

Tunes and Tea at Brookdale Grayson View

By Kay Poeth



Residents at Brookdale Grayson View enjoyed Tunes and Tea with members of the Snyder County Chapter of PASR.

Members of the Snyder County Chapter of PASR recently hosted a festive tea filled with music, laughter, delicious homemade cookies and snacks for the residents of Brookdale Grayson View.

The afternoon activities kicked off with an entertaining magic show presented by Rodney Ries. His tricks



mesmerized the group and his jokes caused quite a few chuckles. One of his tricks was joining two spoons together. Oh, and Rodney and Dianne Hackenberg were up some shenanigans doing the monkey! "As a retired teacher, I am still

educating and entertaining people with my magic shows. I like to bring smiles to the faces of my audience." Everyone enjoyed participating in a Singspiration Sing-a-long of patriotic tunes and old-time hymns. Leona Dean tickled the piano keys while Elsie Straub acted as chorus director. The residents enjoyed the whole singalong from start to finish. Snyder County Chapter of PASR had the largest crowd ever and filled the room to overflowing and the singing could be heard throughout the facility.

"It was really, really nice! All the residents were singing. The residents got to choose which songs they wanted to sing. They had hymns, patriotic songs, and the old songs like 'How Much is that Doggy in the Window' to choose from," said Judy Groce who attended with her mother, Jean Kreighbaum. "It was wonderful! Also, a lot of the residents knew the retired members (PASR) which made it even more special."

Mary Bogar agreed. "The residents had smiles on their faces throughout the whole program, and enjoyed the magic show, the singing, and the refreshments! We all had a great time of fellowship together. It is always a blessing to spend time with them."

This rewarding activity is one of the many ways members volunteer their services and give back to the community. PASR member Dianne Hackenberg noted, "Everyone enjoyed the program of magic, singing, and cookies. It's always a blessing to be a part of something like this. I had the opportunity to make many new friends today and look forward to seeing them again soon."

Robin Erb added, "It was an enjoyable afternoon of entertainment, food and fellowship. It was heartwarming to see everyone participating and thoroughly enjoying themselves."

Mary Kaufman echoed that sentiment by saying, "It was rewarding to see all the PASR members and residents participate in song together. We had a wonderful time sharing together."

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



Cassidy Burns marched in the 99th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as an alumni of the Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps from Nashua, NH. She is the daughter of Ben and Gina Burns of Selinsgrove.

Susquehanna University Appoints Alumna Kristina Schaeffer '04 as Chaplain

Susquehanna University has named the Rev. Kristina "Stina" Schaeffer, an experienced pastor with more than 15 years of ministry leadership, as its next chaplain and director of Religious & Spiritual Life. Schaeffer began her new role on Dec. 1.

"I am thrilled to be a part of this thriving campus community and to supporting students on their journey," Schaeffer said. "I look forward to walking alongside them as they consider questions of faith and life."

A 2004 Susquehanna graduate, Schaeffer returns to the university from the Upper Susquehanna Synod where she currently serves as assistant to the bishop for mobility and transition, supporting pastors and congregations through periods of discernment and change. Since 2017, she has also led Salem Lutheran Church in Selinsgrove, guiding worship, fostering spiritual growth and nurturing meaningful connections within the congregation and the wider community. Schaeffer's earlier ministry as pastor in residence at Camp Koinonia in New York focused on developing retreats and worship experiences for people of varied ages, backgrounds and faiths.

"We are thrilled to welcome Stina back to Susquehanna," said Maria L. O. Muñoz, chief inclusion & diversity officer at Susquehanna University. "Her compassion, deep commitment to fostering a sense of belonging and ability to bring people together will help ensure that every student feels seen, supported and valued on our campus."

Schaeffer holds a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Arts in music from Susquehanna University. "Susquehanna University holds a special place in my heart," Schaeffer said. "Having spent four years here as a student and then nine years serving as pastor in the Selinsgrove community, I have been blessed to experience the best of what the campus has to offer."

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Community Calendar

Middleburg Joint High School Class of '61
December 5, 11:30am, Hoss's Steak and Seafood Restaurant, Shamokin Dam

Troxelville Community Hall Christmas Tree Lighting
December 7, 3pm, Troxelville Community Hall

Selinsgrove Class of '56
December 8, 12pm, Hoss's Steakhouse, Shamokin Dam

SAHS Class of '64
December 9, 11:30am, Rise and Shine Cafe, Mt. Pleasant Mills

Cash Bingo
December 14, 2pm doors open at 1pm, Selinsgrove Masonic Hall Association, 105 S. Market St., Selinsgrove

Sunbury City Band Holiday Concert
December 15, 7pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Queen St., Northumberland

Middleburg Joint High School Class of '74
December 16, 9am, Conty Line Restaurant, Richfield

"Milk Matter: Practical Steps to Better Milk Quality" Workshop
December 16, 10am-2pm, The Rail Center, 184 Young Rd., Lewisburg

MJHS Class of '66 Monthly Breakfast
December 17, County Line Restaurant

MJHS Class of '65
December 19, 12pm, 12pm, Good Wills, Milton

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

Take-Out Only Meal
1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays, 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

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

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Church News

Cookies with Santa
December 6, 10am-12pm, Lighthouse Worship Center, 6151 New Berlin Hwy, Winfield

The Needhams Christmas Concert
December 7, 6pm, Boyer Mennonite Church, 1472 West Ridge Rd., Middleburg

The Fuller Family Sharing and Christmas Concert
December 7, 6pm, Stony Run Mission, 2825 Evendale Hill, McAllisterville

Free Community Dinner
December 11, 5-6:30pm, Hope UMC Outreach and Missions, 1623 Mian St., Port Trevorton, Fellowship Hall

"Drive Through Bethlehem"
December 13, 14, 6-8pm, each evening, Stony Run Mission, 2825 Evendale Hill, McAllisterville

Chstimas Play "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like a Mystery"
December 14, 6:30pm, Hummels Church, 427 Sassafra Rd., Middleburg

Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **December 2, 2025**
Grass: \$100 by the ton; Mixed: \$125 by the ton; Calf: \$45 to \$1,500 per hundred; Fats: \$145 to \$222 by the hundred; Cow: \$86 to \$160 per hundred; Bull: \$169 per hundred; Feeder: \$134 to \$250 per hundred; Hogs: \$55 to \$122 per hundred; Pigs: \$25 per head; Sows: \$17 to \$58 per hundred; Boars: \$20 per hundred; Sheep: \$90 to \$145 per hundred; Goat: \$130 to \$335 per head; Lamb: \$190 to \$335 per head.



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Neighborhood News

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Paxtonville News

The Bread of Life Ministry of Paxtonville Church distributed 60 bags of food in November. The December food ministry is on December 20.

The Paxtonville Church congregation donated 146 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for gifts for children around the world.

Happy Anniversary, Tony and Mary Long. May your hearts always beat in harmony to the song of true love. Your journey together is a beautiful reminder that true love only grows stronger with time.

Middleburg News

Happy Birthday to Betsy Feltman who adds another candle to her cake on December 5.

Lori Keister will be Belle of the Birthday Ball on December 7 when she dances the Reindeer Trot straight to the cake and ice cream.

Beavertown News

Helping Hands, Helping Others, Inc. will be holding a food giveaway on Tuesday, December 16 starting at 10 am at Beaver Lutheran Church, Rt. 522 at the west end of Beavertown. They are not government funded so there are no income limits. They are a 501-C3 non-profit, all donations are appreciated and can be sent to PO Box 151, Beavertown, PA 17813.

Hilma Rigel will be celebrating her 97th birthday on December 6! What a beautiful milestone—nine decades plus seven years filled with wisdom, love, and countless memories. Hilma is Beavertown's oldest Resident. She moved to Beavertown from Middleburg when she and her husband married in 1952. May your days continue to be filled with laughter, comfort, and the joy of knowing how deeply you are loved. Let's make her day special by showering Pickle with calls and birthday cards! Hilma (Pickle) Rigel, 306 West Market Street, Beavertown, PA 17813. Happy 97th Birthday!

On December 8, Robin Kauffman will be rocking around the Christmas tree and leading the Conga line straight to the cake and ice cream. Time for party hoopla! Beaver Springs News

Time to wish Melody Folk a day of birthday bliss. So, on December 10, serenade Melody with your best rendition of the Birthday Song.

Troxelville News

Troxelville Community Hall Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Sunday, December 7 beginning at 3 pm at Troxelville Community Hall. All are welcome!

Selinsgrove News

A "Celtic Christmas" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6-8 pm at Salem Lutheran Church. The Celtic group, Seasons, will perform holiday music in the sanctuary. Enjoy this free Christmas concert. Light refreshment to follow. Everyone is welcome. Located at 899 Salem Road in Selinsgrove.

The America250PA Bells Across PA Unveiling in Snyder County will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 4:30 pm at the Selinsgrove Borough and Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library Building at 1 North High Street in Selinsgrove. Bells Across PA has given artists across the commonwealth the opportunity to decorate a three-foot fiberglass bell to commemorate the upcoming Semiquincentennial. Each bell is a unique, original piece. The program is interactive, encouraging visitors to touch and feel the designs.

Time to wander the nooks and crannies of the "Tree Fest of Children's Books" hosted by the Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library. The magical, wondrous decorated trees will be on display from until Dec. 24, during library hours. Purchase your tickets now until Dec. 19 to vote on the People's Choice award after viewing the 17 trees and 5 wreaths.

522 Breakfast Club in Selinsgrove is now open for business. Dine-in or Take-out. Tuesday-Friday from 6 am- 2 pm, Saturday from 6-11 am, Sunday from 9 am- 1 pm. Closed Monday.

Genealogy Class will be held at Rudy Gelnett Memorial Library on Tuesday December 9 from 11 am-1 pm, with Conrad Weiser Chapter, NSDAR. Members can help you discover your ancestors!

By Grace Women's Transitional Home Temporarily Closed

Grace Covenant Community Church, along with other local churches, organizations and hundreds of individuals, has sponsored and maintained By Grace Women's Transitional Home in Middleburg for 10 years. The vision of By Grace is to provide a safe place where women and children in at risk situations get a chance to start over and learn to live in a new way. This ministry was a dream in the hearts of several of the members of the church and they worked tirelessly to make it a reality. Tammy Clinger, Brenda Smith and Catherine Flather led the charge, and other key women who have served through the years include Mary Lou Berkheimer, Stephanie Burke and Sue Groce. Our deepest gratitude and heart-felt appreciation for what they, along with many others, have contributed, cannot be adequately expressed in words.

Over the past several months, it has become apparent that change needed to happen within the ministry and that a new structure and support system be built for the women's home to move forward and thrive in the years ahead. With this in mind, the leaders of Grace Covenant Community Church and the staff team of the women's home have decided to temporarily close. While we understand that different seasons in life are inevitable, it is with deep sadness that we share this news.

There are some questions that we have answers to and some that we do not.

First of all, what will happen with the current residents? We can assure the public that we will work with each resident to find safe and suitable housing for them, and we will not fully close until that happens.

When will By Grace re-open? That we do not know; however, while we are without residents, there will be a "remodeling" taking place. There are projects within the house that need to be accomplished, as well as the structure and strategies of the program itself that will undergo an improvement process.

Where will the proceeds from the Labor of Love Thrift Store go during the hiatus? The primary mission of the thrift store has been to benefit and help fund the women's home. While some of the expenses of the house will continue even without residents and because the goal is to re-open, some of the proceeds from the thrift store will still be used for this purpose. However, please know that during this time, Labor of Love will also benefit other ministries and help to meet other needs of our community. Grace Covenant Community Church has been committed to meeting needs in Middleburg and Snyder County for almost 25 years and that has not changed.

Please join with us in prayer for what lies ahead—for the current residents of By Grace Women's Home and for the home itself. While it feels like an ending, we believe that there is another chapter ahead and we are looking forward to seeing it unfold.

Deeds

Deeds:

Matthew R. & Lynn M. Roelker to Melvin Lynn, Northumberland property in Shamokin Dam Borough for the sum of 240,000.00.

Christine M. Koons & Marion E. Fisher for The Fisher, Koons, Leitzel Trust to Derreck C. Fisher, Winfield property in Jackson Township for the sum of 15,000.00.

Seth James & Cassandra Alicia Beech to Joshua A. Seibert & Elizabeth Helen Wagner, Middleburg property in Middleburg Borough for the sum of 250,000.00.

Bobby R. & Susan J. Jones to Jones Living Trust 3 properties in Chapman Township for the sum of 1.00.

Cherie N. Swartz for James Dean English, Shamokin Dam to Brooke C. Aucker, Beavertown property in Shamokin Dam Borough for the sum of 274,000.00.

Amy J. Bruner McClellan, Middleburg & Shirley M. Peters, Selinsgrove to Rylan D. Ebright, Middleburg property in Franklin Township for the sum of 295,000.00.

Larry L. Walter Estate to Nick Swartz & Kena Longacre, Freeburg property in Franklin Township for the sum of 155,000.00.

Poe Estates LLC, Danville to Felicia N. & Kyle R. Erdman, Selinsgrove property in Penn Township for the sum of 280,000.00.

Dustin E. Folk, & Andrea N. Folk, Middleburg to Dustin E. Folk, Middleburg property in Franklin Township for the sum of 1.00.

Brian C. Boonie to Colton W. Snook, McClure property in McClure Borough for the sum of 170,000.00.

GSJ Holdings LLC & Sawaran Singh to MAAN Holdings LLC, Port Trevorton property in Chapman Township for the sum of 350,000.00.

Jay Allen Reed to Logan Hoover, Port Trevorton property in Union Township for the sum of 138,000.00.

Divorce:

Rachel E. Hunt, Middleburg from Daniel S. Hunt, Lansdale, Pa

Eric L. Clayton, Selinsgrove from Angela R. Clayton, Selinsgrove

Joey Carl Womer, Middleburg from Tami J. Womer

Alan R. Hartman Jr, Middleburg from Cristy L. Hartman, Middleburg

Marriages:

Nikolaos Vasileios Sachinidis, McClure to Bailey Shyann Jasper, McClure

Anthony Joseph Lucas, Brandon Fl. to Isabel Catherine Travis, Brandon, FL.

Mitchell Wayne Kline, Millerstown, Pa to Tommi Leah Minium, Millerstown

Jake Carlton Smith, Georgetown, De to Haley Marie Stahl, Georgetown, De.

Courts

DISTRICT JUDGE SCOTT A. ZEIGLER, SELINGSGROVE

Charged Keith Thomas Hooker, 32, of Selinsgrove, with terroristic threats with intent to terrorize another, harassment-communicate lewd, threatening etc language, and criminal mischief on November 22. Hooker was arraigned on November 22, and bail was set at \$5,000 unsecured. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 15, at 2:45 p.m.

Charged Diane Wright, 50, of Selinsgrove, with two counts of false reports to law enforcement authorities, scattering rubbish and one count of disorderly conduct on November 21. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 15, at 1:45 p.m.

"Milk Matters: Practical Steps to Better Milk Quality" Workshop

Dairy farmers and industry representatives invited to "Milk Matters: Practical Steps to Better Milk Quality" workshop.

LEWISBURG, PA- Dairy farmers and industry representatives are invited to attend "Milk Matters: Practical Steps to Better Milk Quality" workshop hosted by Penn State Extension this winter. The event will run from 10 AM to 2 PM on December 16 and will be hosted at The Rail Center, 184 Young Road, Lewisburg, PA.

During this in person workshop learn about why milk quality matters, best practices for reducing somatic cell count, and how to interpret culture results and take milk samples effectively. Participants will also learn to use DHIA records to track milk quality and guide culling decisions. In addition, the extension dairy team will share findings from a Northeast SARE sponsored project that identified the most common milk quality issues on Pennsylvania dairy farms.

Register as a group! \$10 registration fee for the first person and \$5 for any additional person. Lunch included.

This event is sponsored by Northeast SARE and JBZ Dairy Advantage.

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Police

SELINGSGROVE STATE POLICE

Crash 1:44 p.m. November 16, on N. Susquehanna Trail at its intersection with Marketplace Blvd., in Monroe Township. A 2006 Honda Odyssey driven by Christine A. Ulmer, 20, of State College, was traveling south on N. Susquehanna Trail, north of the intersection with Marketplace Blvd when it failed to stop for stopped traffic. The Honda Odyssey then rear-ended a 2021 Nissan Altima driven by Jordan C. Cooper, 23, of Pine Grove, which was stopped due to a red traffic signal. No injuries were reported. Ulmer was cited for driving at safe speed.

Crash 11:26 p.m. November 16, on Opossum Hollow Road, east of the New Berlin Highway, in Franklin Township. A 2018 Honda Accent driven by Lane M. Tressler, 19, of Middleburg, was traveling east on Opossum Hollow Road when he lost control, going off the right side of the roadway driving up an embankment which caused the vehicle to overturn onto its drivers side. Tressler complained of neck pain and was transported to Geisinger Medical Center for further evaluation. Tressler was cited for driving on right side of roadway.

DUI Combination Alcohol/Drugs 11:37 p.m. November 4, at 81 Lorain Drive, in Penn Township. On November 4, at 11:37 p.m. a 2019 gray Chevrolet Traverse arrived at PSP Selingsgrove visitor parking area. The Chevrolet Traverse was approached by troopers and contact was made with Alexander Walter, 20, of Middleburg, who was driving the vehicle. PSP conducted a DUI and underage consumption of alcohol investigation. Walter was placed under arrest for DUI and underage consumption of alcohol. Charges have been filed through District Court 17-3-03. Gage Brown, 18, of Middleburg, and James Barber, 19, of Richfield, were cited with underage consumption of alcohol. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-03.

Crash 1:27 p.m. November 2, in the trafficway of Target parking lot at 501 Marketplace Blvd., in Monroe Township. A 2011 Hyundai Sonata was traveling east through the traffic way and struck a 2010 Chrysler Town & Country, which was backing out of their parking stall in an angle style impact. The Chrysler Town & Country came to rest by re-parking in the stall they were exiting. The Hyundai Sonata came to rest a few parking stall east of the Chrysler Town & Country. The Hyundai Sonata was traveling at a high rate of speed. The driver of the Hyundai Sonata admitted to consumption of alcoholic beverages and exhibited multiple indicators of impairment during SFST. The driver was taken into custody and a rest for chemical testing via blood was conducted. On November 18, multiple misdemeanor and summary charges were filed through District Court 17-3-03.

DUI 1:27 p.m. November 2, on Marketplace Blvd, in Monroe Township. PSP responded to the Target parking lot for a minor crash. Once on scene interviews were conducted and signs of impairment were observed with the driver of the 2011 Hyundai Sonata, Beth Ortiz, 55, of Elysburg. A SFST was conducted. Ortiz was subsequently taken into custody and transported to PSP Selingsgrove for a chemical test of blood. Multiple misdemeanors and summary charges were filed through District Court 17-3-03.

Crash 6:49 p.m. November 18, on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. A 2009 Volkswagen Jetta was traveling behind a 2024 Kia Seltos that was traveling north on N. Susquehanna Trail. At the time of the crash, the Volkswagen Jetta was traveling too close and rear-ended the Kia Seltos. After the crash the Volkswagen Jetta remained on the roadway and the Kia Seltos went to the side of the roadway. The driver of the Volkswagen Jetta was cited for following too closely.

Private Property Crash 7:39 p.m. November 18, at 766 N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP was dispatched in reference to a private property crash. Both drivers were provided drivers exchange information. Case is closed.

Indecent Assault 12:07 p.m. October 3, on Zechman Drive, in Penn Township. On October 3, 2025 a Childline report was received for a juvenile female. Investigation is ongoing.

Possess Drug Paraphernalia 2 p.m. November 18, at 19336 Rt. 522, in Spring Township. PSP responded to a drug possession call. It was reported while Snyder County Probation was conducting a home visit drug paraphernalia was found. PSP arrived on scene, identified the actors as She-ra Richard, 39, of Lewistown, and Beau Keister, 40, of Beavertown, conducted interviews, and seized the paraphernalia. Misdemeanor charges were filed on both actors through District Court 17-3-04. Assisted by Snyder County Probation.

Retail Theft 4:54 p.m. October 23, on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP investigated a theft at Walmart.

Crash 8:10 a.m. November 19, on S. Old Trail, south of Roosevelt Avenue, in Monroe Township. A 2015 Ford Explorer driven by Ashley J. Temple, 36, of Selingsgrove, was traveling south on South Old Trail. A deer entered the roadway from the western shoulder. The Ford Explorer hit the deer with its front passenger side. The Ford Explorer continued its southbound path of travel, coming to rest on the western shoulder of the roadway. All occupants of the Ford Explorer were evaluated by Hummels Wharf Fire Company EMS and all refused transport.

Retail Theft 5:41 p.m. October 9, at Walmart on N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP investigated a retail theft at Walmart.

Theft Between 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m. November 15, on Susquehanna Valley Mall Drive, in Monroe Township. PSP began investigating a theft of high value Pokemon trading cards: 2021 Pokemon Sword & Shield-Rayquaza valued at \$1,599.68 and 2021 Pokemon Sword & Shield-Umbreon valued at \$3,290.90.

Theft Between 12a.m.-11:59p.m. July 1-31, Susquehanna Valley RV, on SR 522, in Penn Township. PSP investigated a report of theft of a 2008 Wildwood RV valued at \$7,999; 1994 Prowler RV valued at \$2,999 and a 2001 Jayco RV valued at \$3,400. Investigation is ongoing.

Hit & Run 7:55 a.m. November 19, on SR 15 N., west of Blue Hill Drive, in Monroe Township. An unknown vehicle was in the right lane and a 2025 Chevrolet Malibu was in the left lane. The unknown vehicle struck the Chevrolet Malibu driven by Mary E. Schell, 55, of Enola, in a sideswipe style impact. Both vehicles were driven from the scene.

Crash 5:22 a.m. November 19, on Richard Road, west of Delong Road, in Center Township. A 2005 Cadillac Escalade driven by Kali J. Kurtz, 23, of Middleburg, was traveling on Richard Road, making a slight left turn and started to slide on the roadway. The Cadillac Escalade slid off the roadway and into the woods and struck a tree. The Cadillac Escalade came to rest immediately after impact. Minor injuries were reported. Kurtz was cited for driving at safe speed.

Found Property 3 p.m. November 19, on SR 204, in Penn Township. On November 19, at approximately 3 p.m. PSP was dispatched for a report of a found drug. PSP is investigating.

Harass Physical Contact 9:43 a.m. November 9, on S. Old Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP investigated a report of harassment.

Crash 9:06 a.m. November 22, on Park Road, north of Heritage Lane, in Monroe Township. A 1997 Dodge Ram 2500 driven by Carl R. Rowe, Jr., 71, of Selingsgrove, was traveling south on Park Road. The Dodge Ram 2500 traveled off the west side of the roadway and subsequently struck a utility pole. The Dodge Ram 2500 came to rest off the west side of the roadway with its rear end in the southbound lane. There was a witness to the crash who was interviewed on scene. Rowe was cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic (single).

Crash 6:02 p.m. November 21, on SR 522, east of Salem Road, in Penn Township. A 2024 BMW X3 driven by Jeffery L. Walker, 47, of Montgomery, was traveling south on SR 522. A deer entered the southbound lane attempting to cross the roadway from north to south. The BMW X3 struck the deer in a front end style impact. The BMW X# came to rest off the north side of the roadway, facing south. No injuries were reported.

Firearm Sale or Transfer 7:03 p.m. July 1, at 980 N. Susquehanna Trail, in Monroe Township. PSP investigated the report of a firearm act violation. Investigation is ongoing.

Found Property/Drugs 8:29 p.m. November 22, on SR 104, in Perry Township. PSP was dispatched for a report of found paraphernalia. PSP is investigating.

Crash 5:10 p.m. November 22, on Midpenn Drive, , in Jackson Township. David Britton, 51, of Winfield, was driving a Ram truck on Midpenn Drive when his phone fell to the floor of the vehicle. Britton attempted to retrieve the phone, exited the right side of the roadway, and struck a Verizon telephone pole. No injuries were reported. Britton was issued a warning for driving on roadways laned for traffic (single).

Crash 12:02 p.m. November 22, on SR 204, south of State School Road, in Penn Township. A 2012 Chevrolet Impala driven by Conor M. Necessary, 18, of Shamokin Dam, was traveling south on SR 204 at a high rate of speed. The Chevrolet Impala traveled off the west side of the roadway and struck a mailbox with its front end. The Chevrolet Impala then traveled back onto the roadway, rotated counterclockwise, and struck a utility pole on the east side of the roadway with its passenger side. The Chevrolet Impala came to rest after the second point of impact. Minor injuries were reported. Necessary was cited for driving at safe speed.

Crash 5:45 a.m. November 20, SR 104 at its intersection with Oriental Road, in Chapman Township. Thomas L. Holley, 43, of McAlisterville, related that he slid his 2000 GMC Sierra off the roadway from Oriental Road across SR 104 eastbound. During this sequence of events, the GMC Sierra hit an embankment then veered into a ditch along SR 104 and Oriental Road, facing east. Holley related his juvenile passenger left the scene. Holley did not notify the police of the motor vehicle crash. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Minor injuries were reported.

Fatal Crash 10:54 p.m. November 21, on New Berlin Highway, north of Globe Mills Road, in Jackson Township. A 2006 Harley Davidson Street Glide driven by Brannndon S. Kerstetter, 34, of Watsontown, was traveling north on New Berlin Highway. The Harley Davidson Street Glide failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway. The Harley Davidson Street Glide crossed into the oncoming lane of travel and onto the western shoulder of the roadway. The Harley Davidson Street Glide fell onto its right side and slid approximately 12 feet in a northwestern direction along the western shoulder of the roadway. The Harley Davidson Street Glide traveled down an embankment off the western shoulder of the roadway and hit a tree. The Harley Davidson Street Glide then traveled in a northern direction into a creek off the western shoulder of the roadway. Kerstetter was thrown from the motorcycle and came to rest in the creek. The Harley Davidson Street Glide continued north and came to rest facing west within the creek. Kerstetter was pronounced dead at the scene by the Snyder County Coroner, at 1:10 a.m.

Harass Physical Contact 2:10 p.m. November 23, on Stage Road, in Spring Township. PSP responded to a domestic violence incident. Citations have been filed against a 31 year old female, of Winfield.

Crash 3:15 p.m. November 23, on S. Old Trail, in Shamokin Dam. A 2002 Toyota Sienna driven by Judy Murtoff, 81, of New Cumberland, was traveling north on S. Old Trail. A 2016 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Rochelle A. Hartwell, 52, of Mt. Carmel, was traveling south on S. Old Trail. Murtoff initiated a left turn onto a private drive. Murtoff failed to yield to oncoming traffic and the front bumper of the Toyota Sienna struck the Chevrolet Equinox. The Toyota Sienna came to rest on both travel lanes blocking the roadway, facing west. The Chevrolet Equinox came to rest in the southbound lane of travel, facing south. Minor injuries were reported. Murtoff was cited for vehicle turning left.

Theft by Deception/ID Theft Between 12:01a.m.-11:59p.m. November 10, on Park Road, in Monroe Township. PSP began investigating an identity theft. This investigation is ongoing.



Sunbury City Band to Host Holiday Concerts

Edited by Kay Poeth



The Sunbury City Band will be performing two holiday concerts for the community this year. The first performance will be on Monday, December 15 at 7 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, located at 3rd and Queen Street in Northumberland. The main concert will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 3 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Market and Fifth Streets in Sunbury. Admission is free.

The concert will include arrangements of traditional Christmas carols, including the most frequently recorded Christmas song, "Silent Night," and a celebratory rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful." There will be plenty of familiar holiday songs like "Over the River and Through the Woods" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." The arrangement, "Christmas in a Nutshell" is a sampler of no less than 17 popular holiday tunes. Some tunes will be woven into unlikely genres such as "The Nutcracker Suite" will be featured in a New Orleans swing version and "Carol of the Bells" will be played as a light waltz. Finally, the popular "Christmas Sing-a-Long" is certain to put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Formed in 1895, The Sunbury City Band is composed of residents of the Central Susquehanna Valley. The City Band performs a spring concert and concerts at retirement villages and other community venues throughout the year. The organization's mission is to provide and promote musical excellence in a community setting. New players are always welcome. You can learn more about the Sunbury City Band at: www.sunburycityband.org or follow them on Facebook.

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SPORTS NEWS

THE VIEW FROM HEAR

BY RON BOLT

Nothing warms you up quicker than swimming results after our first snowstorm of the season. The Mifflinburg swim team won their first ever official dual meet! The boys swept their tri-meet against Shamokin and Schuylkill Haven and the girls split their meet.

Malachi Moyer and Grady Gemberling each won two individual events. Moyer won the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly. Gemberling took the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke and swimming legs on both winning relay teams in the 400 free and 200 medley. Moyer was the anchor on the 400 free relay.

Wildcat Natalie Gemberling won both the 200 and 500 freestyle for the girls. This is the first year that Mifflinburg has rostered enough members to have relay teams. The future is bright for Mifflinburg swimming. Imagine how it would be shining had that natatorium been built that was offered many years ago?

Selinsgrove soccer star Madi Merrell was named to the All-State team and the HAC-I first team with four other Grove teammates. Merrell had 26 goals and 14 assists this year. Grove girls joining Madi on the first team are Katie Varner, Emily Aument, Joslyn Zacharda and Addison Wenzel.

Bella Knapp from Midd-West was also named to the HAC-I first team as a defender. Lewisburg's Ava Satterson was selected to the HAC-II first team as a midfielder.

The Susquehanna football team beat previously undefeated Christopher Newport 42-28 in the second round of the Division III playoffs. The Captains beat SU 41-27 earlier this season. The River Hawks defense is what flipped the script from the previous game in sacking the QB five times and picking off two passes after the Captain's QB Barry threw only two interceptions all year.

Susquehanna will travel to Radnor, PA to face (10-1) Eastern University at noon this Saturday.

Are the Chicago Bears and New England Patriots this good? They share the two best records in the NFL with the Rams, Seahawks and Broncos. The first reaction is they haven't played anyone good and they have an easier schedule.

You still have to beat the teams on your schedule and last week the Rams lost to the Panthers and the Eagles were manhandled up front by the Bears. The Cowboys beat both Super Bowl teams from last year within the space of five days!

Parity reigns in the NFL which actually means 'Not For Long.' Teams determined to be at the top of the rung are continually losing to inferior opposition. I'm in a family football poll where you just pick the winner of each NFL game, no point spreads used. My record is 124-70 and the leader is at 135-59, you would think it would be easier to just pick the winning team. The Bengals beat the Ravens last week!

All professional leagues reward the worst teams through an inverted draft whereby the best teams pick last and non-playoff teams choose first. The reason parity only exists in professional football is because of a hard salary cap. This year teams cannot spend more than \$279M in salary. This number escalates every year but no team can spend more than the cap.

Major league baseball teams can spend all the money they want and are only penalized by a Competitive Balance Tax, also known as the luxury tax. These taxes are pooled together and redistributed to lower revenue teams to help promote competitive balance. How is that going for the Pirates, A's and Rays?

This past baseball season the MLB base tax threshold was \$237M. Teams spending over that are taxed on a tier basis. Tier 1 up to \$20M over is a 20% tax, Tier 2 (\$20M-\$40M) is a 32% tax and Tier 3 is a 62.5% tax on teams paying over \$277M in salaries. There are also potential draft pick penalties for teams in Tier 3.

The Mets payroll was \$374M which was \$137M over the threshold which equates to \$85.5M in luxury tax. The Pirates were \$72M and the A's \$50M under the \$237M threshold so they are making money by not spending it. This is what frustrates the smaller market fans as their team is not investing that money to get better on-field talent. That is why the luxury tax was created, to promote more parity, not parody.

Deep pocketed teams like the Dodgers, Yankees and Mets just want to win, no matter the cost. They stack their teams with the best players and have reliable depth in case of injury during the season. They also have creative ways of accounting by having a significant portion of a salary deferred over time as they know the threshold increases every year.

The perfect example of this is what the Dodgers have done with the best player in the game, Shohei Ohtani. He signed a 10-year, \$700M guaranteed contract and is being paid just \$2M a year for the first 10 years. The deferred payment will be approximately \$68M per year to be paid out from 2034 to 2043. Mookie Betts and Freddie Freeman have deferred contracts as well.

The NBA also has a salary cap that is very easy to navigate. They can re-sign their own free agents even if that puts them over the salary cap and other complicated exceptions. With smaller rosters the players run the league. Players also talk to each other and devise ways to play on the same team through holdouts and requested trades.

Parity aside, our two PA teams are both struggling but the Eagles will figure it out. They will get their offense back on track for a deep run into the playoffs.

The Steelers are a different story and have few positives. The highest paid defense in the league gave up more yards on the ground in last week's game than they have in more than fifty years. The Rodger's experience isn't working and he looks very old. Coach Mike Tomlin

needs to hit the reset button with a different franchise.

Speaking of coaching changes, I would hope that Penn State has named a new coach by the time you are reading this. Athletic director Pat Kraft has dropped the ball big time with this hiring process. Unless Notre Dame's Marcus Freeman is coaching the Nittany Lions next year, Kraft should be fired.

Michigan State and Kentucky got much better with a coaching change in one day. Kraft has had two months to make a hire and has turned Happy Valley into Antsy Valley. The latest rumor is BYU's Kalani Sitake coming to the Lions. Kraft and Penn State are going to regret not hiring Bob Chesney from James Madison.

Thank goodness Kraft was smart enough to stay away from Lane Kiffin. Kiffin again chose himself over his team, of course, and earned permanent villain status. Whenever a coach or administrator says it's all about the student-athlete....they are lying.

Enjoy a great weekend of football this weekend. You can reach out to me with comments or questions at theviewfromhear74@gmail.com Ron Bolt

Feed 500 for Thanksgiving

By Kay Poeth



Volunteers work in the kitchen to prepare meals for Feed 500 for Thanksgiving.



Nate Apple is pictured here helping his grandpa sort meals for delivery.

The Apple family of Mt. Pleasant Mills has been blessing the community with their Feed 500 for Thanksgiving and Feed 500 for Christmas outreaches. It is a labor of love for the family and many volunteers. They greatly appreciate the donations from others to provide meals for those in need.

The outreach began in 2021 when 14-year-old Nathan Apple shared with his parents that some of his friends were not going to have a Thanksgiving meal. He asked his mother about helping their community and feeding people for the holiday. That began the Feed 50 for Thanksgiving outreach. The Apples and friends prepared the meal in their kitchen with donations from many Facebook friends. The plea to Feed 50 for Christmas followed a month later.

Each holiday the need to feed people continues to grow. The outreach meals were prepared for Thanksgiving and Christmas in 2022, 2023 and 2024. In 2024, an Easter meal was also served. In 2023, the operations moved to the commercial kitchen of Richfield Life Ministries in Richfield to meet the growing need. Thanks to the generosity of many businesses and individuals who donated the goods to make this event so successful.

Wendy gave a huge shout out of appreciation to all those who helped with the Feed 500 for Thanksgiving on Facebook (Wendy's Wonders). "There are so many that have donated. I want to thank all my delivery drivers and all my wonderful people that helped in the kitchen my husband Scott, Nathan Apple, and Sekota Stotz, Connie Burge, Cathy Nicodemus, Kathy Bettis, Dave Eia, Lee Zechman and Toni Nornhold-Longer you guys are truly a godsend."

Local businesses also contributed to the cause including donations from Empire- 50 turkeys, Bread of Life-500 butter packets, Hilsher's General Store - 28 cans of corn, Whispering Pines- 500 fruit cups, Dynamic Wings- plasticware and food containers, County Line Restaurant-gravy and David Eia- bags.

"But above all, we'd like to thank God for guiding us through this adventure and allowing us to serve Him!"

Feed500 for Thanksgiving spearheaded by Wendy Apple, her family, and volunteers were delivered in time for the holiday. Now Wendy Apple is focused on Feed 500 for Christmas. The Apple family and volunteers will be preparing free ham dinners to those in need in Snyder, Juniata, Union and Northumberland Counties. Donations are needed. Items needed include 50 hams 42 boxes of mashed potatoes, 15 gallons of ham gravy, 25 large #10 cans of corn, 500 applesauce singles, 500 dinner rolls, 500 butter pkts, 500 take-out containers, 500 forks, knives, spoons and napkins. If you are in need or a loved one is interested in receiving a meal, call 570-554-5359. Please call if you wish to donate as well.



SUMMIT Early Learning Touch-A-Truck Event Provides Hands On Experience

By Kay Poeth



Jameson Mackey, 4, quickly found the Poppy sticker and eagerly climbed on the TYM T25 tractor/loader backup on display from Jo's Equipment and quickly honked the horn during the Touch-A-Truck event sponsored by SUMMIT Early Learning.



Dillian Lilley of Windstream poses with visitors Nicole, Juniper, Averie, and Jill Adams as they explored the bucket truck and other sections of the Windstream repair truck. The Touch-A-Truck was filled with fun and exploration.



Wyatt and Macie Grove were shopping pros as they quickly filled their shopping bags at the grocery store provided by the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency inside their mobile unit.

The 3rd Annual Touch-A-Truck event hosted by Summit Early Learning was a fun-filled hands-on experience for the whole family. Hosted at the Midd-West Elementary School/High School bus loop, the event showcased an array of trucks and vehicles for the youngsters to see, touch, and explore while providing resources for parents.

There was so much to see and do! The barrel ride was a popular spot as little ones hopped aboard! The barrel was loaned to SUMMIT by loaned by the Middlecreek Area YMCA in Beaver Springs. Noah Ozlanski played peek-a-boo with a big grin on his face while avoiding the camera. Another fun stop included three pedal cars-an airplane, an antique car and a fire truck. .

Virgil Shontz, 4, climbed into the helicopter and intently began to pedal.

Tri-County Obedience Dog Club had several canines at their booth. The pups were loving the pets and the youngsters were busy loving on the pups. They learned about the breed and ages of the dogs. The dogs even performed some tricks!

The air horn blast from Ivan Lauver & Son Trucking Freightliner truck indicated that another youngster had discovered the joy of big rigs and emergency vehicles. "The kids are really having fun. The best part for them is beeping all the horns in the big trucks," reported one mother.

The fully extended crane from Advanced Concrete was an impressive sight. Bryan Zimmerman brought a John Deere 2510 Diesel Farm Tractor from his family farm for the children to explore. Albert Hoover, 4 of Lewisburg, was all smiles as he sat on the tractor pretending to drive it.

Mike Herbert of the American Red Cross promoted the Sound the Alarm Program in which the Red Cross installs smoke detectors in homes absolutely free with no cost to the homeowner. He also discussed the Community Preparedness and Education Program. The purpose is to build safety and resilience in the community. Of course, there were stickers as well.

Deputy Warden Michael Shatalov, Deputy Warden Jake Showes and Warden Austin Adams represented the PA Game Commission handing out a variety of items to the visitors. "The Game Wardens are having a great time interacting and educating the children and their families."

Vehicles doors were open inviting the children to climb in and explore. Wellspring Evangelical Community Hospital's Mobile Medical Unit was onsite as well. "We're Drivers of Good Health." Don Lynch greeted the children and explained some of the equipment. Brayden Hummel, 2, discovered the Poppy sticker resting on the exam chair. Jamie Edmondston an EMT WellSpan out of the Mifflinburg station assisted the children as they scrambled into the back of the ambulance, looked at the stretcher, and played with the buckles. Macie, age 4, and Wyatt, 5, Grovewere enjoying discovering new things.

Children were clambering into the bucket of the Windstream repair vehicle. "The bucket goes high in the sky to work on cable mounts," explained Nicole Adams to her children Juniper and Averie. They climbed into the truck and looked at the equipment displayed. Brayden Hummel loved this truck as well. He climbed the ladder at the back of the truck. He did a high-5 with his mother, Ashley, who wore the cable repairman's heavy gloves.

Union-Snyder Community Action Agency had a fun shopping activity set up in their mobile food pantry. Cathy Spencer, Food Service Navigator, and Alli Racke, Case Manager, admired the children's shopping savvy and provided information for the parents.

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Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church Celebrated 250th Anniversary

By Kay Poeth



Pictured here at the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church's 250th Anniversary reception are Virginia Krouse & Harry Kuster, two of the oldest church members, Pastor Kristina Schaeffer, and Tom Wallish (one of Salem Church's newest members).



The interior of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church was beautifully restored after the 2023 fire that severely damaged the church.

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church hosted their 250th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 9. There was a celebratory Worship Service at 10:30 am with Rev. Kristina Schaeffer. Altar flowers in celebration of the church's 250th Anniversary were donated by Donna and Bill Moyer.

An Open House after the service reflected "250 Years of Misson and Ministry." Visitors and members of the congregation were invited to wander throughout the church to view and enjoy special displays featuring the history of Salem Church, its members and Pastors, as well as services, activities, and events over the years. Many families and members had displays in the fellowship hall including history quilts, youth groups, Christmas at Salem, Salem Eagle Scouts and family baptisms, confirmations, and weddings. The TV screens scrolled through the history, many pointed out family and relatives. Many slides were photos of the renovation process after the fire. Organist Kim Bolig played in the sanctuary. Many people were purchasing Salem T-shirts and 250th Anniversary Christmas ornaments. Light refreshments were served.

Lowell Leitzel proudly pointed to a photo noting, "My father, Celo Leitzel, was pastor from 1981-1988. At the time, he was pastor at both Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kreamer."

"I went to church here for 65 years. I was baptized and married here and so were my children and grandchildren," said Shirley (Renninger) Kauffman. "Now, I go to Christ Community United Methodist Church in Selinsgrove on the hill. My husband played the organ there for 59 years." Then Shirley chuckled, "This is my first newspaper interview in 88 years!"

"The history is so amazing," said Louise Wallish as she browsed the displays. "One pastor served here for 55 years."

A recurring theme was the memories of growing up in the church. "I have been coming here since I was a baby," said Patty Roush, 66. "I was baptized here. I was married here. And, my boys were baptized here."

Harold Kuster, 94, is the longest-attending, living member of the church. He was baptized, confirmed, and married in the church. Charlie Benner quipped, "However, Harry is not the best-looking member, I am!"

Anna Kratzer, 99, is the oldest member. Shirley (Inch) Musser comes to church every Sunday. She will turn 95 on December 30.

Linda Fisher, a former member, returned for the 250th Anniversary. "I was married here on March 8, 1980 to Calvin Fisher, Jr. We were married by Pastor Rife. I now attend St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Kreamer."

Pastor Ann Zimmerman, who is part of the Middlecreek Conference, came to support Salem Church in their 250th Anniversary Celebration. She chatted with Ellie Schaeffer.

Michael Bilger's family donated one of the beautiful name quilts on display to the church. "There is a lot of history. I am proud of my heritage. My grandchildren are 11th generation, since 1722 from Germany. We also have a long history at Erdley Church."

Michael and his wife Janet Bilger "wanted to make sure that the quilt survived." After carefully searching they found their family names on the quilt.

According to Elaine and Charlie Benner, "We are the only current Salem Church members who were part of the UCC congregation since they merged with the Lutheran Church. There are other past members who still live in the area or have moved away and now attend other churches."

The Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church: Celebrating 250 Years of Mission and Ministry Bulletin delineated the History of Salem Church. In 1766, the original application was submitted for a Grant of Land consisting of 92-acres and 137-perches by early Lutheran settlers and granted to Melchoir Stock. The first Log Church was built in 1775 in the area of the present school and church house. Reformed members of the area were granted permission to worship in the church on occasions. In 1802, the Reformed members were granted equal worship rights with the Lutherans.

In 1812, preparations were underway for the building a new "Brick Church" on the location of the present building. Work began but was delayed by the War of 1812. On August 7, 1814, the cornerstone was laid. Then on May 12, 1816, the new church building was dedicated, "Rau's Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed Church."

In 1897, the "Brick Church" was demolished and the cornerstone for new building, "the Salem Lutheran and Reformed Church" was laid on May 30 by stone mason, Isaac Row, and his brothers Howard, George, and William on the same site. The dedication for the third and present church was held on May 24, 1898.

In 1968, the Reformed Congregation became affiliated with the Lutheran congregation. The church became "Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church."

In 1970, renovations to the sanctuary were completed, including creating a center aisle, restoring and electrifying the historic antique chandelier, and adding indoor plumbing. In 1971, a basement was dug for the purpose of social space for the whole congregation and for additional space for Sunday School classes.

In April 2023, a devastating fire caused significant damage to the entire church building. Restoration of the building took a year and a half. T-Ross Brothers Construction performed the renovations to the building, honoring the historic elements, while modernizing the space to serve the needs of congregation and community for the next era of ministry and mission. A rededication was held in July 2024.

America250PA Bells Across PA Unveiling in Snyder County

Edited by Kay Poeth

Bells Across PA is America250PA's statewide art series in which local artists adorn and magically transform fiberglass bell sculptures in commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026.

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Obituaries

Ruth Ann Apple, Mechanicsburg



Ruth born June 20,1953, in Lewistown, PA, entered her eternal rest on Thursday, November 27, 2025, with family by her side.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Apple, with whom she shared 53+ years of marriage. She is also survived by her daughter, Tricia (Apple) Baugus, and husband, Bruce, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; two grandsons, Nathanael Baugus and wife Naomi, of Durham, North Carolina, Bryant Baugus and wife Lauren, of Starkville, MS; two great granddaughters, Ingrid and Ruth Baugus; a sister Linda (Hockenbroch) Minium and husband Steve; brothers and sisters-in-law, Roger and Deb Apple and Warren and Connie Wagner; and seven nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Palmer and Alma (Pyle) Hockenbroch, and stepfather Raymond Hepner.

Ruth Ann was a graduate of Middleburg High School, class of 1971.

She worked various places over the years including Penn Dot in Selinsgrove, Colonial Real Estate in Mifflinburg, Altoona Board of Realtors in Altoona, a computer tech company in Mechanicsburg, and for Livingston and Magilton Realtors in Harrisburg.

She enjoyed sewing, music, playing the piano and attending music jams, where she and her husband would sing duets. She also enjoyed spending time with family and friends. A 50th wedding anniversary party with family, friends, and jammers held at Stone Ridge Acres, McAlisterville, was a particularly fond memory.

Ruth Ann was a member of Country and Town Baptist Church, Mechanicsburg.

After battling kidney disease for 43 years, including three kidney transplants and 13 plus years on dialysis in recent years, as well as surviving esophageal and colon cancer, she was ready to meet her savior.

Family and friends are welcome from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.,Thursday, December 4, 2025, at George P. Garman Funeral Homes, Inc., 9366 Route 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA 17853, where a funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., with Pastor Todd Jones officiating.

Burial will follow in Richfield Union Cemetery.

Michael D. Pretz, 81, Richfield



Michael passed away on Thursday, Nov. 27, at his home.

He was born July 4, 1944, in Aline, Snyder County, a son of the late J. Paul and Julia (Snyder) Pretz. On Oct. 4, 1962, he married the former Louise E. Wenrich, who survives.

Michael had been employed as a truck driver for various firms, with his longest employment being with Pennsylvania House in Lewisburg for 30 years.

He was a member of the Millerstown Loyal Order of the Moose.

He enjoyed hunting, but the greatest enjoyment in his life came from horses, which he cared for and raised on his hobby farm.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 63 years are two daughters, Wendy Adams and Annette (Shawn) Hubbert; a son, David (Jennifer) Pretz; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister Phyllis Fultz.

He was preceded in death by a sister Lottie Korber, and a brother, Norman Pretz;

A viewing was held on Monday, Dec. 1, from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Hummel Funeral Home, 574 Hill St. Middleburg, followed by the funeral at 11, with Rev. Daryl M. Kuhns officiating.

Burial will be in the Paxtonville Cemetery.

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Thomas Frederick McGrath, 96, a longtime resident of Selinsgrove



Thomas entered into eternal rest on November 25, 2025, at Brookdale Grayson View, Selinsgrove.

Born on Jan. 4, 1929, in Pittsburgh, he was a son to the late Thomas and Evelyn (Fellows) McGrath. On August 30, 1952, he married the former Genevieve “Jenny” Murphy, who preceded him in death.

Tom was a member of Sharon Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove.

Following high school, Tom earned a degree in chemistry from Franklin and Marshall College. He then earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. After graduation he served 3 years in the United States Army. His first job after leaving the Army was as a chemist for American Cyanamid in Connecticut. In 1963 he joined the faculty of Susquehanna University as a chemistry professor.

During his 29 years as a professor at Susquehanna University, Tom inspired countless students with his passion for his field, his thoughtful mentorship, and his belief in the power of education to change lives. His classroom was a place of encouragement and exploration, where he challenged others to think deeply and approach the world with both rigor and compassion.As a member of the staff of the Office of Financial Aid for another 16 years, Tom’s ability to connect with students and families reinforced the personal touches that characterize a Susquehanna education.

Tom was instrumental in developing the sciences at Susquehanna. He established the SU Chemistry Road Shows, and Science in Action Days which introduced thousands of prospective students to SU. A legacy of Tom’s is that he introduced a program of summer research for students. In 2015, former students established The Thomas F. McGrath Summer Research Partners Endowment to honor Tom’s distinguished career. The Thomas McGrath Chemistry Scholarship Fund was established in 2000.

Tom is survived by two sons, Scot and Gary McGrath; two daughters, Janet McGrath and Linda Sweger; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, Tom was preceded in death by a daughter Phyllis; one sister; and two grandchildren.

A visitation to honor both Tom and Jenny will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025, at V.L. Seebold Funeral Home, 601 North High Street, Selinsgrove, from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM.

Burial will be private in Evergreen Cemetery, Selinsgrove.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Thomas McGrath Chemistry Scholarship Fund.

Ruby L. Phillips, 70, rural Port Trevorton



Ruby passed away on Saturday, Nov. 29, at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born Nov. 8, 1955, in Sunbury, a daughter of the late Dean Reinard and Ruth (Shiltz) Reinard Goodling. Ruby was a 1973 graduate of Selinsgrove High School. On Dec. 20, 1974, she married Gary F. Phillips, who survives.

Earlier in her life, she had been employed at the Doctors Convalescent Home in Selinsgrove and for many years, along with her husband, operated a taxi transport service for the Mennonite community.

Earlier, she had attended the Pleasant Valley Chapel. She enjoyed cooking and especially raising and caring for her flowers.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 50 years is a daughter, Trisha Phillips; a grandson, Ashton, and a brother, Rodney Goodling.

A viewing was held on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the St. Thomas Independent Brethren in Christ Church, Mount Pleasant Mills, followed by the funeral at 11 a.m. with Rev. Roger Womer officiating.

Burial will be in St. John’s Cemetery, Port Trevorton.

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Crosby William Schreyer, 88



Crosby was welcomed home by his Savior Jesus Christ November 26, 2025, a son of the late Jacob Alvin and Vera Schreyer.

Corky was preceded in death by his sons, Robert Alvin Schreyer, step-son Paul Grieder; brother Alvin Schreyer and sister Sylvia Schreyer.

Born on January 19, 1937 in Brookhaven, Long Island, N.Y., Corky was a graduate of Babylon High School, enlisted U.S. Navy serviceman from 1955 to 1956. After a 40-year career, Corky retired from the Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO) in New York.

Corky and his wife Ellen, were members of Faith Baptist Church in Beaver Springs, PA and most recently New Life Fellowship in Beaver Springs, PA. A devoted churchman Corky supported the Body of Christ in many roles including: Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher, choir member, Christian Service Brigade Chief Ranger, committee member and general handyman! Corky devoted a large portion of his time serving those around him.

Corky sought to live each day for the glory of God. By faith, we believe that he has seen his Savior and he has looked on his God. Corky’s greatest treasure is his loving and devoted wife, Ellen.

Corky will be deeply missed by those blessed to be inside his circle of love and service. Early in his faith, Corky discovered his life verse; “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Corky is survived by his wife, Ellen; children, William Schreyer and wife Shelley, Thomas Schreyer and wife Carrie, and daughter, Karen Hildebrandt; step-children, Andrew Grieder and wife Raana; grandchildren, Cheryl Ann Lowe, Jacob Schreyer, Robert Schreyer, Chynna Gillman, Colton Schreyer, and Derek Hildebrandt; step-grandchildren, Alex Grieder, Nicholas Grieder, Gigi Grieder; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Hayley, Isaiah, Isabella, Caleb, James, David, Barron and Ryver.

A celebration of Corky’s life will be held at New Life Fellowship, 19750 Rt. 522, Beaver Springs, PA, 2:30 pm Saturday, December 6, 2025. All are welcome.

In place of flowers, if you wish, gifts can be made to support orphanage children in Jos, Nigeria: <https://religious-freedomcoalition.org/donate/> Or mailed to Religious Freedom Coalition, P.O. Box 77511, Washington, DC 20013.

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

Community Theatre Legue to Present Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”

[Williamsport, PA] - The Community Theatre League is busy preparing for its upcoming production of A Christmas Carol, adapted by Rob Melrose from the beloved novella by Charles Dickens. With performances on December 5, 6, and 7, and December 11, 12, 13, and 14, the company is putting the finishing touches on this Phantom-Filled, Fantastical, Festive production. Evening performances begin at 7:30 PM, with Sunday matinees at 2:00PM. All performances will be held at the Community Theatre League in Williamsport. Tickets are available at ctlshows.com/season-49.

Faithful to Dickens’ original language and rich with atmosphere, A Christmas Carol invites audiences into a Victorian London, England “cold bleak with so much fog that the houses opposite were mere phantoms.” A world where flicker-ing candlelight meets ghostly shadow, yet a possibility of change still hangs in the air. This production leans into the darker, more mysterious, and mystical side of the story while still celebrating the warmth and wonder of the season. The staging features a large cast of forty local performers, adults and children working together to tell Scrooge’s journey from bitterness to redemption. This is big-time Christmas energy, created by our community for our community.

Executive Artistic Director Seth Sponhouse reflects on why Dickens’ story endures. “Watching Scrooge face the truth of his life is as powerful now as it ever was. The ghosts expose fear and regret, they unsettle and they frighten, but they also point the way to hope. This adaptation leans into that mystery and that hope, and it gives our large, local cast a chance to create something both haunting and heartwarming.”

This holiday season, CTL is proud to support the community beyond the stage as well. CTL is a Toys for Tots collection site this year, and audiences are invited to bring an unopened toy to donate. Monetary contributions are also welcome at the theatre, and donors will be invited to write a holiday message to hang on the lobby Christmas tree, filling the space with community spirit and goodwill.

The production honors the spirit of Scrooge’s nephew Fred’s iconic words from the novella, which continue to resonate today. “I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time. The only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut up hearts freely. Though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good and will do me good and I say God bless it.”

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The SVC ensemble includes over 80 members. The performance will be accompanied by orchestra and organ, as well as a traditional candlelighting to conclude the performance.

Special highlights: SVC Limited will perform a piece as part of the program, and three soloists will be featured – Brian Crane, Josh Dearing, and Rob Speece.

The concert will include nine readings, as has been presented annually for over 100 years during the Nine Lessons and Carols service at Kings College in Cambridge, England.

Traditional Rutter carols will be presented, including “Candlelight Carol” and three arrangements by Dan Forrest: “See, Amid the Winter’s Snow”, “Festival First Nowell”, and “Angels We Have Heard on High”. The Chorale will also perform “So Many Hopes” by William Payn, “Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep” by Robert Cohen, and several other familiar favorites such as “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”, “Silent Night”, “O Come All Ye Faithful”, “Joy to the World” and “Still, Still, Still”.

Robert S. Cohen is well known to members and friends of the Susquehanna Valley Chorale as the composer of Alzheimer Stories, which the Chorale commissioned and premiered in 2009. “Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep” is Cohen’s setting of a Christina Georgina Rossetti Christmastide poem, which he composed in 2010.

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Susquehanna University’s Student Government Association and Office of Leadership & Engagement hosted a Polar Plunge to raise funds to benefit Special Olympics. The event raised more than \$23,000, exceeding Special Olympics’ goal of \$20,000. The university’s women’s soccer team raised the most at \$5,000.

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On Thursday, December 18, Santa Claus will visit the Kratzerville Volunteer Fire Company to meet with local children and to hear their Christmas wishes.

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Additionally, Boy Scout Troop 441 of Kratzerville invites visitors to consider donating a toy to the Toys for Tots collection box. Each year, the scouts collect toys for children who wouldn’t have gifts under the tree without the generosity of others.

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Snyder County Democratic Committee Donates to the Union-Snyder Action Agency



Pictured Left to Right: Chris Kalcich, Chairman of the Snyder County Democratic Committee. Susie Weller, Executive Director of the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency. Adam Exig, Snyder County Commissioner.

The Snyder County Democratic Committee has donated \$1,000 to the Union-Snyder Community Action Agency to assist in food bank resources within Snyder County due to the recent federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) conducted by our representatives. The Trump Administration has cut SNAP for nearly 2 million Pennsylvanians, over 3,500 of which reside in Snyder County, amid the Republican led Congress’s government shutdown because of failing to pass a federal budget. We as an organization believe that it is our responsibility to step up and assist our community when in crisis. While we hold a monthly nonperishable food drive, we recognize that it is not enough to ensure families can receive access to healthy and sustainable foods during this trying time.

We believe that it takes a community to support a community, and our guiding principles call us to action to provide this additional support. We applaud the numerous organizations and businesses that are also stepping up to help feed our community here in Snyder County, and we encourage more community action to support our neighbors.

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LEGALS

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Estate of Erma J. Sauers, late of Penn Township, Snyder County, PA, deceased. Letters of Administration on the above estate have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present them without delay to:

Todd R. Sauers,
Administrator
c/o AXRUNKLE, P.C.
14 South Main Street
Middleburg, PA 17842

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

Estate of PAUL T. FREED late of Freeburg Borough, Snyder County, 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:

Troy D. Freed,
Co-Executor
664 Mountain Road
Penns Creek, PA 17862
&
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

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of DONNA J. BANEY A/K/A DONNA JEAN BANEY, late of Penn 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:

Robert L. Baney, Jr.,
Carl W. Baney,
Travis A. Baney, and
Melissa J. Shetter,
Executors
c/o Matthew A. Slivinski,
Esq.
111 N. High Street,
Suite One
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of WILLIAM J. KRATZER, late of Union 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:

James W. Kratzer,
Lori L. Flanders, and
Sherry A. Dambrosia
c/o Matthew A. Slivinski,
Esq.
111 N. High Street,
Suite One
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned in the Estate of GERALD G. HUMMEL, late of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

All persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands will present them without delay to the undersigned Executor or his Attorney.

Roger V. Wiest, II, Esq.
244 Market St.
Sunbury, PA 17801
Executor

William R. Swinehart,
Esquire
WIEST, MUOLO,
NOON,
SWINEHART & BATH-GATE
240-246 Market Street
Sunbury, PA 17801

Attorney for the Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is given that the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, will consider enactment on the following proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment after a public hearing on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania immediately following the receipt of any public comment thereon.

AN ORDINANCE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 210, SUBSECTION 210.2, ENTITLED COMMERCIAL ZONE, USE REGULATIONS: USES BY RIGHT TO INCLUDE ROOF MOUNTED PRINCIPAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS (PSES).

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

Beau A. Hoffman,
Esquire, AxRunkle, P.C.,
Solicitor for Monroe Township

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION – C.T.A.

Estate of DONALD E. KRATZER, late of Adams Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration – C.T.A. 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:

Tammy Griffith,
Administratrix c.t.a.
89 Coon Hunter Road
Middleburg, PA 17842

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

2026 MEETING SCHEDULE MIDDLEBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

Organizational/Monthly Meeting: Monday, January 5, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting Dates:
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday,
February 10, 2026
Tuesday,
March 10, 2026
Tuesday,
April 14, 2026
Tuesday,
May 12, 2026
Tuesday,
June 09, 2026
Tuesday,
July 14, 2026
Tuesday,
August 11, 2026
Tuesday,
September 08, 2026
Tuesday,
October 13, 2026
Tuesday,
November 10, 2026
Tuesday,
December 08, 2026

All meetings will be held in the Middleburg Borough Building located at 13 North Main St, Middleburg, PA. Public is welcome.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Notice is given by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, that the Board will consider enactment of the following Ordinance at its regular meeting on January 5, 2026, at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania immediately following the receipt of any public comment thereon.

AN ORDINANCE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING THE DEFINITION OF “DATA CENTER” IN THE MONROE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE OF DEFINITIONS, ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3.

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

Beau A. Hoffman,
Esquire, AxRunkle, P.C.,
Solicitor for Monroe Township

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 3, SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 301, SIGNS, SUBSECTIONS 301.7, BILLBOARDS, AND 301.15, ELECTRONIC SIGNS, TO PERMIT THE USE OF ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS.

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

Beau A. Hoffman,
Esquire, AxRunkle, P.C.,
Solicitor for Monroe Township

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Notice is given by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, that the Board will consider enactment of the following Ordinance at its regular meeting on January 5, 2026 at the Monroe Township Municipal Building, 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania immediately following the receipt of any public comment thereon.

AN ORDINANCE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING MONROE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE 2, ZONE REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 214, I – INDUSTRIAL ZONE, SUBSECTION 214.2, USE REGULATIONS, ALLOWING DATA CENTERS IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONES AS A USE BY RIGHT AND AMENDING ARTICLE 3, SECTION 316, TO INCLUDE SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR “MANUFACTURING, WHOLESALE STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE, AND DATA CENTERS”

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

Beau A. Hoffman,
Esquire, AxRunkle, P.C.,
Solicitor for Monroe Township

ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of EFFIE I. REGGIA A/K/A EFFIE IRENE REGGIA, late of Union 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:

Rudy L. Reggia
c/o Matthew A. Slivinski,
Esq.
111 N. High Street,
Suite One
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

BEAVERTOWN MUNICIPAL 2026 MEETING DATES

01/27/26
02/24/26
03/31/26
04/28/26
05/26/26
06/30/26
07/28/26
08/25/26
09/29/26
10/27/26
11/24/26
12/22/26

at 7 p.m.
336 N. Kern Street,
Beavertown, PA 17813

NOTICE

In Re: CHANGE OF NAME OF NATHEN PHILLIP THOMAS IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA SNYDER COUNTY BRANCH

CIVIL ACTION - NAME CHANGE

NO. CV-402-2025

ORDER

AND NOW October 28, 2025, pursuant to the Court's Order Dated October 16, 2025, it is here by ORDERED that a hearing on the Petition for Change of Name is rescheduled for December 16, at 2:30 p.m. in the Courtroom of the Snyder County Courthouse, Middleburg, Pennsylvania.

2026 MONROE TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE

The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors has established the following 2026 meeting schedule. All meetings listed in this notice will be held at the Monroe Township Municipal Building at 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove, PA. The 2026 Monroe Township meeting schedule will be as follows: Monroe Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct hearings as needed on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; Monroe Township Recreation Committee will hold meetings as needed on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; Monroe Township Planning Commission will meet on the fourth (4th) Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the May, September, and December meetings. The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors will meet on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of the December meeting. The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors will conduct the 2026 Annual Organization Meeting along with addressing any regular business as needed on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The Monroe Township Annual Auditors' Organization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. The Monroe Township Board of Supervisors will conduct the Township Road Review, if needed, on Saturday, March 7, 2026 with the following alternative dates scheduled in case of inclement weather: March 14th or March 21st. A second Road Review will take place on Saturday, October 10, 2026 with the following alternative dates: October 17th or Octo-

ber 24th. Road Review Workshop will take place at the October Meeting at 7:00. A 2027 Budget Workshop Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will address any regular business as needed. All meetings begin at 7:00 with the exception noted below:

Supervisor Meetings:

January 5, 2026 – 6:00 PM
(Annual Organization Meeting)

January 27, 2026
February 24, 2026
March 24, 2026
April 28, 2026
May 26, 2026
June 23, 2026
July 28, 2026
August 25, 2026
September 22, 2026
October 8, 2026 – 6:00 PM
(Annual Budget Meeting)
October 27, 2026
November 24, 2026
December 15, 2026

Planning Commission Meetings:

January 26, 2026
February 23, 2026
March 23, 2026
April 27, 2026
May 18, 2026
June 22, 2026
July 27, 2026
August 24, 2026
September 21, 2026
November 23, 2026
December 14, 2026

Ashley R. Dull
Township Secretary

MEETING NOTICE

The West Perry Township Supervisors will hold their reorganization meeting on January 5, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at 12476 Rt. 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA. The West Perry Township Auditors will hold their organizational meeting on January 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at 12476 Rt. 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA. The West Perry Township Board of Supervisors monthly meetings for 2026 will be held the 4th Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at 12476 Rt. 35, Mt. Pleasant Mills, PA. West Perry Twp. Secretary

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Borough of Freeburg, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, intends to consider, and anticipates enacting, an ordinance entitled:

TAX LEVY ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FREEBURG, COUNTY OF SNYDER, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE TAX RATE YEAR 2026.

The proposed Ordinance shall fix the tax rate on all real estate within the Borough of Freeburg for the year 2026 at twelve (12.0) mills. Copies of the proposed Ordinance may be reviewed at the Office of the Freeburg Secretary, Freeburg Community Building, Freeburg Road and Church Street, Freeburg, Pennsylvania, or at the Cravitz Law Office, Borough Solicitor, 503 North Market Street, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

The Borough Council intends to consider, and anticipates enacting, the proposed Ordinance at the Freeburg Community Building, Freeburg Road and Church Street, Freeburg, Pennsylvania, at its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter

may be considered.

Robert M. Cravitz,
Cravitz Law Office,
LLC Freeburg Borough
Solicitor

NOTICE OF TRUST ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE is hereby given of the administration of THE ALMA R. PAULING PROTECTOR TRUST, dated February 24, 2025. Alma R. Pauling, settlor of the trust, late of the City of Selinsgrove, County of Snyder, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, died on July 6, 2025.

Diane M. Pauling and Brian D. Pauling, Trustees, request all persons having claims or demands against the Trust to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to the Trustee, c/o Jaime M. Leon, Esquire, Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, 413 Washington Boulevard, Williamsport, PA 17701.

MEETING NOTICE

Snyder Conservation District
10541 Route 522
Middleburg, PA 17842
570-837-3000

2026 Meeting Dates and Times

January 6, 2026
4:00 pm
February 3, 2026
4:00 pm
March 3, 2026
4:00 pm
April 7, 2026
4:00 pm
May 5, 2026
4:00 pm
June 2, 2026
4:00 pm
July 7, 2026
4:00 pm
August 4, 2026
4:00 pm
September 1, 2026
4:00 pm
October 6, 2026
4:00 pm
November 3, 2026
4:00 pm
December 1, 2026
4:00 pm

All meetings are held at the above address unless otherwise published

MEETING NOTICE

The Snyder County Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, December 15th will be at the Snyder County East Building starting at 7:30 pm.

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH 2026 MEETING DATES

Meetings are subject to last-minute cancellation, if a quorum will not be present or if no business is scheduled to be conducted.

Contact the Borough Office, if you wish to be on the agenda or for cancellation information on these meetings.
(Go to www.selinsgrove.org for more information on these and other Borough entities)

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL 2026 MEETING DATES

The regular monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Borough Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the first Monday of each month, except as noted below.

SELINGSGROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The regular monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Borough Council will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the first Monday of each month, except as noted below.

January 5, 2026
February 2, 2026
March 2, 2026
April 6, 2026
May 4, 2026
June 1, 2026
July 6, 2026
August 3, 2026
Tuesday:
September 8, 2026
October 5, 2026
November 2, 2026
December 7, 2026

SELINGSGROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

If there is business to address, then:
The regular monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the third Wednesday of each month, except as noted below. (Please contact the Office if you want to be sure a meeting will be held.)

January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 19, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 16, 2026

SELINGSGROVE ZONING HEARING BOARD

If there is business to address, then:
The regular monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Zoning Hearing Board will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the first Thursday of each month, except as noted below. (Please contact the Office if you want to be sure a meeting will be held.)

January 5, 2026
February 2, 2026
March 2, 2026
April 6, 2026
May 4, 2026
June 1, 2026
July 6, 2026
August 3, 2026
Tuesday:
September 8, 2026
October 5, 2026
November 2, 2026
December 7, 2026

SELINGSGROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

If there is business to address, then:
The regular monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the third Wednesday of each month, except as noted below. (Please contact the Office if you want to be sure a meeting will be held.)

January 21, 2026
February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 20, 2026
June 17, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 19, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 16, 2026

SELINGSGROVE ZONING HEARING BOARD

If there is business to address, then:
The regular monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Zoning Hearing Board will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the first Thursday of each month, except as noted below. (Please contact the Office if you want to be sure a meeting will be held.)

January 8, 2026
February 5, 2026
March 5, 2026
April 2, 2026
May 7, 2026
June 4, 2026
July 2, 2026
August 6, 2026
September 3, 2026
October 1, 2026
November 5, 2026
December 3, 2026

SELINGSGROVE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

If there is business to address, then:
The regular bi-monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Parks and Recreation Board will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the third Wednesday of every **odd** numbered month, except as noted below. *Meetings may be held virtually, please call the Borough Office by 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting for login details.*

January 21, 2026
March 18, 2026
May 20, 2026
July 15, 2026
September 16, 2026
November 18, 2026

SELINGSGROVE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

If there is business to address, then:
The regular bi-monthly meetings of the Selinsgrove Shade Tree Commission will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the third Wednesday of every **even** month,

except as noted below.

February 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
June 17, 2026
August 19, 2026
October 21, 2026
December 16, 2026

SELINGSGROVE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

If there is business to address, then:
The regular monthly meeting of the Selinsgrove Municipal Authority will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Council Chambers, 1 North High Street, Selinsgrove, PA on the second Thursday of each month, except as noted below.

January 8, 2026
February 12, 2026
March 12, 2026
April 9, 2026
May 14, 2026
June 11, 2026
July 9, 2026
August 13, 2026
September 10, 2026
October 8, 2026
November 12, 2026
December 10, 2026

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Finance Committee – meets at 1:00 PM on Council meeting dates as stated above in the Council Chambers

Community Development/Constituent Ombudsman – meets January, April, July, and October at 3:00PM on Council meeting dates as stated above in the Council Chambers.

Public Facilities & Services – meets at 2:00 PM on the third Thursday of each month, except as noted below.
January 15, 2026
February 19, 2026
March 19, 2026
April 16, 2026
May 21, 2026
June 18, 2026
July 16, 2026
August 20, 2026
September 17, 2026
October 15, 2026
November 19, 2026
December 17, 2026

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'08 F450, crew cab
Reading tool box, ladder rack 6.4 diesel, 260k miles, \$18,000, Houle 5350, liquid spreader, HD Tandam axle, \$16,000, 484-877-0227

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90" angle snowplow, skid loader attachment welded on for skid loader or loader tractor, needs hoses to go to skid loader, has cyl., \$900, 717-247-8520

Caterpillar 951B Crawler, works well, no canopy, \$8,000, 570-765-9089

Hyster P180A Diesel, 8 foot forks, 18,000lb capacity, \$15,000, 570-765-9089

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Ryobi 10" table saw, new, 15amp saw w/rip fence, miter gauge and foldable stand, \$150, pickup in Millmont, 570-238-9948

Ariens Snow Blower, like new, reg. 1,200 asking \$800 OBO, Husqvarna Pro Tractor-Tread-Drive Snowblowers, like new, reg 2,500 asking \$675 OBO, 2001 F350 Crew Cab Diesel, red, LB DRW, 134K miles, inquire, 570-743-6952

2016 Ford Explore Eddie Bauer package, minimum rust on running board, well kept in garage and all maintenance details, sunroof, power seats in front, third row seating, up to date inspection, 570-217-0560

Wild life print sofa and chair, fair condition, \$100 for set, 570-837-3279

Childs 50+ yr. old double metal cook stove with oven- pexiglass, needs replaced- cooking dishes included, \$25, old

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Books for Babes: The Gift of Reading



During the holiday season, members of Keystone State Literacy Association Susquehanna Valley (KSLASV) participate in their annual Books for Babes community outreach program. This year volunteers wrapped 820 books for preschool students enrolled in local Early Head Start, Northumberland Area Head Start, PreK Counts, and Early Intervention Preschool Programs. The Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), which serves Snyder, Union, Columbia, Northumberland, and Montour counties, distributes the books to the preschool children. Teenage parents in CSIU's Project Elect, a program that supports young parents, also receive a book for their child.

CSIU, one of 29 intermediate units in Pennsylvania, is an education service agency that provides many services to schools, including preschool programs, special education services, and professional development for educators.

KSLASV held a book wrapping party on November 3 at the CSIU building in Montandon. Over 20 individuals attended the party, including members of Susquehanna University's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi.

KSLASV members and volunteers wrapped two books: Goodnight, Little Panda and Goodnight, Little Duckling, both written by Amanda Wood. Parent tips for reading aloud to children were included in each book.

The Books for Babes project helps encourage parents to read to their children early and often. Reading aloud to children has many benefits, including building vocabulary, developing comprehension, and strengthening the bond between parents and children.

Harper Collins UK published a study in April 2025 that showed parents are not reading to their children nearly as often as previous generations. Only 41% of children aged four years and younger are being read to frequently. In 2012, the number was 64%.

KSLASV is a local non-profit, volunteer organization whose goals are to develop literacy, professional development, and advocate literacy issues. For more information about joining KSLASV, please visit ksla.wildapricot.org. Donations for the Books for Babes project may be mailed to Mrs. Janice Adair at 121 Sycamore Lane, Northumberland, PA 17857. Checks should be made payable to KSLA Susquehanna Valley.

Kelsey's Dream Surprises Children at Geisinger!



It was the perfect way to celebrate Kelsey's birthday....by giving to the kids at Geisinger!

In the morning Kelsey's Dream arrived at Foss 3 Clinic at Geisinger to bring fun to the children with appointments for oncology, endo and GI.

In the afternoon they arrived at the Janet Weis Children's Hospital at Geisinger to bring fun to all three floors of the children's hospital.

The children all enjoyed the frog and ladybug theme and loved to see the large Hopper the Cancer the Crusher. They enjoyed selecting a lady bug or frog balloon, bubble wand, slap bracelet, tattoo, necklace, cupcake and ice cream.

In the evening, it was a pizza and ice cream party for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

Amie Miller, board member of Kelsey's Dream and Kelsey and Kylie's aunt, wanted to be a part of celebrating Kelsey, and Tina Kuhns, Kelsey and Kylie's mom and CEO, was so glad to have her because the day kept them both moving. From filling all the balloons with helium, to running for the ice cream treats, to talking to parents and children.

Kylie, Kelsey's sister, kept in touch throughout the day and just absolutely loved all the fun and love we were giving to all the children and families. She cannot wait to get home to dig into volunteering alongside us for a couple weeks, in November.

Selinsgrove Girl Scout Troop "Night Owl" Badge



Earning their "Night Owl" badge involves interviewing someone who works the night shift and then writing an article about the interview. On October 13th, the girls interviewed an Officer from the Selinsgrove Borough Police Department.

Girl Scout Troop 64563 interviewed Officer Lynn of the Selinsgrove Borough Police Department to learn what it is like to work the night shift. Officer Lynn works 5pm-3am or 9pm-7am. His body adjusts to being awake at night and asleep at day. Officer Lynn stated most calls happen in the evening hours. One tip to stay awake at night is to keep busy. Officer Lynn does this by patrolling around town. Officer Lynn shared that working the night shift is difficult for family life but he enjoys his job and likes helping people. He especially enjoys keeping the roads safe for drivers and pedestrians.

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