mifflinburg, was making a left turn from Troxelville Road onto SR 104 N. While negotiating the turn, the trailing until of the International Harvester suffered equipment failure and the driver's side rear wheels and tires separated from the axle. The wheels subsequently rolled under the trailing unit causing further issues. The International Harvester came to rest in the northbound lane of SR 104. No injuries were reported.  
**Crash** 10:12 a.m. October 29, on Quarry Road, west of Bratton Drive, in Beaver Township. A 1993 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Derex J. Master, 21, of Middleburg, was traveling west, negotiating a right curve in the roadway on Quarry Road. Master looked down at his handheld device and failed to negotiate the right curve in the roadway. The Chevrolet Silverado traveled across the eastbound lane then off the roadway. The Chevrolet Silverado struck a boulder on the south side of the roadway, then a tree, and over turned onto its passenger side. No injuries were reported. Master was cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic (single).  
**Crash** 9:51 a.m. November 2, on Paxtonville Road, west of Iron Bridge Road, in Franklin Township. A 2002 Ford Ranger driven by John H. Reigle, 60, of Paxtonville, was attempting to make a left turn onto Paxtonville Road from a gravel area. As Reigle was making the left turn onto Paxtonville Road, a 2006 Ford Focus driven by Jaden S. Rehner, 19, of Middleburg, was traveling east on Paxtonville Road at a high rate of speed. Reigle failed to yield to Rehner, causing Rehner's Ford Focus to swerve off the left side of the roadway going into a ditch then going airborne. The Ford Focus continued and then struck a tree at its final rest. Reigle's Ford Ranger sustained no damage due to this crash. Rehner's Ford Focus sustained disabling damage. Rehner reported minor injuries and was transported to Geisinger Medical Center for evaluation. Reigle was cited for vehicle entering or crossing roadway and Rehner was cited for driving at safe speed.  
**Theft** 10 a.m. September 8, on Sawmill Road, in Adams Township. PSP investigated a report of a stolen firearm- Beebe Arms Co. Brand of Marlin or Remington 760 Blued Finish with Wood Stock and Pump Handle valued at \$699. Investigation is ongoing.  
**False Alarms/Dialing Services** 7:39 a.m. October 26, Smoke Square, on N. Market Street, Selingsgrove. PSP responded to a false alarm. it was determined that six alarms have went off at this location. Non-traffic citation was filed. Pending preliminary hearing.  
**Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle** 10:16 a.m. October 29, on Paxton Street, in Franklin Township. PSP responded to the report of an unauthorized use of a 1993 Chevrolet Silverado. Appropriate charges were filed through District Court 17-3-04 against Derex Master, 21 of Middleburg.  
**Crash** 9:17 p.m. November 5, on N. Susquehanna Trail near Jefferson Avenue, in Monroe Township. A 2025 Nissan Rogue driven by Romero Q. Lavalais, 19, of Accokeek, MD, slowed down in the left lane of N. Susquehanna Trail due to tree debris in the roadway. Noah A. Wagner, 18, of Richfield, failed to slow his 2018 Ford Focus in time to avoid a collision, partially due to a cell phone distraction. The weather conditions were windy at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported. Wagner was cited for following too closely.  
**Crash** 2:03 p.m. October 29, on N. Susquehanna Trail near Stetler Avenue, in Shamokin Dam. A 2012 Dodge Ram driven by Bradley S. Wise made a careless right turn from the left lane causing a 2004 Kia Optima driven by Catherine Clark, 19, of North Potomac, MD, to hit the Dodge Ram in an angle style collision. No injuries were reported. Wise was cited for required position and method of turning-improper right turn.  
**Crash** 4:55 p.m. November 6, on SR 522, east of Old Run Road, in Franklin Township. A 2014 Dodge Charger driven by Tiffany J. Knepp, 35, of McClure, was traveling south on SR 522 when it struck a deer with its front area. After impact, the Dodge Charger was able to pull from the

travel lane onto a private lot. No injuries were reported.  
**DUI** 1:25 a.m. October 18, on SR 235/Troxelville Road, in Adams Township. PSP conducted a traffic stop on a 2023 gray Dodge Charger driven by Blaine Goss, 22, of Middleburg, Goss who was in operation of the vehicle, was found to be under the influence of alcohol. SFST were conducted and Goss was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-04.  
**Crash** 11:12 p.m. November 8, on S. Susquehanna Trail, in Chapman Township. A 2017 Honda CRV driven by David W. Stirpe, 24, of Lititz, was traveling south on S. Susquehanna Trail when a deer ran across the roadway and was struck by the Honda CRV. Stirpe was unable to stop in time before striking the deer. The Honda CRV came to rest in the neighboring driveway. No injuries were reported.  
**Harass Physical Contact** 5:27 p.m. November 9, on Zechman Drive, in Penn Township. PSP responded to an inactive domestic dispute. Once on scene, multiple interviews were conducted. It was learned that a 15 year old male, of selingsgrove, struck his step-mother and father after acting unruly in the residence. Summary charges were filed through District Court 17-3-03. Snyder County Children & Youth was notified of this incident.  
**Crash** 5:57 p.m. November 8, on N. Susquehanna Trail, south of 10th Avenue, in Shamokin Dam. A 2010 Volkswagen Routan driven by Paige D. Wertz, 22, of Herndon, was traveling north directly behind a 2023 Ram 1500 driven by Shea B. O'Donnell, 28, of Flinton, on N. Susquehanna Trail. O'Donnell started to reduce speed in the travel lane for traffic ahead. The Volkswagen Routan subsequently struck the Ram 1500 in an angle style impact. Wertz was cited for following too closely.  
**Crash** 2:22 p.m. November 9, on SR 104, south of Potato Valley Road, in Perry Township. A 2007 Toyota Camry driven by a 17 year old male, of Mt. Pleasant Mills, was traveling south on SR 104 when he was subsequently distracted by cell phone usage and subsequently traveled off the west side of the roadway. The Toyota Camry then struck a concrete parking block with its undercarriage and the business of Stuck Building Supplies. The Toyota Camry continued to travel south where it came to rest after striking a large post with its front end. No injuries were reported. The driver was cited for careless driving.  
**Harass Physical Contact** 10 p.m. November 9, on Bowersox Road, in Center Township. PSP investigated a report of harassment.  
**Drug Possession** 12:09 p.m. November 2, on Pine Meadows Drive, in Selingsgrove. PSP investigated a drug possession for a found illicit drug.  
**Disorderly Conduct** 10:10 a.m. November 10, on Block Brick Plant Road, in Beaver Township. PSP responded to a disabled motorist call at the State Game Land/co-op property just south of brick plant road. It was discovered the 17 year old male, of Beaver Springs, got his 1997 Buick Century struck after passing a posted sign prohibiting motor vehicles on the property. The 17 year old male also was fishing in a prohibited area without a fishing license. Multiple summary charges out of Title 30 and 34 were filed through District Court 17-3-04. Assisted by Pennsylvania Game Commission.  
**Crash** 11:12 p.m. November 8, on S. Susquehanna Trail (SR 11/15), in Chapman Township. A 2017 Honda CRV driven by David W. Stirpe, 24, of Lititz, was traveling south on SR 11/15. A deer ran across the roadway. The Honda CRV was unable to stop in time before striking the deer. The Honda CRV came to rest in the neighboring driveway. No injuries were reported.  
**DUI** 1:30 a.m. November 2, at 1000 Bloack S. Market Street, in Penn Township. PSP conducted a traffic stop of a 2017 Honda Civic driven by Rebecca Wolf, 40, of Liverpool, for equipment violations. Wolf was found to be under the influence of alcohol. Wolf was placed through SFST and subsequently placed under arrest for DUI. Wolf has been charged with DUI and traffic related offenses. Charges filed in District Court 17-3-03.

# Courts

## DISTRICT JUDGE BO TRAWITZ, MIDDLEBURG

**Charged** Blake Rhyhan Burgess, 26, of Selingsgrove, with terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another, simple assault, harassment-communicate lewd threatening etc language, and harassment-following in public on November 4. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, at 9:45 a.m.  
**Charged** Joseph Gerald Kern, 53, of Paxtonville, with theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property on November 5. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, at 9:30 p.m.  
**Charged** Derex Jayden Master, 21, of Middleburg, with unauthorized use of motor/other vehicles, driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked-DUI/first offense, driving on roadways laned for traffic (single), and restraint systems-other vehicle on November 10. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 10, at 11:45 a.m.  
**Charged** Carl Jeffrey Walter, 62, of Beaver Springs, with fail to provide accurate registration info on November 15. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, at 10 a.m.

## DISTRICT JUDGE SCOTT A. ZEIGLER, SELINGSGROVE

**Charged** Cortney Lynn Snyder, 35, of Newport, with retail theft-under-ring (misdemeanor 1) and corruption of minors on November 3. Snyder was arraigned before Judge Mensch and bail was set at \$10,000 unsecured. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 24, at 1 p.m.



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# SPORTS NEWS

THE VIEW FROM HEAR  
BY RON BOLT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 CLASS 2A BOYS STATE CHAMPS... YOUR LEWISBURG GREEN DRAGONS! The Dragons (24-0-1) beat previously undefeated Fairview 1-0 for their fifth state title in twenty-five years. Previous titles came in 2000, 2015, 2016 and 2020.

Sophomore Eli Abunasser scored the game winner with his only goal of the year. "He hadn't scored all year for us, but we knew he had the ability to," coach Ben Kettlewell said. Abunasser added "I did it for the team, I didn't do it for anyone else. I've been working toward it all season - to score in the state final is something of dreams."

Lewisburg's defensive play was a major factor in winning the state title. Fairview won the shots on goal 18-7. Dragon goalkeeper Gabe Pawling had his 20th shutout of the year in holding Fairview scoreless for the first time this year. Lewisburg surrendered only six goals all year and scored 92.

"That was probably the most action I got the whole year," Pawling said. "And even that, nothing was crazy, nothing that I couldn't handle. Our backline is the best in the state, without a doubt. They can distribute, they listen to me really well, they close gaps and they just defend like hell." The Green Dragons' backline includes Grayson Barner, Riley Gulden-Luthi and Jack Johnson.

Recently named first team All-Stater Viktor Permyashkin said "We are that team. We are the team that kids are going to look up to. Just to have a standard going into next year. I'm super excited for this team. They're returning a lot of guys and I'm super excited for the standard. They know what it takes to win."

Mifflinburg football was our other team playing in a state tournament. The game could not have gotten off to a better start for the Wildcats. Two offensive plays, two touchdowns covering 164 yards and a 14-0 lead over Scranton Prep. The "Martin-Murray" show accounted for over 200 yards and three TDs that gave Miff a 21-14 lead at halftime.

The play of the game was a Ricky Dewey 49-yard scoop and score as Mifflinburg was driving mid-way through the second quarter. The Cats had driven the ball to Prep's 33 yard line before Cats QB Chad Martin was strip-sacked 18 yards behind the line of scrimmage. Dewey ran it in untouched to tie the game at fourteen all.

The problem is that Scranton Prep signed up for four quarters of play and dominated the second half in coming back to win 28-21. Prep had the "McPartland-Brothers" show that flexed their muscles in the second half.

QB Will McPartland ran for 125 yards and 3 TDs and brother Braedon ran for another 96. The Mifflinburg defense could not make a tackle in a phone booth as they had the brothers contained for the most part but were unable to bring them down until 5-7 yards later.

Scranton Prep out-physicalled the Wildcats in the second half. In the playoffs, no matter the level... high school, college or pro, the team that rushes for more yards usually wins. Prep ran for 297 yards compared to 20 for Mifflinburg.

Prep made the adjustments they needed on defense for the second half with a couple different coverages on their third level of defense. Miff gained just 33 yards in the second half. Scranton Prep will host Northwestern Lehigh Friday for a trip to the eastern finals.

Mifflinburg coach Cody Botts said after the game "I feel like this was the best season in our program's history and it's because of the work that they put in, the senior class especially. It's a special class with a lot of talent and they put this program back on the map and they're going to leave a trail for the underclassmen." Well done coach Botts and players, you made Friday nights fun again in Mifflinburg.

Saturdays are about to get better for Virginia Tech fans. James Franklin has been named their next head coach replacing his long time defensive coordinator and friend Brent Fry. Is it possible Franklin hires Fry as his DC again? Say what you will about Franklin's tenure at Penn State, he did leave the program in better shape than when he arrived. VA Tech fans and administration will be perfectly content with 9-10 wins a year and not reaching elite status.

The coaches that Penn State was targeting should be sending Penn State some very nice Thank you/Christmas gifts this year. Most of them have signed very lucrative contract extensions to stay put and not move to Happy Valley. Rhule, Cignetti and Elko have all made tens of millions of dollars due to the interest Penn State showed in them.

Missouri's Drinkwitz and Bama's DeBoer are still on the Lions radar but I think it's time to refocus. James Madison's Bob Chesney would be my choice now. He has won at every level and rebuilt JMU's roster after Cignetti took a bunch of players with him to Indiana.

Chesney has JMU ranked in the Top 25 and still has a shot at the College Football Playoffs. He's also a central PA native and is familiar with the landscape of east coast football. If Penn State doesn't hire him, UCLA will.

The NFL changes come as fast as the rumors of who Penn State's next coach is going to be. Is the KC Chiefs dynasty finally over? Are the Broncos and Bears as good as their records? Finding a quality quarterback is still the most important trait for a deep run into the playoffs.

I would advise all NFL teams to stay away from any QB that played in The Big Ten. J.J. McCarthy, Justin Fields, Aiden O'Connell and Michael Penix are not scaring defenses in the NFL. The only exceptions could be CJ Stroud and Justin Herbert

but the jury is still out with them. Bo Nix will always be an Auburn guy and Caleb Williams is PAC-10.

The Eagles continue to be the most well run team of them all. The media continues to try and tear them down with reports on AJ Brown not being happy, Saquon unproductive and Hurts not being a top 10 QB. Their defense and culture is second to none and trading for Jaelan Phillips has only made them better. W's are what counts in the NFL no matter how ugly it might seem.

The pass-interference call on Detroit against the Eagles last week helped with that ugly win. PI has always been a subjective call but that flag was offensive in more ways than one. It cost the Lions any outside chance of getting a win and the referees have to establish a framework of what pass interference is and be consistent in calling it. We cannot lose integrity in the sports we watch.

Speaking of which, there are many societal issues our country faces and I'm going to stay in my lane and talk about one that relates to sports. Gambling on sports has become too easy and rampant. If you have a phone and a credit card you can wager on just about anything related to a game, from how long it takes to sing our National Anthem to whether the next pitch in a baseball game will be a strike or ball. You can bet on how many yards Mahomes will pass for in the second quarter to how many rebounds LeBron James will grab in a game.

Both the NBA and MLB have been indicted by the FBI for questionable prop bets placed on their stats in a game. Prop bets are what I previously mentioned above and mostly depend on the efforts of one person and are ripe for exploitation.

The two Cleveland Guardian (Indians) pitchers arrested last week took bribes from bettors to purposely throw certain types of pitches that would pay off bets. Bettors allegedly made at least \$460K off the rigged pitches.

In one example, Guardian's starting pitcher Emmanuel Clase spoke to a bettor by phone just before taking the mound. Four minutes later the bettor won \$11K on a bet that Clase would throw a pitch slower than 97.95 mph.

The other Cleveland pitcher, Luis Ortiz, bounced two separate sliders on his first pitch to two different hitters. The bettors wagered both of those pitches would be called balls. The integrity of baseball has to be an issue when these things happen.

How much were these pitchers paid to win money for others? Clase was in the middle of a five-year \$20M contract. Ortiz had a \$782K salary this year. They are both facing up to twenty years in prison and the end of their careers. How much money is enough and who is paying it? The Italian mob, the Russian mafia or some other nefarious organization?

These prop bets aren't going away any time soon. There might be a maximum amount you can bet or only wager on the over for a player's stats. All four professional sports leagues have embraced legal wagering and partnered with sports betting companies. These prop bets also keep gamblers engaged with game action, even in blowouts which makes broadcasters happy and rich.

Last month more than 30 people were arrested in a gambling sweep that rocked the NBA. This included Portland head coach and Hall of Famer Chauncey Billups and Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier who just signed a \$26M contract. Rozier is accused of exploiting private information about players to win prop bets in NBA games.

Billups was charged with participating in a conspiracy to fix high-stakes card games tied to La Cosa Nostra organized crime families.

Not to be overshadowed, the NCAA agreed to allow college athletes and staff members to wager on professional sports. This initial ruling has been tabled for a revote on 11/22. None of this addresses the fact that college athletes have always been able to gamble on college games and the NCAA has never addressed this.

The two red-flags here are college athletes who are making a lot of money through NIL. If and when they get in over their heads by betting these newfound riches, how do they get right? They take bribes from who they owe to affect games they play in. The NCAA will never learn.

To quote Mark Twain, "God rewards gamblers and fools. The crucial thing, when you win, is knowing which you were." Any questions or comments can be sent to [theviewfromhear74@gmail.com](mailto:theviewfromhear74@gmail.com) or on X @theviewfromhear

## VFW Post 6631 Auxiliary Donates to Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels

By Kay Poeth

Selinsgrove VFW Post 6631 Auxiliary recently presented a check for \$1,600 to Susan Baker and Peggy Doak of Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels. The money was raised from the September bacon cheeseburger night at the VFW.

The Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels (SAMOW) delivers meals with a smile! Meals are delivered Monday-Friday, excluding holidays and inclement weather. Friendly volunteers not only deliver the meals, but provide personal daily contact with a warm smile, friendly greeting.

Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization which delivers nutritious meals to people residing within the boundaries of the Selinsgrove Area School District including ShamokinDam, Hummels Wharf, Port Trevorton, Freeburg, Winfield (Snyder county), Kratzer-ville, and Kreamer.

Clients may be homebound, recovering from surgery or illness, or find it difficult to prepare their own food. The program operates with no age or income restrictions. "Clients do not have to have a meal delivered every day. It can be 3 times per week or once a week, whatever the client requests- daily, biweekly, weekly, for a short time or for an extended period of time, we can meet their needs," explains Selinsgrove Meals on Wheels coordinator, Susan Baker.

The meals are freshly prepared at this time by Aramark at Susquehanna University. The meals arrive at the distribution center as individual servings. They are then packed for delivery to the client's home by volunteers in time for lunch. Special dietary requirements can be accommodated as well, so a range of dietary needs can be met. Currently, each meal costs the client \$5.50 that includes an entrée, beverage and dessert- a complete meal delivered to the client's door! Clients can order extra meals to eat on weekends or over holidays.

It is the mission of the Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels to deliver nutritious meals to benefit people in the community. In some cases, the volunteers provide a lifeline for their clients. If someone is scheduled for a meal and does not answer the door, an immediate follow-up call is made by the driver to the coordinator of the Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels program. Client well-being is of utmost concern.

The Selinsgrove Area Meals on Wheels receives no government funding and operates independently of the Area Agency on Aging. Funding is provided by grants from local businesses, private donations from local churches, organizations, and individuals. The office is located in the rear of All Saints Episcopal Church at 129 North Market St in Selinsgrove.

For more information about ordering meals or to volunteer your time, call 570-374-6420 between 9 am-noon. If no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Email requests to: [selinsgroveareaMOW@gmail.com](mailto:selinsgroveareaMOW@gmail.com).



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# "A Moment in Time" Unveiling the Painting of The Battle of Hue, Vietnam

By Kay Poeth

us, at the edge of a small bridge, was an ARVN tank with the commander appearing to be standing in the hatch on the front deck, but it didn't look right. We then realized that a rocket propelled grenade (RPG) had hit the tank, cut the tank commander in two, and blown the torso to the middle of the deck where it stayed."

He also relayed several other scenes from that day. "Incoming enemy fire intensified, and we were asked to direct fire at a multi-story building to the right side of the road. As we poured several hundred rounds into the building, there was a sudden break by several NVA soldiers across an open area to the rear of the structure. Open targets!"

There were also some humorous ones as well. "During that day of sheer terror and pumping adrenaline, strange memories can be retained. I remember a Marine going into a building firing repeatedly and suddenly reappearing with a case of warm beer."

During the presentation, Bob and Susan Lauver unveiled the originally commissioned painting. Bob continued to reference the painting as he finished his talk. "The Quads and Dusters were positioned at the base of the Nguyen Hoang Bridge and ordered to fire across the Perfume River in support of Marines from Golf Company, 2-5, 1st Marine Division, now advancing to the north side of the bridge... The NVA had allowed the Marines to cross the length of the bridge before opening up with automatic weapons, recoilless rifles, and RPGs. Dead and injured Marines lay on the bridge."

Lauver continued, "My Quad 50 was providing cover-fire from across the river when a Marine officer came up to me and asked, 'Sarge, my men are getting the hell shot out of them, can you help them out?' I looked at the other guys on the truck (Harris, Davis, the gunner, and David the driver), and they looked at me and shrugged. There was never any thought to say 'No,' but I think that each of us told ourselves that we weren't going to make it back from this one. I said 'Let's Go'."

Lauver and his men pulled the Quad truck onto the bridge and drove toward the Citadel on the north end. "There were dead and wounded Marines along both edges of the bridge's deck. Men were using the bodies of their dead buddies as cover so they could continue to put return fire on enemy. Marines were yelling at us as we drove across to try to tell us where to direct our fire. The incoming fire was intense."

At one point, Lauver saw an NVA soldier at the corner of a sandbagged bunker holding a grenade. He yelled "grenade!" and they all jumped off the truck and took cover beneath the truck bed. Fortunately, it was a dud. "We climbed back into the truck and the gunner Davis, immediately started firing at trench lines that were in the park to our left. With all the noise of the guns, I had to beat him on the helmet and physically turn his head to bring him around to fire on the bunker... When we stopped fir-

ing the bunker was just a pile of sand."

"PFC Harris and I got off the truck while the driver turned the truck around. A Marine taking cover beside Harris was shot in the head and instantly killed. As the Quad truck drew even with us, we loaded the Marine in and started back across the bridge, picking up dead as we went."

The city had been attacked by a force of approximately 8,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong the previous night. 8 hours of intense house to house combat led to the "Moment in Time" at the Nguyen Hoang bridge over the Perfume River. Lauver (standing on the left) and two of the Marines depicted in the painting were awarded Silver Stars because of their actions on this day. Lauver also earned his 2nd, Purple Heart.

If anyone would like to read the entire personal account of that day, search Google for "Quad 50s at Hue" by Bob Lauver.

After carefully searching for an artist, Bob discovered Ana Truqui Arnabar. He decided that she would be the perfect person to bring his memory to life. From Bob's descriptions of the battle, endless research, and many revisions by the artist to realistically depict this Moment in Time, Ana Truqui Arnabar worked months to complete the commissioned painting. She worked tirelessly to portray the helmets, guns, and scene accurately.

"You know I will forever be thankful that you picked me for such a great honor. It has been a true pleasure," stated Truqui Arnabar.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the framed print of "A Moment in Time" was unveiled by Bob Lauver, Post Commander Harold Aucker, Bob Bressler, and Quartermaster Bill Sankey. The print is hanging in the Social Hall of Selinsgrove VFW Post 6631.

A painting of "A Moment in Time" will be delivered to Snow Hall at Fort Sill, OK in early 2026. It was signed the Marines on the bridge and Gen. Pete Pace, Chair Joint Chief of Staff. The dedication plaque reads, "'A Moment in Time' 16:30 hrs. 31 January 1968 Hue, Vietnam; Bob Lauver, 'Quad Fifties,' G Battery, 65th Artillery; Dedicated to the Marines of Alpha 1/1 and Golf 2/5 who fought and died on this day; Artist, Ana Truqui."

If anyone is interested in purchasing a print or framed print of "A Moment in Time," please contact Bob Lauver at [rhlauber@juno.com](mailto:rhlauber@juno.com).

## "The Valley of Lights" Christmas Lights Drive-Thru

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"We are thrilled to bring the community together to celebrate the holidays in this special way" said Missy & Steve of Little Mexico Campground.



The framed print of "A Moment in Time" was unveiled by Bob Lauver, Post Commander Harold Aucker, Bob Bressler, and Quartermaster Bill Sankey. The print was donated and is now hanging in the Social Hall of Selinsgrove VFW Post 6631.



The framed painting of "A Moment in Time" based on Bob Lauver's personal recollection of the Nguyen Hoang bridge over the Perfume River during the TET Offensive in Hue, Vietnam.

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2025, Bob Lauver gave a presentation and slide show of his personal account of the first day of battle in Hue (pronounced Way) City in Vietnam on January 31, 1968. "The Moment in Time" painting was based on Lauver's experience at 4:30 pm on January 31, 1968, the first day of the TET Offensive in Hue, Vietnam. Lauver described the events of a day which had started at 2:00 am that morning with

a rocket and mortar barrage and led to his squad, aboard a Quad Fifty Machine gun truck, providing support for two companies of Marines from the 1st Marine Division, Alpha 1/1 and Golf 2/5, about 350 men, into Hue.

During the presentation, Lauver described the background events leading up to the moment capture in the painting. He also pointed out that Hue City was the third largest city in Vietnam, a thriving and beautiful city with 140,000 inhabitants. He noted that the troops were not trained for urban combat only jungle fighting.

According to Lauver, "I had been in Vietnam for 15 months on the afternoon of January 30th, 1968. Since September of 1967, my time had been served as squad leader and acting section chief with Battery G, 65th Artillery, a 'Quad 50' unit. A Quad 50 is an air defense gun turret with four .50-caliber machine guns and a gunner that sits in-between them. They were deployed on the ground or mounted on trucks to protect convoys."

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# Obituaries

## Barry E. Long, 77, Selinsgrove

Barry passed away on November 14th, 2025 with his loving family by his side at Wellspan Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg. Barry was born on November 21, 1947 at Sunbury Community Hospital. He was the son of the late W. Ernest and Hettie Elizabeth (Bilger) Long.

Barry was a devoted husband, dad, grandfather and great-grandfather (Pap), and friend. He married Bonnie (Yerger) Long on June 27, 1965 at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, Kreamer. Together they created a life grounded in love, partnership, and building a family they cherished more than anything.

As a teenager, Barry started working as a line cook at the Dutch Pantry. Later, he was employed at Northway Industries. In 1976 he was employed by PP&L, where he then retired in August 2008, after 32 years of service.

Personally, Barry was known for his love of the outdoors, taking joy in hunting, fishing, and gardening. He also enjoyed cooking and baking for his family. He cherished spending time with them, including on summer vacations, playing games, and spending holidays together. He also greatly enjoyed carpentry, which he used to create various projects for his family. Barry was a constant presence in his family's events - he took great pleasure and pride in attending his grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sports, theatre, music, dance, and academic events. He was always very proud of their accomplishments.

In recent years, Barry was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and served as trustee. Previously, he attended Middleburg Wesleyan Church, where he served as Sunday School Teacher, Superintendent, trustee, and youth leader. Earlier in life, he was a Scout Leader for the Kreamer Cub Scouts. Barry was also a longstanding member of Lafayette Lodge #194, serving as Worshipful Master in 1998.

Barry is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Bonnie, daughter of the late Leo and Pauline (Lenig) Yerger. He is survived by a daughter, Angela Schmoyer (significant other Matthew Hile) and son, Matthew Long (wife Laurie). He is also survived by grandchildren, Brittany Haines (husband John), Nicholas Schmoyer (wife Gabby), Logan Schmoyer (wife Jordan), Mackenzie Schmoyer (fiancé Gage Wheeland), Abigail Long, and step-granddaughter Ally Scarborough; and three great-grandchildren, Liam and Nora Haines, and Elena Schmoyer. He is also survived by his sisters Emma Metzger, Barbara Smith, Rose Wimer (husband Bill); brothers Carl Long (wife Jean) and Galen Long (wife Beth); brothers-in-law Guy Graybill and Richard Reichley; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son, Barry Long, Jr.; brothers Donald, Orvis, Paul, Gerald, Earl, and Ronald Long; sister Molly Heiser; sisters-in-law Nancy Graybill and Sandra Reichley; and brothers-in-law Ron Smith, Jack Metzger, and John Heiser.

Barry's service will be held on Friday, November 21, 2025 at V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, Selinsgrove. Visitation will be at 3 pm, with a funeral service delivered by Pastor David Dearing at 4 pm.

## Ruth Irene Maneval, 83, Mt. Pleasant Mills



Ruth entered eternal rest at her home surrounded by family and friends, on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Ruth was born August 3, 1942, in Danville, a daughter of the late Bennie B. and Sarah (Willow) Frey. On November 28, 1957, she married the love of her life, John W. Maneval.

Ruth and John were farmers, and she enjoyed being a homemaker for her family.

She loved flowers, and she enjoyed cooking, baking, camping with her family, especially her twin sister, having picnics, attending reunions, watching her hummingbirds while she sat on her front porch, and listening to country music. Her greatest joy in life was her precious grandchildren.

Ruth is survived by her husband, John; her loving children, Debbie Maneval and her husband Rick which was Ruth's favorite son-in-law, Terry (known as Jake) Maneval and his wife Lisa, and Dale Maneval and his wife Tracy; her precious grandchildren, Jason Maneval and his wife Cheryl, Jen Stahl and her husband Tim, William Maneval, Maria Maneval, Benjamin Maneval, Zebulon Ritter and his wife Molly, Jennifer Reid, Wyatt Maneval and his companion Brittany, and Sarah Hoffman and her husband Ethan; great-grandchildren, Lillie, Breanna, TJ, Jay, Sophia, Faith, Dallas, Alexa, Abe, Lizzy, and JB; sister-in-law, Ruth Keister and her husband Terry; and brothers-in-law, Richard Maneval and Eugene Maneval.

She is preceded in passing by her parents; twin sister, Gloria Frymoyer and husband Bob; sister, Catherine Goodling and husband Kenneth; brother, Harold Frey and wife Rachael; brother-in-law, Sam Maneval and his wife Faye; and sister-in-law, Norma Maneval.

A public viewing was held at the George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 9366 Route, 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853, on Sunday, November 16, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 17, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with the funeral service beginning at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor James Niemond officiating and Michelle Feltman speaking.

Interment will immediately follow in Fairview Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant Mills.

The family would like to thank her caregivers and hospice personnel for the loving care they provided to Ruth.

## Joan S. Snook, 94, Lewisburg formerly of Beaver Springs



Joan passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, Lewisburg.

She was born October 1, 1931 in Beaver Springs, a daughter of the late Frank and Emma (Rearick) Shirey. On June 17, 1951 she married A. Neal Snook who preceded her in death on August 20, 1999.

Joan was a graduate of Beaver Vocational High School with the class

of 1949.

She was a member of Beaver Lutheran Church, Beavertown. Joan was a member of the Beaver Springs Fire Co. women's auxiliary. She enjoyed baking, sewing, bus trips, vacations, and playing pinocle with the chit chat club. Most importantly she enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by four children, Beth Ann Nerino, Pam (Bill) Weaver, Gregory Snook, and Todd (Darlene) Snook; ten grandchildren, Anthony, Erica, Marisa, Aaron, Travis, Ashley, Jordan, Alicia, Amanda, and Jadon; eighteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one brother, Richard (Patsy) Shirey.

Joan was preceded in death by one brother, John Shirey; five sisters, Kathryn Eadline, Dorothy Kracht, Dorine Turotsy, Barbara Shirey, and Donna Mackley; one daughter-in-law, Paula Snook; one son-in-law, Edward Nerino.

Family and friends will be received on Saturday, November 22 from 10-11:30 am at Beaver Lutheran Church, 18207 Route 522, Beavertown followed by the funeral service at 11:30 with Rev. Larry Herrold officiating.

Burial will follow in Adamsburg Cemetery, Beaver Springs.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to honor Joan's memory may be made to Beaver Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by the Kreamer Funeral Home, 130 S. Zechman St., Beavertown.

## Darlene M. Witmer, 68, Beavertown



Darlene passed away on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at her home with her loving family by her side after a courageous five-year battle with ALS. Darlene never complained and fought to the very end.

She was born January 18, 1957 in Lewisburg, a daughter of the late Sterril A. and Carrie V. (Brouse) Knepp. On June 23, 1979 she married Robert E. "Bob" Witmer Jr. who preceded her in death on November 2, 2022.

Darlene was a graduate of West Snyder High School.

She was a member of Grace Reformed Church in Troxelville.

Darlene worked as a cafeteria aide at Beaver Adams Elementary School and West Snyder High School. She then went on to work at Conestoga Wood Specialties.

In her free time, she enjoyed going to yard sales, Black Friday shopping, attending local parades and carnivals, swimming in her pool, baking her special angel food cake, gardening, going to church, playing basketball and winning card games against her grandkids, and trips to the beach. Darlene "Aunnie" especially loved attending her grandkids sporting events.

She is survived by two children, Natalie (Barrett) Knepp and Kevin (Phoretta) Witmer; six grandchildren, Logan, Austin (Alyssa), Tristen Witmer, Brynn, Lorynn Knepp, Coby Hoover; two brothers; Melvin and Robert "Bobby" Knepp.

A viewing was held on Sunday, November 16 at the Kreamer Funeral Home, 130 S. Zechman St., Beavertown. The funeral service was on Monday, November 17 at Grace Reformed Church, Troxelville with Rev. Dwight Rine officiating.

Burial followed in Troxelville Union Cemetery.

A luncheon was provided at Grace Reformed Church for a time of sharing and fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to honor Darlene's memory may be made to Grace Reformed Church, P.O. Box 44, Troxelville, PA 17882.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Darlene's caregivers for their compassionate care, Karen Aumiller, Mary Hostettler, Rachell Kratzer, and Stacy Boyer.

## William J. Kadryna, 84, Shamokin Dam



William, known by friends and family as "Bill," "Grandpa," and "Papa," entered into rest on Tuesday morning, November 18, 2025, at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg, PA, surrounded by his loving family.

William was born on June 19, 1941, in Scranton, Lackawanna County, PA, to the late William Walter and Helen Nellie (Fedysky) Kadryna. He graduated from West Scranton High School in 1959 and continued his education at Keystone Junior College, where he earned an Associate of Arts in Chemical Engineering in 1961. William furthered his studies at Pennsylvania State University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1966. His academic journey didn't stop there; he earned a Master of Business Administration from Bucknell University in 1977, a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Wilkes & Lehigh University, and a teaching certificate from Susquehanna University in 1998.

On June 25, 1966, he married the former Ann Joyce Haller of Tunkhannock, who survives. Bill retired after 30 years from Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, where he served as a Distribution Area Operating Manager and Electrical Engineer. Following his retirement, he worked as a substitute math teacher at the Selinsgrove Area School District and the Southern Columbia School District. Later, he joined his son's business, Impact Management in Danville, PA, where he worked for ten years.

Bill was a dedicated member of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Selinsgrove, PA. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and a Past President of the Rotary Club in Selinsgrove, PA, where he played a key role in the planning and development of the Rotary Field. Bill was also an active member of the Train Collectors Association and served as an advisor for the Transportation Committee of the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he was involved with Boy Scout Troop 419 in Selinsgrove, PA, as an assistant leader and committee member, and he contributed his expertise as a board member and business advisor for the Hemlock Girl Scout Council.

Bill had a passion for Lionel O gauge trains and amassed an extensive collection. He enjoyed fishing, especially in Canada, and loved traveling with his wife to Germany, Hawaii, and Alaska to visit their daughter while she served in the U.S. Air Force. Bill was also a dedicated Penn State football fan and a season ticket holder, attending many games. However, his greatest passion was for his family. He loved his wife and children dearly and was so very proud of his four grandchildren with all of their sports, scouting, and academic achievements. They were the absolute light of his life!

In addition to his loving wife Joyce of 59 years, Bill is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly Ann (Kadryna), Colonel (Ret.), USAF, and Christopher Allen Tooman, Colonel (Ret.), USAF; his son and daughter-in-law, William James "Jim" Jr. and Sherri Kadryna; former daughter-in-law, Nikki Lynn (Sechrist) Kadryna; four grandchildren, fraternal twins Isabella Nichole Kadryna and Olivia Nichole Kadryna, Alexander James Kadryna, and Danica Joyce Tooman; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine Marie "Cookie" (Kadryna) and John Charles Ruhanna Sr., and Diane Lynn (Kadryna) and Bromley Williams Johnson Sr.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and his beloved toy poodle, Buddy.

A private funeral mass for his family will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 112 Fairview Drive, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, with Father Joshua Cavender as the Celebrant. Friends and family are invited to a Penn State tailgate-themed gathering celebrating the life of Bill on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at The Venue at Liberty Valley, 533 Liberty Valley Road, Danville, PA 17821.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in loving memory of Bill to the Selinsgrove Wrestling Association, PO Box 233, Hummels Wharf, PA 17831.

Arrangements made by the V. L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 N. High Street, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

## Judith A. Keister, 76, formerly of Beaver Springs and Middleburg



Judith passed away on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Greenwood Village, Lewistown.

She was born Nov. 23, 1948, in Lewisburg. Judy graduated from Selinsgrove High School and on May 17, 1968, married Solomon F. Keister, who preceded her in death on Jan. 16, 2009.

Her work history included Kinney Shoe Corporation in Beaver Springs, Thyme Markets, Strawder Minimart and IGA Market in Middleburg.

Judy attended St. Peters Independent Bible Church, Beavertown, she enjoyed crocheting, word find books, spending time with her family as well as dining out with friends and family. She loved anything with peanut butter and found particular pleasure with her puppy Dixie Lee.

Surviving is a daughter, Lori A. (Wayne) Clouser; two sons, Duane E. Keister (Pamela Roush) and Steven D. Keister; son-in-law, Earnest Long; four grandchildren, Keisha (Tyler) Gardner, Steven S. Keister, Hank Clouser, Karly Landis, and two great-grandsons, Caleb and Ryan.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Long, and a granddaughter, Vanessa Clouser.

A viewing will be held on Monday, Nov. 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Independent Bible Church, Middle Road, Beavertown, followed by the funeral at 11 with Rev. Alvin Smith officiating. Burial will be in the Troxelville Union Cemetery.

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

## John O. Reinard, 68, Mount Pleasant Mills



John passed away on Nov. 9, 2025, at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

Born July 24, 1957, son of the late Ammon and Alice (Sholly) Reinard. On May 25, 2002, he married Norma Inch who survives.

John worked 31 years as a heavy machine operator, his last employer being Hempt Brothers Construction. John held a brown belt in Tae Kwon Do. He had a passion for sprint car dirt track racing, spending many years as a mechanic on Bill and Bobby Landis' cars.

John was devoted to Fremont Fire Co. for many years, holding many offices in house in addition to being a firefighter and with the fire police. For many years, he helped George Garman anytime day or night in many situations.

John was very devoted to many things, such as hunting, fishing, and being a mechanic; but his most loved past time was butchering, from early fall until early spring. He absolutely loved the camaraderie of many friends and family always with a wink and a "just kidding."

John's immediate family are a brother Leroy (Helen) Reinard; sisters Mary Gaup and Martha (Amos) Sensenig; a son Michael Reinard with Paula Athey; grandsons Dylan (Rhiannon) Reinard, Noah, and Issac Reinard; two great-grandsons Maverick and Leo Reinard; his inherited family: Sandy (Shiltz) and Jason Bright; son Aaron Shiltz and daughter Selina (Shiltz) and Michael Spade; grandchildren Alan Harbaugh, Rebecca Harbaugh, Teneale Moyer, Mason Spade, and Charlie Spade; and great-grandchildren Bransen Gemberling and Kinsley Kerstetter.

A viewing was held on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at St. Thomas Independent Brethren in Christ Church, 1070 St Thomas Road, Mount Pleasant Mills. A funeral service followed with Pastor Roger Womer and son-in-law Jason Bright officiating.

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

## Edward "Rick" Menne, Middleburg

Rick passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 8, 2025.

Born on October 22, 1951, in Bethlehem, PA, Rick was the son of Edward and Arlene Menne.

Rick graduated from Liberty High School in 1969 and attended college at Drexel University, graduating in 1974 with a degree in social services. After a brief time working in a juvenile detention center as a social worker, Rick changed career paths to follow his interest in woodworking and construction.

In 1975, along with several friends, Rick purchased a farm in the Middleburg area, eventually moving to the area full-time in pursuit of a quiet lifestyle. Rick married Beverly in 1983 and welcomed his only child, Sara, soon after. The family resided in a small cabin while Rick designed and built the family home.

Rick held a variety of jobs over the years: bartender and cook at the Scarlet "D", various construction jobs, making and installing countertops for Lewisburg Builders, and crafting and selling fine furniture to customers throughout the country. Rick was most proud of his efforts to supply insect boxes to the entomology department at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Ever the perfectionist, Rick was known for his fine quality of work and attention to detail.

Rick loved music and attended many music festivals and events over the years. He was a gourmet cook and enjoyed hosting dinner parties. Guests were lucky if he decided to serve his excellent crab cakes. He was an avid sports fan and was lucky to see the Eagles win two Super Bowls. Rick enjoyed Friday poker games with The Poker Boyz, never winning much money, but always appreciating the comradery. Most importantly, Rick was a steward of his land, spearheading the creation of two pollinator fields to support the bee and butterfly population.

Rick was sometimes a man of few words, but he cared deeply for his wife and daughter. He was a steady, dependable presence and could be counted on for advice and support. Rick was genuinely interested in his grandchildren's activities and appreciated hearing their ideas and opinions. In addition to his immediate family, Rick was close to his sisters, Dianne and Patricia, who affectionally referred to him as "The Golden Boy". Rick also had many close friends, some relationships lasting over 50 years. Keeping in touch with these lifelong friends was very important to Rick.

In addition to his wife, Beverly, Rick is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Sara and Erik Bolton of Lewisburg, grandchildren, Emma and Jack Bolton, his sister Dianne and brother-in-law Donald Scheck of Bethlehem, and sister Patricia and brother-in-law Donald Soltysiak of Hellertown. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and close family friends.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Susan Blake, and brother-in-law, Jamie Blake.

Family and friends are invited to a remembrance service at Laurel Lodge, 177 Camp Laurel Road, Mifflinburg, on December 13th, at 11:30, followed by a meal. Casual attire is requested.

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Shown here are Elizabeth Canfield representing Rep. David Rowe; Wendy Dombroskie representing Sen. Lynda Schlegel Culver; Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA; Rylan Ebright, America250PA Snyder County Advisor; Snyder County Commissioner Chuck Steininger, Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz, Brother Lynn B. Baker, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; Brother Mark Strawser, Junior Warden of Lafayette Lodge No. 194; and Snyder County Commissioner Adam Ewig.



Pictured with the Liberty Tree at Faylor Lake are The Heroes of '76, National Sojourner Lycoming Chapter No. 509 (on the left) and members of Middleburg Lodge 619, Lafayette Lodge No. 194 (on the right).

Snyder County celebrated the planting of the Liberty Tree at the publicly-owned Faylor Lake in Beaver Springs on October 11, 2025. Approximately 55 people attended this historic event. Generously sponsored by and in partnership with the Pennsylvania Freemasons, America250PA's Liberty Tree Project includes a certified Liberty Tree being planted in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. Tilley's Nursery has been caring for the Liberty Trees as they grow and prepare to take root across the Commonwealth.

"The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is proud to partner with America250PA to plant these symbols of freedom in all 67 counties across the Commonwealth in preparation for the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation," said Lynn B. Baker, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. "I think Faylor is a most fitting place for this piece of history. The tree is a descendent of one of the 13 original Liberty trees where our founding fathers planned the revolution. I hope this living symbol of our history will live for hundreds of years. So, our future generations will have a living symbol from our past."

The Heroes of '76, National Sojourner Lycoming Chapter No. 509 presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother Alan E. Elliott, District Deputy Grand Master of the 46th Masonic District. The National Anthem was then performed by Brother Mark Strawser, Junior Warden of Lafayette Lodge No. 194. Brother Alan E. Elliott gave the opening invocation.

Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA, acted as MC for the ceremony. She is a member of the official Commission charged with planning and coordinating all programming, projects, and events around the 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026. "America250PA is committed to one mission: reaching every Pennsylvanian."

Coleman noted, "We're so grateful to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for helping to make this Liberty Tree Project possible... We look forward to keeping that partnership strong as we get ready to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday."

When addressing the gathering, Snyder County Commissioner Joe Kantz said, "We can be confident that this tree will be a reminder of Liberty for generations to come. In fact, it is my hope that 250 years from now, this tree may be standing here." He noted that our roots run deep in Snyder County and many family members fought for our country "that determined our future, wars that secured our freedom, and wars that defined our resolve."

Commissioner Kantz concluded his speech by saying, this Liberty Tree "will certainly give Faylor Lake, Snyder County a flavor that is sharp with sentiment, rich with reminders of those who paid the price of freedom and sweet with the strength of liberty for many years to come."

Coleman then presented Brother Lynn B. Baker, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania with a Certificate of Authenticity stating "a certified seedling descended from America's last surviving Liberty Tree from the thirteen original colonies. This tree is placed to commemorate the 250th American Anniversary of the United States and the individuals who achieved American Independence through service to our nation and heroic sacrifices."

Brother Baker then addressed the attendees. "Freemasonry's ideals of faith, hope, and charity; brotherly love, relief, and truth; can be found imbedded in each of the country's foundational documents. Freemasons themselves played a prominent role in securing American independence. Nine signers of the Declaration of Independence, 33 generals in the Continental Army, 48 signers of the Articles of Confederation, and 13 of the 39 signers of the Constitution were Freemasons. Benjamin Franklin, a central figure in France's aid to the American cause, served as Grand Master of Pennsylvania in both 1734 and 1749." George Washington was another well-known Freemason.

Brother Baker also noted that after the Birth of our Nation, "Freemasons have continued to build communities across this country. Just as this Liberty Tree is a living, tangible connection to the past, so too is our Masonic Fraternity. Masonic ideals are just as relevant today as they were 300 years ago. Civil discourse, religious tolerance, equality, service, and love of country are the threads that hold America together, and since the beginning, those threads have been sewn by American Freemasons. Those same foundational ideals continue to be needed in our nation today. Freemasonry's core values remain a blueprint to create better men, better communities, and a better nation."

Then he added, "250 years ago, Freemasonry ignited the passion within the founders of our great nation, just as it works to Ignite the Light Within our members today. It was true then, as it is now - that the Masonic fraternity is a place where young men can find greatness, and accomplished men can give something back."

Coleman concluded the ceremony by saying, "This Liberty Tree stands as symbol of the kind of collaboration that is at the heart of our mission at America250PA. It is both a living monument and a public invitation. To everyone who visits this park, it says: you belong here. Your story matters. And your voice is part of what comes next."

After the closing invocation, people were invited to the Faylor Lake Pavilion for refreshments. "It was a beautiful day to celebrate the Liberty Tree planted at Faylor Lake. I am grateful to the Pennsylvania Lodge of Free & Accepted Mason for sponsoring the Liberty Tree. Also, a big thank you to Weis Markets and Middleswarth Potato Chips for sponsoring the reception," said Ebright, America250PA Snyder County Advisor.

In addition to Snyder County Commissioners Joe Kantz, Chuck Steininger, and Adam Ewig, representatives from the offices of State Senator Lynda Schlegel Culver (Wendy Dombroskie) and State Representative David Rowe (Elizabeth Canfield) were in attendance. Pam Sparta and Susan Harman from the National Society of the Daughters of the America Revolution (NSDAR) donned period costumes, Boy Scout Troop 408 McClure, and Rylan Ebright and several members of the Snyder County Chapter of America250PA were also in attendance underscoring the broad support for America250PA in Snyder County.



The 2025 Fremont Apple Harvest Festival was the perfect setting to enjoy the crisp fall weather, munch on delicious food, visit with friends you haven't seen for a while, and support the

local fire company. Saturday also featured the 8th Annual Fremont Apple Festival Car, Truck & Bike Show with 90-100 entries. Saturday kicked off with an All You Can Eat Breakfast.

The County Store featured apple cider, apple dumplings, apple butter, crocks, mugs, and a huge display of pumpkins, mums, and gourds. The food is all homemade. They also sold tee shirts and sweat shirts.

Vendors lined the midway with a variety of food and assorted merchandise. The fire company offered delicious hand-dipped ice cream from Turkey Hill. There was also Homemade Root Beer, Hot Sausages, Pulled Pork, French Fries, Fish Sandwiches and more for those with the munchies. Crafts from local vendors were showcased under the huge tents. Other vendor tents dotted the field. Festival-goers tried their luck with the Cake Wheel.

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Approximately, 700 items were featured in the Chinese Auction. There was an assortment of prizes such as shirts, crocks, wreaths, gift cards, seasonal items, homemade afghan blankets, mums and even a porch swing filling the fire company social hall! There were high hopes of being a lucky winner! Many people consider this to be one of the best Chinese Auction in the area because of the number of items and the quality of the prizes.

"We want to thank anyone who helped with the Chinese Auction in any way. There was a little bit of something for everyone," says Chris Bickhart, head organizer of the auction.

The 2025 Annual Fremont Apple Harvest Festival was a fun-filled homecoming event for many and a place to make new friends for others. The Fremont Fire Department appreciates everyone who came out and all the businesses and individuals who supported this annual fundraiser.



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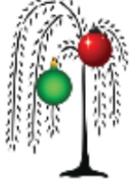
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# Rack'Em For Tatum Benefit Tournament

By Jamiee Joiner



A pool tournament and benefit event was held at the Selinsgrove Moose Lodge to help support 8-month-old Tatum Danley on Saturday, October 4, 2025. Community members, friends, and family of the Danley's showed up to help raise funds aiming to alleviate the financial burden on the Danley family as they focus on caring for their little boy who has been fighting an unrelenting battle since birth when he received a diagnosis of Congenital Nephrotic Syndrome, a roller coaster of medical complications and setbacks that have kept him in the NICU long past his due date to come home. In addition, Tatum has been reliant on a ventilator to breathe.

Friends of the Danley family, Eric Musser and Kaci Stevenson, took charge and organized this benefit for Tatum and his parents, Lindsey and Elmer Danley. Since birth, Tatum has spent his entire life hospitalized, first at Geisinger until April and then at the Hershey Medical Center in the NICU and PICU. They are trying to raise funds for Tatum's continuous medical care, out of pocket medical expenses, specialized equipment for his eventual transition home, and for the kidney transplant that he will need. Tatum's doctors have indicated that it is typical to wait until two years old to do this type of transplant procedure.

This adorable little guy was born three months prematurely and has endured many health hurdles in his life, and despite all that he has dealt with, he continues to smile and be happy. So far, Tatum has already had one of his kidney's removed and has a genetic condition. He has dealt with bowel obstructions, brain bleeds, seizure-like activity, and Tatum recently faced another major hurdle when part of his small intestine had to be removed due to a perforation and sepsis, which has left him with short gut syndrome.

Tatum's mom, Lindsey, told me that she and her husband are currently going through trach training at Hershey to be able to provide the in-home care that Tatum will need when he is finally able to come home. They are currently only a quarter of the way through the extensive training which they are trying to complete between them both working and traveling to spend time with Tatum in Hershey.

All of the medical care and equipment that is needed to properly care for Tatum is expensive, and there are things that insurance will not cover. Lindsey Danley stated, "We feel thankful that we have a great village of people in their lives, and we are

super-appreciative of those who have helped them along the way. We are grateful for the community's support, and one business has donated a lot of money. Victoria Rosancrans has gotten the word out about the rally in the valley."

A total of forty-two teams consisting of two players each registered and competed in the scotch doubles pool tournament which followed BCA Rules and was Double Elimination, with a Payout 50/50 and a Race 3/2. The pool tournament was organized by Eric Musser.

They also had a Chinese Auction organized by Kaci Stevenson which was held upstairs in the Moose Lodge and featured a large variety of baskets and gift cards generously donated by businesses and community members. There were so many amazing baskets which ranged from a luxurious beauty supply basket from Black Velvet House of Beauty to several cozy fall-themed baskets to ones geared for car lovers, pet lovers, and home chefs. I saw many gift cards from Weis Markets, Mid-Town Bistro, Marzoni's, On a Roll, Burger King, and more.

In total, over \$10,000 was raised at the event. If you missed the benefit and would like to help by contributing to Tatum's medical expenses and help support him and his family, donations can be made in person or mailed to the Central Keystone Federal Credit Union located at 1000 Market Street in Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801 into the account of Lindsey and Elmer Danley.

## Friends of the Selinsgrove Donated \$10,920 to SARI



*Pictured here are (front row): Becky Wilson, Joyce Hendricks, and Elizabeth Fincke, Friends of the Pool. (back row): John Walter, Kim Soper, Mike Reed, Richard Mease, Jeff Reed, Katie Grooms, SARI.*

The Friends of the Selinsgrove Pool recently presented a donation of \$10,920.00 to the board members of SARI. Thanks to the Selinsgrove community for helping us make this possible.

# SUN Area Technical Institute Hosts First Trunk-or-Treat



SUN Area Technical Institute held its first-ever Trunk-or-Treat event on Saturday, October 25, transforming the school grounds into a festive fall celebration for hundreds of children and their families. The event featured decorated trunks, games, snacks, treats, and a movie — all designed to bring the community together for a safe and fun Halloween experience.

The Advertising Art and Design students presented the idea of a Trunk-or-Treat to Administrative Director, Kristy Etzler. Together, HOSA advisor and Patient Care Technician instructor Kaylee Moser, SkillsUSA advisor and Carpentry instructor Brian Lauer, and Kristy Etzler, spearheaded the event. Moser shared that she had been hoping to organize a Trunk-or-Treat for several years.

"I've wanted to do this for a long time," said Moser. "With the support of Mr. Lauer and Mrs. Etzler, everything finally came together — and seeing so many families here made it all worth it."

All nineteen of SUN Tech's programs were invited to participate by decorating trunks and offering snacks or treats as class fundraisers. Funds raised help support student organizations such as SkillsUSA, HOSA, and FCCLA, as well as class events, field trips, and jackets. Nine programs took part in this year's event, including Advertising Art & Design, Carpentry, Computer Networking and Technology, Culinary Arts, Electrical Systems, Electrical-Mechanical Technology, HVAC, Nurse Aide, and Patient Care Technician.

Local businesses were also invited to join in the fun. CMSU, United Plate Glass, and ADAM Transportation participated, with additional donations from QE Manufacturing and Norm's Drywall. Alumni, staff, and friends of SUN Tech also contributed by setting up trunks and handing out treats.

"This was truly a team effort," said Lauer. "It's great to see our school, students, and community working together for something so positive."

Director Kristy Etzler added that the success of the event has already inspired planning for next year.

"We couldn't have asked for a better turnout," said Etzler. "We're already talking about ways to make next year's Trunk-or-Treat even bigger and better."

SUN Area Technical Institute extends its gratitude to all the staff, students, businesses, and families who helped make the event a success.

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# Families in Recovery to Host Sober Skate Night on Nov. 29

Susquehanna Valley Mediation, or SVM, is gearing up for year two of the November Family Sober Skate at the Sunset Skating Rink in Selinsgrove! Free and strictly sober events like these are imperative for those in the community who are fighting to remain in recovery, as well as their family members or loved ones. Last year, they welcomed over 100 community members to a night of dancing, games, and all-around wholesome family fun. This year, we're hoping to see that number increase.

Susquehanna Valley Mediation's Families in Recovery is excited to announce Sober Skate Night, a free event for those in recovery and their family members from 4:30 to 6:30 pm on Saturday, Nov. 29 at the Sunset Skating Rink, 2755 N Susquehanna Tr., Shamokin Dam.

Families in Recovery invites those in recovery and/

or family members of those in recovery to dust off their skates and enjoy a safe and sober day of fun together! Thanks to Pik-Rite for once again sponsoring this joyful event!

"This is a great opportunity for families in recovery to come together and have fun with their kids, parents, grandparents and friends. In recovery, we need to learn how to have fun again while staying sober. Doing something active together in this type of environment is so good for the soul," said Families in Recovery Program Director Shawnee Robel.

For more information about Sober Skate Night and other Families in Recovery events, please contact Robel at (272) 444-1024 or familiesinrecovery@svmediation.org.

# Selinsgrove High School Class of 1975 Reunion



Selinsgrove High School Class of 1975 recently held their 50th Reunion. Can you guess who these classmates are from this photo? Hint: They are all in the Sensational 60's now!

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# Preservation Kickoff Celebrates Major Investment in Affordable Senior Housing in Selinsgrove



Community partners, local officials, project team members, and SEDA-COG staff gather to celebrate the kickoff of renovations at Market Street Manor and High Street Manor in Selinsgrove.



SEDA-COG's Leslie Osgood joins resident Roberta Meiser and Todd Ross of T-Ross Brothers Construction for the ceremonial first swing of the sledgehammer, marking the start of renovations at Market Street Manor.

Public officials and development partners gathered Monday, Oct. 6, 2025 with the SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) Housing Development Corporation (HDC) to celebrate the official kickoff of a major preservation and renovation project at two properties, Market Street Manor and High Street Manor, in Snyder County.

The event marked the beginning of a \$13.4 million investment to preserve and improve the housing complexes, ensuring safe, quality, affordable housing remains in our region for years to come.

Without this investment, the long-term viability of the building, and the ability to continue serving our residents, would have been increasingly at risk. This preservation

effort safeguards not only the structure of the buildings, but also ensures we can continue to provide affordable, independent living options.

With a growing waitlist of older adults seeking housing, maintaining and improving existing units is essential to meeting community needs and avoiding more costly institutional alternatives.

Renovations are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2026. The project will add 2 new units and include major upgrades to mechanical systems and HVAC. Exterior improvements will feature new roofing, siding, windows, and doors. Interior renovations will include full-size stoves, walk-in showers, new refrigerators, and updated flooring.

While the facility is independent living and does not provide direct care, a robust service plan will be implemented in partnership with the Union-Snyder Area Agency on Aging. This plan will bring supportive services on-site to assist residents with various needs.

An internal rent subsidy will also be introduced to help ensure affordability for very low-income residents.

The celebration featured opening remarks and acknowledgments from Kim Wheeler, executive director of SEDA-COG and chair of the HDC board of directors. Leslie Osgood, rental housing program chief at SEDA-COG, followed with an overview of the project's scope. Attendees were then invited to share their own reflections and remarks, creating a meaningful moment of connection and shared purpose.

"I'm very excited to be in Selinsgrove this afternoon on behalf of Executive Director Wiessman and PHFA Board of Directors to celebrate the start of the preservation," stated Logan Minnich, lending analyst at PHFA. "PHFA is very happy to be a funder in this much needed rehab which will preserve quality, affordable housing for the residents."

Representatives from the offices of State Senator Lynda

Schlegel Culver and State Representative David Rowe were attendance, underscoring the broad support for preserving affordable senior housing in Snyder County.

Snyder County Commissioner Adam Ewig spoke on behalf of the Commissioners stating, "Affordable senior housing options in Snyder County are limited, so it's encouraging to see this project preserved- and even expanded with 2 additional units. Housing affordability is essential to human flourishing, and we're proud to help keep residents here in the county."

Funding and support for the project includes:

- \$742,680 in PennHOMES (Federal HOME) funds awarded by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). In addition, PHFA also approved \$1.067 million in tax credits, expected to generate about \$9.1 million in equity, and authorized the transfer of an existing \$1.3 million PennHOMES loan to the development.
- \$32,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the Snyder County Commissioners.
- \$25,000 in CDBG funds and \$75,000 from the Rudy Gelnett Trust, allocated by the Borough of Selinsgrove.
- \$9.18 million in private investment from Fulton Bank.
- 1.6 million investment from the SEDA-COG HDC.

"Together, these contributions represent more than just dollars-they reflect a deep and shared commitment to preserving these communities for the long term," stated SEDA-COG Executive Director Wheeler. "Every partner, every advocate, every dollar has helped bring us to this moment. And while today marks the official kickoff, it's also a celebration of what we can achieve when we work together."

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## Stronger Together: Community Coffee Builds a Network of Support



Community Coffee, a monthly Zoom group, meets to collaborate, network, and share resources to better support families, respond to challenges, and connect them to resources more effectively. They recently held an in-person luncheon.

Last year, SUMMIT Early Learning launched Community Coffee – a monthly networking and information-sharing group designed to bring together community agencies and organizations that serve individuals and families.

Community Coffee provides a casual, collaborative space where agencies can:

- Share updates about their programs and services.
- Exchange ideas and discuss challenges.
- Promote upcoming events and initiatives.
- Build strong, lasting relationships with fellow organizations.

“Building a community of agencies with ongoing relationships helps families obtain the resources they need,” says Bette Scott, Community Relationship Manager at SUMMIT Early Learning. “When we work together, we create a stronger safety net in our region.”

By fostering these connections, Community Coffee equips participants to better support families, respond to challenges, and connect them to resources more effectively.

Meetings are held virtually on the second Thursday of each month via Zoom, making it easy for anyone to join.

If your organization serves families and you're looking to collaborate, network, and share resources, SUMMIT welcomes you! For more information or to be added to the invitation list, please contact Bette at [bette.scott@summitel.org](mailto:bette.scott@summitel.org).

## Service 1st Federal Credit Union Celebrates ‘50 Years of Friends You Can Bank On’ in 2025

Edited by Kay Poeth



Service 1st Federal Credit Union's Corporate Center is located in Danville, PA. It's one of twelve locations including Bloomsburg, Danville, Elysburg, Lewisburg, Loyalsock, Mifflinburg, Montandon, Muncy, Shamokin Dam, Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre, in addition to the financial institution's digital banking presence available to members.



Service 1st Federal Credit Union, first known as Geisinger Employees Federal Credit Union, began at a table in the cafeteria and then moved to one of the cottages on the hospital's Danville campus.

Members, their families and their businesses for the trust they place in us. We're looking forward to celebrating with members throughout the year during a number of upcoming events.”

My husband and I stopped by the Shamokin Dam branch on Friday, October 17. Like most branch celebrations, Shamokin Dam offered lunch provided by KND's Pizza, chips, and a variety of desserts. The office was busy. Bank representative greeted customers. Customers did their banking while others chatted and signed up for door prizes. Alas, we were not lucky winners, but we enjoyed the lunch and comradery of the event. The creative pumpkin display was adorable. The branch celebrations are staggered to extend throughout 2025 across the area.

In 1975, Barbara Criswell, founding member and long-time Service 1st Board Director led the group of Geisinger Medical Center employees who identified the need

for credit union services and rallied support and involvement from their colleagues. In the beginning, the credit union was run by volunteers who opened accounts at a table in the hospital's cafeteria and later from one of the on-campus cottages.

“It was Barbara's vision that initially sparked, what is now known as Service 1st Federal Credit Union,” added Mike Thomas. Criswell retired from Service 1st's Board of Directors last summer after serving as a volunteer in numerous and impactful roles for nearly 40 years.

Originally chartered on August 25, 1975, as Geisinger Employees Federal Credit Union, it's also important to understand the timing of Service 1st's Charter. It was amid the Women's Movement which covered a span of nearly 20 years from the 1960s through the 1980s. In the 1960s, women had won the right to open a bank account on their own; however, most financial institutions didn't honor that right until 1974 when the Equal Opportunity Act was passed. The following year, would become known as the International Women's Year, declared by the United Nations and marked by the World Conference on Women held from June 19 through July 2 in 1975.

“Barbara began a long-standing tradition by stepping outside of the box to start a cooperative institution that would positively impact the financial lives of so many locally over the past 50 years,” said Thomas. “We're committed to continuing this tradition and working with our members to achieve their financial goals. Our promise to our members remains to provide a lifetime of financial services to meet their changing needs, fostering a relationship of trust, dignity and respect.”

To commemorate this milestone year, the credit union has been and will be hosting a number of 50th Anniversary Member Appreciation events throughout 2025 and celebrating during their regularly scheduled fundraising events. For more information, visit [service1.org](http://service1.org) or call Service 1st Federal Credit Union at 800.562.6049.

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# The Bell Tolls at Christ UM Church as Nathaniel Orner Completes Eagle Scout Project

By Kay Poeth



Pictured here is Jason Fasold, Lisa Orner, Nathaniel Orner, Cole Orner, Dan Orner, and Rev. David Keyworth.



As a Boy Scout in Troop 419, Nathaniel Orner approached the idea of his Eagle Scout thoughtfully. The purpose of an Eagle Scout Project “is to demonstrate leadership skills and provide service to the community. It requires Scout to plan, develop, and lead a project that benefits a religious institution, school or their community.”

His Uncle Jason Fasold mentioned building a structure to house the bell on land around the church. The bell has a long history with the congregation of Christ United Methodist Church.

The bell once rang proudly from the top of Christ United Methodist Church located at 429 North Eight Street in Selinsgrove beckoning the members to services. In May 2015, a devastating electrical fire severely damaged the church.

Judie Sprengle recalls hearing the bell ring by age 4. She remembers being “allowed to ring the bell when I was in Girl Scouts and in the choir.”

The congregation made the decision to move to a new location. The building was sold to the Snyder County Coalition for Kids and now houses the Regional Engagement Center (REC).

Christ United Methodist Church, now located at 145 Disciple Drive in Selinsgrove, had plans to install the bell at the church since 2017 but never did. After obtaining the Church Council’s approval, Nathaniel’s Eagle Scout Project soon got underway.

After discussing the structure to hold the bell, Jason Fasold created a preliminary sketch of the future framework. Bobbie Owen and Dave Bowersox removed the bell from the belfry. Nathaniel and Jason then visited Bobbie Owens’s shop, owner of Owens Historic Preservation Services Ltd., who had volunteered to refurbish the historic bell. They obtained dimensions of the rusty bell and the brackets. “Nate and I returned to the drawings and adjusted things to fit the bell. Nate was able to use these drawings to help estimate materials needed for his project and use them as a blue print to start building the foundation for the structure,” explained Fasold.

Nathaniel’s leaderships truly began to shine as he worked on logistics, ordering materials, organizing and

overseeing volunteers, plus fundraising for the massive project. It became a family affair as his brother Cole and father Dan stepped up to assist. His mother Lisa offered encouragement, running for supplies, or getting food and water for the workers.

According to Nathaniel, “The work for my project started on March 29, 2025. With the help of 52 volunteers, the project took 1003-man hours. First, we had to dig out an 8’x8’ hole and filled it with over 80 bags of concrete. We then built up four pillars and one large center pillar to sit the bell on. We had to also lay a lip of concrete on the middle pillar and we co-filled the four main pillars with concrete as well.”

The next step, was the construction of a roof to cover and provide protection for the structure. “It was designed by my brother, Cole, and high school teacher Mr. Aument. Once the roof was installed, we had to place plywood and metal roofing onto it.

Finally, Nate’s father, Dan Orner, installed stone veneering on the entire project. While they worked on the roof and veneer, the patio was installed. “We had to dig out the perimeter, lay a layer of gravel, then a layer of sand, and finally we laid the bricks. Helping Hands (organization in CUMC) purchased two benches to be placed on the patio. Our work was finished on August 31, 2025.”

In the meantime, Bobbie Owens and her team began removing rusty soot and dirt from the bell that had been delivered in pieces. After stripping away brown paint and cleaning the hardware and brackets, the bell was restored to its original shiny silver color with only minor cracks. Everyone was amazed by the dramatic transformation of the bell.

Through research, Owens also uncovered the history of the church bell. The bell was casted in 1842 by John Wilbanks’s foundry, a Philadelphia Bell Caster appointed by the city in 1828, to make a replacement for the damaged Liberty Bell. Etched in the bell are the words, “Cast By J. Wilbank/Philad. 1842”.

The original location for the bell was in the First Evangelical Church in New Berlin. Later, the bell was moved to Evangelical United Brethren Church on 8th and Mill Street in Selinsgrove. In 1968 the Methodist Church and Evangelical United Brethren Church merged forming the United Methodist Church, renaming the church on 8th and Mill Street to Christ United Methodist Church.

On September 19, 2025, Bobbie Owens installed the bell in the new structure built by Nathaniel Orner and his team of volunteers. In addition to Owens and his family, Troop 419, Venture Crew 2307, and Christ United Methodist Church members all helped with the project.

Markers are attached to the bell structure. One marker acknowledges Nathaniel Thomas Orner’s Eagle Scout Project as member of Boy Scout Troop 419. The other marker details the history of the bell uncovered by Bobbie Owens with the Rededication dated at the bottom.

“I am very proud of Nate for all his hard work and leadership skills he put into this project to organize fundraising and arranging donations for this project,” said Fasold. “All this hard work and effort is paid back every time the bell is rang and seeing all the smiles of the church people and all the memories the sound brings back to them over all the years it rang on 8th and Mill Street. It is exciting to hear this bell in on the hill of 522.”

On October 5, 2025, a Dedication Service of the Bell was held at Christ United Methodist Church attended by family members, members of the church family, and the public. The consecration service was led by Rev. David

Keyworth. During the service Nate declared, “I present this bell to be consecrated to the glory of Almighty God and for the service in the congregation.” The gathering also sang the Doxology together.

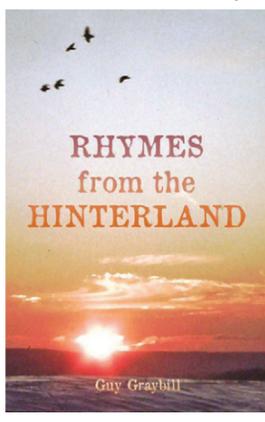
Rev. Keyworth noted, “...Thanks to Bobbie Owens the bell has now been restored and refurbished. I call the bell to be played.” Then, together Nathaniel and his brother Colerang the bell and the crowd applauded. The service concluded with Rev. Keyworth saying, “Nate, we thank you and all those who worked and assisted in the building of this structure for the bell to be housed. For the over 1000 hours that it took to build. For all of this we give our God the glory, and honor, and praise.”

“We are super proud of him for completing the project and excited for him to be the 120th Eagle Scout for Troop 429,” said Lisa and Dan Orner.

After admiring the bell, the attendees walked to the OWC pavilion for a time of fellowship and refreshments. “I love that the bell rings over the community,” said Sprengle.

## Guy Graybill’s Poetry Book Is Now Published

By Kay Poeth



Local Snyder County author and Paxtonville native, Guy Graybill, has just had his eighth book published by Sunbury Press, Inc. of Mechanicsburg. This work, entitled “RHYMES FROM THE HINTERLAND,” contains slightly more than 100 poems of varied length, from four lines to more than 80 four-line verses (or quatrains), with some of the varied poems being very serious to those which are tongue-in-cheek humor. Many of the poems, or ‘rhymes’ as the author

labels them, have been published in publications here and in England.

The foreword, written by Jane and John Moore of Northumberland, describes of some of the poems as being light-hearted and “others quite somber.” It also quotes some pithy lines directly from the poems contained in the book, before concluding with the observation that “There’s something here for everyone!”

The beautiful cover photograph has a sunrise scene taken just east of Kreamer, along Route 522 at the entrance to was formerly known as “old Fishers Farm.” In addition to being the poet, Graybill also took the cover’s photograph. Graybill’s newest book is available locally at Hilsher’s General Store in Port Trevorton and at Graybill’s Used Books in Kreamer.

Guy Graybill is a member of the River Poets of Bloomsburg, the Society of Classical Poets, and the Perry County Council of the Arts, where he has twice read from his own poetic writings. Although now in his 90’s, this former social studies teacher and author recently read some of his poetry to the Selinsgrove Chapter of the D.A.R.

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The following accounts will be presented to the Orphans' Court Division of the Common Pleas Court of the 17th Judicial District, Snyder County Branch, for **CONFIRMATION NI SI** on **December 1, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.**

First and Final Account of Maholin Baney and Gregory Shawver, The Co-Executors for the Estate of Randall I. Boonie, Deceased, And Proposed Final Distribution.

Stephanie A. Wolf  
Clerk of Orphans' Court

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First and Final Account of Keith R. Boreman, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Kevin Scott Bickhart, a/k/a Kevin S. Bickhart, Late of Spring Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Stephanie A. Wolf  
Clerk of Orphans' Court

### LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Estate of DAVID L. WITMER, SR, late of Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

David L. Witmer, Jr.,  
Administrator  
1275 St. Thomas Road  
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17853

Or his Attorney:  
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503 North Market Street  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of BRIDGET P. YEIGH, late of Washington Township, Snyder County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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### LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

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Anna Hellman  
3491 Penns Drive  
Windfield, PA 17889

Joshua P. Sensenig  
308 Canal St.  
Lebanon, PA 17046

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

### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of NORMA L. NAUGLE A/K/A NORMA LUCY NAUGLE, late of Jackson Township, Snyder County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to:

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Snyder County Tax Claim Bureau with respect to the Consolidated Return of 2025 Upset Sale of Properties for Delinquent Taxes CV#550-2025 presented to the Snyder County Branch of the Court of Common Pleas for the 17th Judicial District of Pennsylvania on November 3, 2025 that the Consolidated Return was confirmed NiSi by the Court on November 6, 2025 and that objections or exceptions to the Consolidated Return may be filed by any owner or creditor within thirty (30) days after November 6, 2025. Objections or exceptions are to be filed at the Snyder County Prothonotary Office, Snyder County Courthouse, Middleburg, Pennsylvania. Otherwise, the Consolidated Return will be

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### 2026 MEETING DATES

JANUARY 06,2026 \*  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026  
MARCH 11, 2026  
APRIL 08, 2026  
MAY 13, 2026  
JUNE 10, 2026  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Notice is given by the Borough of Middleburg, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, that Council will consider enactment of the following Ordinance at its regular meeting at 7:00pm on December 9, 2025 at the Borough Building, 13 North Main Street, Middleburg, Pennsylvania immediately following the receipt of any public comment thereon.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MIDDLEBURG, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 27, PART 16, SUBSECTIONS 27-1602 AND 27-1607 - ZONING - OF THE MIDDLEBURG BOROUGH CODE TO ALLOW DISTILLING, RECTIFYING, BLENDING, BREWING, PROCESSING, AND PACKAGING OF LIQUORS, MALT LIQUORS, WINES AND BRANDY WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF THE COMMERCIAL (C) AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (NC) ZONES.**

Copies of the full text of the Ordinance may be examined by any citizen of Middleburg Borough during regular business hours at the Borough Building, and a copy of the proposed Ordinance may be obtained at a cost of \$0.25 per page.

Beau A. Hoffman,  
Esquire, AxRunKle, P.C.,  
Solicitor

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&  
Teresa P. Snyder,  
Co-Executor  
2554 Produce Road  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Or their Attorney:  
Cravitz Law Office, LLC  
503 North Market Street  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

### NOTICE

The proposed 2026 Budget for Union Township, Snyder County, PA is available for public inspection, by appointment, at the Union Township Building office, 1510 McNess Road, Port Trevorton, PA. To schedule an appointment, call the township office at 570-374-1919. The board expects to consider final adoption of the budget at their regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Union Township Building.

Esther Martin  
Secretary

### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of DONNA J. BANEY A/K/A DONNA JEAN BANEY, late of Penn Township, Snyder County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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### MEETING NOTICE

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June 9, 2026  
July 14, 2026  
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October 13, 2026  
November 10, 2026  
December 8, 2026

### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of WILLIAM J. KRATZER, late of Union Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.

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Sherry A. Dambrosia  
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Notice is hereby given that the West Beaver/McClure Veteran's Pool of McClure, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, shall hold its regular meetings for 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the McClure Area QRS building located at 48 E. Railroad St. McClure, PA 17841 on the following dates: January 12, 2026; February 9, 2026; March 9, 2026; April 13, 2026; May 11, 2026; June 8, 2026; July 13, 2026; August 10, 2026; September NO Meeting; October 12, 2026; November 9, 2026; December NO Meeting.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given that regular meetings of the Snyder County Board of Commissioners during 2026 will be held every first and third Tuesday, of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. ; the work sessions of the Board of Commissioners will be held every second and fourth Tuesday, of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. Meetings of the Snyder County Board of Assessment will be held the third Thursday of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. ; Meetings of the Snyder County Board of Elections will be held the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. ; the Salary Board on the first Thursdays of each quarter beginning at 9:30 a.m. with an addition meetings on January 6, 2026 and December 15, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.; the Employees Retirement Board on the first Thursday of each quarter beginning at 10:00 a.m. with an addition meeting on January 6, 2026 at 11:00 am. All meetings of the above listed boards will be held in the Commissioners Office, Snyder County Courthouse, 9 West Market Street, Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

Tony Phillips  
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# Evening of Wine & Art Supports Snyder County Libraries

By Kay Poeth



Guests supported the Snyder County Libraries by attending the Evening of Wine & Art fundraiser on October 3, 2025.



Kathy Boushie, Cheri DeSiena, Ruth Shaffer, and Lisa Ryan were lucky raffle winners of the exquisite floral centerpieces designed by Rine's Florist in Selingsgrove especially for the Snyder County Libraries Evening of Wine & Art.



Featured artist Valerie Moyer unveiled her new original painting of the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library in Selingsgrove which she created especially for the Wine & Art fundraiser.

The 20th Annual Evening of Wine & Art provided an exceptional evening filled with art, wine, and the spirit of giving. It was an opportunity to foster the love of art and knowledge. Snyder County Libraries annual fundraiser was at Shade Mountain Winery on October 4, 2025. Lynn Buck graciously greeted guests as they arrived.

"Literacy and knowledge are very important in our world. Libraries provide accurate resources to enhance your knowledge locally, internationally, and digitally," said Julie Eriksson.

From an Italian Dinner for 6 to Gilson Snowboard or an overnight stay at Idle Hour Cottage in Weikert, these were just some of the unique items offered at the silent auction benefiting the Snyder County Libraries. There were also several experiences including for SVC concert tickets, Community Arts Shows, Longwood Gardens tickets, Hershey Gardens tickets, and a Sunset Flower Farm trip. The highest bidders won tickets to DelGrosso Park & Laguna Splash, Hershey Bears game, Harrisburg Senators, BU Basketball Season tickets, and Kalahari passes. Others were baskets of goodies for baking, pasta, pizza, Gilmore Girls Night, and Paint & Sip. Some items were gift cards, jewelry, and Rine's Florist Bouquet-of-the-Month. Valerie Moyer also offered an original print of the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library to the highest bidder.

Auction items were displayed throughout the event and attendees used their phones to place their bids on their favorites while virtual attendees bid online. In total there were 52 unique and interesting individual or bundled packages up for bid during the silent auction. The silent auction items were generously donated by local businesses and individuals.

"My store is Remember When in Selingsgrove," said Jill Adams. "I enjoy donating each year to Evening of Wine & Art. It's great to have such a beautiful library in the town of Selingsgrove."

"Libraries have access to information for all ages and they are a place where the community can come together as gathering spaces to learn and to explore our curiosities," said Mike Ozlanski, a member of the Library Board.

The venue was beautifully decorated with gorgeous floral centerpieces on the tables designed by Rine's Florists. Scrumptious hors d'oeuvres were prepared by University Avenue Catering from Susquehanna with two complimentary glasses of wine available from Shade Mountain Winery. Guests were eager to enjoy an evening of browsing and bidding on auction items, munching on appetizers, chatting with friends and appreciating good wine and art simultaneously.

The soul-stirring melodies of Bret Alexander filled the air as attendees enjoyed the live music, with many admiring the view of the vineyard from the deck. Alexander performed an Americana mix of rock, country, folk, and blues. He is a popular singer, songwriter, and guitarist. As a performer, he plays around 200 shows a year, splitting his time between solo performances and his various band lineups. Bret Alexander is always a favorite featured musician at the Snyder County Evening of Wine & Art.

Valerie Moyer, the featured artist, unveiled her new painting, the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library in Selingsgrove. Moyer, a professional Fine Artist, creates landscape and still-life paintings. Her artwork includes custom paintings of personal residences, churches, homesteads, family farms, landmarks, historical buildings, and businesses in both commissioned and non-commissioned form.

"I was thrilled to be chosen for the distinct privilege of being this year's featured artist at Wine & Art. I was especially grateful for the fantastic opportunity to display my artwork in a way that supported the Snyder County Library System," said Moyer. "The evening was very enjoyable and exciting. Everyone seemed to appreciate the unveiling of my new original painting of the Rudy Gelnett Library in Selingsgrove which I created especially for the Wine & Art event." Prints of this painting are available at [vmoyerartist@verizon.net](mailto:vmoyerartist@verizon.net).

Then Moyer added, "As an avid reader, possessing a deep affinity for books, strong believer of education and learning, and also a librarian myself, at the Beavertown branch, the success of the free library and its exceptional worth is a cause very close to my heart."

Kimberly Andretta is also a passionate supporter of the Snyder County Libraries. "Libraries are an important part of the community for all ages from children to adults to seniors. It is as much a gathering space as a place for exploring references and resources. All four libraries are a major part of each community."

At the end of the evening, the raffle drawing was held. Don Rowe was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and generously donated his prize money back to the library. Other lucky winners were thrilled to take home one of the beautiful floral arrangements designed by Rine's Florist, scouring the room for their favorite. Kathy Boushie, Cheri DeSiena, Ruth Sheffer and Lisa Ryan were among the winners.

Many sponsors, donors, and patrons helped to make Snyder County Libraries' 20th Annual Evening of Wine & Art so successful. "I want to thank our generous sponsors, auction donors, staff and volunteers for all they've done to make this event a success. We had a great turnout," said Executive Director David Bauman. "It really was an excellent evening supporting Snyder County Libraries."

"I am so grateful to the attendees of Wine & Art 2025 for their support for the libraries, especially to the Zimmerman family at Shade Mountain Winery and Rine's Florist, two of our biggest long-time champions of this event," said Lynn Buck, chairperson of this year's Evening of Wine & Art. "I would also like to thank the sponsors who donated auction items or funds as the need to help people via the libraries is great. The four libraries all provide not only books, but children's programming, computer usage and technology assistance, job-searching assistance, book clubs, and countless other services for the county residents."

The 20th Evening of Wine & Art was very successful raising over \$20,000. The proceeds will provide critical support for the four Snyder County Libraries in Selingsgrove, Middleburg, Beavertown and McClure.

# Middle-West High School Proudly Presents The Beverly Hillbillies

By Kay Poeth



Tickets are officially on sale now for The Beverly Hillbillies being presented Middle-West High School!

The Beverly Hillbillies is written by David Rogers. The play production is based on the television program by Paul Henning. It is one of the most beloved and highest-rated TV comedies of the 1960s. TV viewers said goodbye to the Clampett clan when the series ended in 1971. Now, they are packing up from the Ozark Mountains and hightailin' it to Middleburg for another look at high society folk. Like Jed Clampett would say, "Money may not buy happiness, but it sure can make life easier."

Jed Clampett is portrayed by senior, Bren Crossgrove. He watched the first few episodes of the show and immediately knew that Jed Clampett was the character he wanted to play. "I feel that we have the very same personality and dry sense of humor. I am pleasantly surprised by how funny this show is!"

Bren is thrilled with rehearsals and how well the cast and crew are working together. "The Beverly Hillbillies is an excellent choice and Miss Wagner selected the perfect play for us since it hasn't been performed locally."

According to Dramatic Publishing, "The lovable Clampett family rides onto the stage for an evening of hillbilly hilarity. Starting in the Clampett's mountain cabin, the play follows them through the discovery of oil, their improbable invasion of hi-falutin' Beverly Hills society and the absurd adventures and ridiculous romances they encounter there. They and the people they meet in California" promises lots of laughs for the whole family!

Eliana Hartley, a senior, portrays Granny Clampett. "I also watched the first couple of episodes of the TV series to understand my character. I enjoy getting into the character of Granny because she is spunky and fun." Eliana has been perfecting her hillbilly accent and that makes the role that much more fun to play!

"I love Miss Wagner. She is fun and has made theatre very entertaining this year. It has been a good change."

Keyen Kratzer, a sophomore, steps into the clodhoppers of Jethro Bodine. Jethro is 20-years-old and still in the sixth grade. "It feels like I am playing myself as opposed to other roles I performed and wasn't familiar with their personalities." Keyen's mother speaks with a Southern accent so he grew up hearing it. It comes more naturally to him. Keyen is enjoying the show because "the humor is for everyone and it is an uplifting comical play."

The Beverly Hillbillies features over 25 students in acting roles including Granny, Jed Clampett and Jethro. Wait until you see Elly May- Kimberlyn Smith, George Turner- Quay Johnson, Brewster-Mylo Buck, Cousin Pearl-Brianna Ludwig, Mr. Drysdale-Luke Knepp, Mrs. Drysdale-Olivia Boritz, and Mrs. Hathaway-Hayden White and many other students step into character.

MWHS Theatre Department welcomes back former alumni stage star, Michaela Wagner. "Sometimes, life just needs to come full circle! I have returned home to the Middle-West High School Theatre Department this year as director. The kids are doing a fantastic job and the script is pretty funny, just like the 60s TV show!"

In addition to Michaela Wagner as Director, the production staff consists of Carson Witherite as Asst. Director, Calvin Knepp and Andre Wagner as Technical Directors, and Loretta Hubler as Costume Design. There are many students involved in the production aspect of the play as well.

The Beverly Hillbillies will be presented onstage at Middle-West High School on Friday, November 21 at 7 pm, Saturday, November 22 at 7 pm, and a matinee performance on Sunday, November 23 at 2:30 pm. Y'all come back now, ya hear!

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