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Rhys (left) and John Koba from Yardley hold their purchase of fresh, locally grown apples and arugula at the Yardley Farmers' Market Indoor Winter Market that is currently running through April. See story on page 4.

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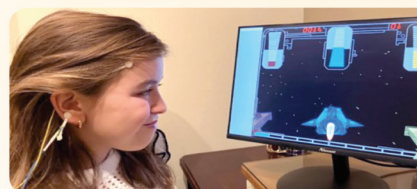
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New Rotary Club forming in Yardley

Seeks members interested in "Service Above Self"

By Maryanna Savage Phinn

Rotary clubs have provided American small towns, suburban communities, and big cities with community service for more than a century and have a significant history of impactful community-based projects internationally.

Rotary is now offering an opportunity for Yardley residents, professionals, and business owners to join this exceptional volunteer service organization that abides by the Rotarian motto of "Service Above Self" and its mission of "Doing Good in the World."

"We do community reviews, and we found that Yardley is a highly populated area with a lot of small businesses. That's who we tend to have as members," explained Katie Farrell, District Governor for Rotary District 7430 that serves Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Northampton and Berks counties in south-

eastern Pennsylvania. Katie oversees 42 clubs and 1,700 members in those counties. According to Rotary International, there are more 45,000 clubs and 1.2 million members worldwide.

"Our members are small business owners and people that are really engaged in the community and have a real stake in their community. They not only work there and live there, but they do good things in their community and want to improve their community. That's what rotary is all about," said Katie.

Rotary is not new to the Yardley area. Katie noted that the Morrisville-Yardley Rotary Club was chartered in 1928 through 2024. The club

dissolved after membership declined mostly from "aging out" but this brought new opportunity to re-energize a Yardley-based club and recruit a new generation of members.

Katie met with several business association groups about forming another club and the Rotary District 7430 recently hosted two socials in mid-February and early March at the Vault Brewing Company in Yardley Borough, for anyone interested in learning more about Rotary. "We advertised in local free press, websites, and meet-up social media sites, encouraging anyone interested in getting involved in an impactful community service organization in your local

community to come and join us. We invite people to learn about Rotary, what it is, and how you can participate in your own backyard."

At the recent events, attendees learned more about Rotary, including the organization's seven areas of focus: Peace Building and Conflict Resolution; Disease Prevention and Treatment; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; Maternal and Child Health; Basic Education and Literacy; Community and Economic Development; and Protecting the Environment.

"We do projects that are related to these seven areas. We can fuel your passion with like-minded people," noted

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Yardley Farmers' Market continues to "grow" all year round

by June Portnoy

The Yardley Farmers' Market was the brain-child of Susan Schneck and Tammy Marshall, two Yardley Borough residents and friends who wanted to establish a farmers market in town. "At the time, we were both working full time, and didn't have the time to travel to the other farmers markets in the county," explained Susan. "Our initial goal was to bring locally sourced food to this area."

As a result, Susan and Tammy co-founded the Yardley Farmers' Market in 2015. Now operating year-round, the market continues to thrive.

Susan, a Penn State Master Gardener at the time, and Tammy, an avid gardener, shared a passion for fresh, local produce and saw the market as an opportunity to connect neighbors with regional farmers. "We were never looking to create the largest farmers market; we just wanted to form a farmers market that brought our residents together in our hometown," Susan explains.

The market started small, with vendors participating for free in its first year, but it quickly grew into a recognized part of the Yardley community. "The first year, we just went around talking to farmers and vendors and didn't even charge them anything for setting up at our market," Susan recalls. Some of those vendors are still part of the market today.

Today, the market operates as a Pennsylvania non-profit LLC and continues to receive strong support from the borough. "Yardley Borough has always been very supportive of the market. They've allowed us



Joni Garcia, Yardley Farmers' Market Assistant Manager; Carol Such, Yardley Farmers' Market Volunteer; and Susan Schneck, Yardley Farmers' Market Manager greet patrons as they enter the market.

to use the park, which is very generous," says Susan. The summer market runs outdoors in Buttonwood Park, while the indoor winter market, which is currently being held at the Lower Makefield Township Community Center, ensures that residents have access to fresh, local goods throughout the year.

The Yardley Farmers' Market has steadily expanded, now featuring 18 to 20 vendors offering a diverse selection of goods. While food remains the market's primary focus, a limited number of functional crafts, such as pottery, and specialty vendors also participate. Some long-standing vendors have been with the market since its inception, while new pop-up vendors frequently join to introduce fresh offerings to the community.

"One of the many reasons people come to the farmers market is the quality of the food," explains Susan. "When you buy lettuce at the grocery store, you're lucky if it lasts a week. When you buy lettuce at the farmers market, it will last in your fridge for up to two weeks because it's fresh-picked."

Many Yardley residents prefer shopping at the farmers market because of the unparalleled freshness of the food. Unlike grocery store produce, which may have been transported and stored for days before reaching shelves, farmers market produce is often picked just a day before sale, ensuring superior taste and longevity.

Another key draw is the ability to interact directly with

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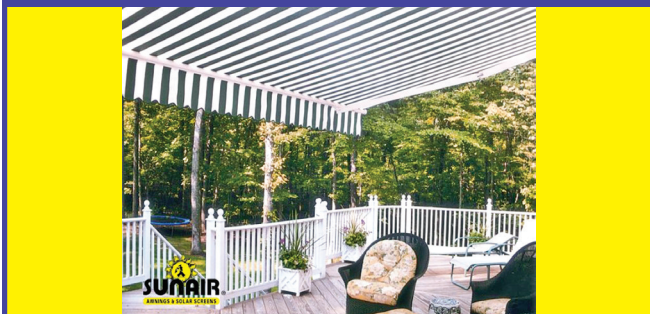
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Baseball is a game steeped in its own mythology, and perhaps none of its stories have been as distorted by time and legend as those of its origins. For generations, the tale of America's pastime being invented by Abner Doubleday in a cow pasture in Cooperstown, NY, was held up as the sport's seminal moment by the president of the National League,

though Doubleday himself never made such a claim.

Author and historian Patricia Millen will reveal the true story of baseball's lineage as detailed in her groundbreaking book, "From Pastime to Passion: Baseball and the Civil War," in a presentation hosted by the Lower Makefield Historical

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Society on Sunday, April 27. This free event, open to the public, will be held from 2 - 4 pm at the Lower Makefield Township Community Center, 1550 Oxford Valley Road, in Yardley.

Patricia Millen is a retired museum professional with over forty years experience working in museums in New Jersey and New York State. She holds a Bachelor of Science in American Studies from SUNY Albany and teaching certificates in United States and World History. She is the author of three books and dozens of articles on 19th century American history. Millen's latest book, *"Images of America, Washington Crossing,"* was published in 2022. "From Pastime to Passion; Baseball and the Civil War," published

by Heritage Press, was the first book published on the subject in 2001. Her work on the subject has been shared on the official blog of Major League Baseball.

Millen's articles on the history and evolution of baseball and the games played in prison camps during the Civil War have been published by "The Society of American Baseball Researchers," "Tri-County Historical Review," "McFarland Publishers," and "Major League Baseball." Patricia became interested in the subject of baseball during the Civil War while living and working in Cooperstown, NY, at the New York State Historical Association.

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Adventures in spring gardening

Jennifer Finelli,
Bucks Beautiful

After a chilly winter, March has graced us with some warmer days. As a gardener, the warmer weather serves as a siren call to head back into the yard and begin preparing for the upcoming spring and summer. There are a few considerations you might want to make before diving right in, as March and early April can be a great time to take a pause for some solid planning.

Although it's tempting to start your spring clean-up as soon as the first warm day occurs, it can often be helpful to delay some of the cleaning until a few weeks after the last frost. This way, you can be fairly certain that most pollinators have safely emerged from their winter habitats among your leaves and stems. We gain great value from having our native

pollinators present. They are essential to the reproduction of most flowering plants and they significantly impact the yield of our garden, especially those of us trying to grow vegetables. Beyond the specific benefits they bring to our own gardens, they contribute to a balanced ecosystem- keep nuisance pests in check and feed our native birds.

While you're waiting for your spring clean-up window, some things to consider for your vegetable gardens are some good companion plants. If you're trying to grow tomatoes, peppers, beans, herbs or carrots, companion plants can be a great way to enhance that crop. There are several resources available to guide you through the plant-pairing process. Some plants simply grow well together, but the addition of, say, nasturtium to tomato plants not only adds visual appeal, but also has an

added benefit of pest control. This early spring window is a great opportunity to literally map out your planting blueprint so you can hit the soil running. A good pencil sketch can help keep track of your planting or there are some go-to apps for those who want to go more "high-tech."

As we experienced last summer, water can be unpredictable. We can find ourselves vacillating between excess water management and only weeks later, battling drought. As there's really no predicting Mother Nature, one thing we can try to be more cognizant of is using plants and trees that are more acclimated to our climate. Our native trees, shrubs and perennials tend to be less fussy and more able to handle longer periods of dry weather. If you're planning some new trees for shade, privacy or overall ecological benefit, consider planting a

native species. Many of our local nurseries in Bucks offer native tree options. It's also important to consider the soil and sun conditions. Is the area where you're planting often wet? Is it full sun or partial shade? Planting the right plant or tree in the right space can make a huge difference to the plant's longevity and the overall return you get on your investment.

Lastly, many folks are avid bird fans with a growing number of our Townships and Borough in Bucks becoming designated Bird Towns. The type of bird you're trying to attract may factor into your plant and tree selection. You also might want to consider birdhouses, and early spring is a great time to do so. It's always best to do a bit of research beforehand. Some birdhouses might be attractive to people, but are they functional and attractive to birds? Using an educational resource like your local extension website or a wildlife organization can give you research-backed information. If you're doing any research on trees, plants, or attracting wildlife, using a .edu or .org website is your best strategy. Happy spring gardening, Bucks County!

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As you plan your spring garden, don't forget about your HVAC system! Thoughtful landscaping can improve your unit's efficiency, protect it from the elements, and enhance your yard's overall aesthetic. With the right approach, you can seamlessly blend function and beauty in your outdoor space. Here are four ways to landscape around your HVAC unit:

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Enhance Privacy

If you'd like to conceal your

HVAC system, a fence or trellis is a great option. A trellis with climbing vines such as clematis or jasmine adds a decorative touch, while a lattice fence provides partial coverage without restricting airflow. Just be sure to leave the top of the unit open for ventilation.

Protect Against the Elements

Strong winds, rain, and snow can take a toll on your HVAC system over time. Planting sturdy evergreen trees nearby can act as a natural shield, helping to protect your unit while maintaining proper airflow. This not only extends the life of your system, but also integrates it more naturally into your landscape.

Opt for Low-Maintenance Solutions

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Time to give your house a check-up

As the winter begins to loosen its hold on the area it's time to take a step back and assess the damage that Mother Nature caused on your home. There are some easy ways to determine what needs to be taken care of before winter comes back around.

Take a good hard look (or better yet a feel) at the performance of your windows and doors. Put your hand along the edges and across the bottom of your entry doors. If you feel a dramatic decrease in tempera-



ture you may need to replace your weather stripping around your door or replace the entire door.

Take a walk around the interior of your house and look at the ceilings below a

roof surface. Look for stains or damage to the drywall. Then take a look to see if there are missing shingles on the roof. There may also be a flashing issue against a side wall or around a ventilation product like a pipe or fan.

Next, take a walk around the outside of your house and look at the overall condition of your siding and gutters. Are there any missing pieces of siding,

any pieces that have come apart or have fallen out of position and are at risk of being damaged? Are the gutters connected to the house securely? Are the downspouts connected to the gutter properly? Are there spots on the ground where the landscaping appears to be washed away to indicate water spilling over the gutters? This could be the result of a blockage in the gutters.

Now is the time to evaluate your home exterior so that you may avoid possible future issues.

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Bucks IU celebrates school social workers during National Social Work Month

Story submitted by Joan Hellyer, Bucks IU Paraeducator.

March is National Social Work Month, a time to highlight the commitment of these professionals working to create a stable and supportive learning environment. The Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Bucks IU) is taking this opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions of social workers in supporting Bucks IU students and their families.

School social workers assist students facing social, emotional, and academic challenges, according to the National Association of Social Workers. They connect students with resources both within schools and throughout local communities, helping to remove barriers to academic success.

According to Amy Snyder-Dietz, Bucks IU's Lead School Social Worker and IDEA Inter-

agency Coordinator, the organization employs fourteen school social workers.

The role of a school social worker varies based on their assignment, explained veteran Bucks IU Social Worker Chris Killcoyne, who has supported special needs students and their families for 27 years.

Killcoyne provides individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals for students in multiple Bucks County school districts. She also helps families access community resources, including behavioral health services and in-home care. Additionally, she assists families with medical, child welfare, and socioeconomic issues and guides students 18 and older in securing job-related community resources.

Bucks IU school social workers collaborate with other

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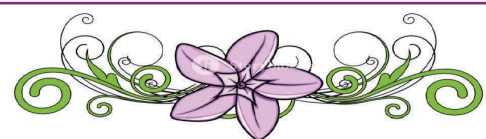


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The PAS Foundation provides annual

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and guardians to select the sessions that best fit their summer plans. Offerings include arts and crafts, science and STEAM, theatre, sports, and more—each led by certified teachers or highly skilled professionals in their respective fields.

Kids on Campus runs from June 16 to August 8, with camps held Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Please note that the weeks of June 16 and July 4 will have four-day sessions.

For teens ages 13-15, the

Youth receives scholarship

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scholarships for children ages 10 to 18, to pursue passions and interests outside of school. They connect young people from low-income households

to life-altering athletic, artistic, musical and creative activities led by positive role models. Based in Yardley, the PAS Foundation serves the greater Philadelphia region and South

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This event will be taking place virtually using Zoom. Register online at capitalhealth.org/events and be sure to include your email address. Zoom meeting details will be provided via email 2–3 days before the program date. Registration ends 24 hours before the program date.



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Newtown Arts Company

Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical, Coming to the Newtown Theatre Stage

*Bonnie & Clyde: Written by Melissa Victor/
Public Relations, Marketing Coordinator*

The infamous story of Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow comes to life in *Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical*, hitting the stage at the historic Newtown Theatre from April 24–27. Known for their string of bank robberies, burglaries, and violent clashes with law enforcement during the Great Depression, Bonnie and Clyde became national figures through newspaper coverage and staged photographs. As part of the Barrow Gang, their crime spree captivated the nation until their dramatic ambush and death in 1934. Their legacy continues to inspire books, films, and music.

“Bonnie and Clyde,” book by Ivan Menchell, lyrics by Don Black, and music by Frank Wildhorn, is a musical that tells the passionate and gripping tale of the outlaw

couple, weaving romance, ambition, and tragedy into an electrifying musical. The show follows their journey from small-time crooks to America’s most wanted, blending rockabilly, blues, and gospel into a dynamic score. Premiering in 2009 and making its Broadway debut in 2011, the musical gained a devoted following despite its brief run.

This production is directed by Peter Fenton, with Mary Liz Ivins serving as assistant director and Lee Milhous as musical director. The show is presented through special arrangement with, and licensed by, Music Theatre International (MTI), with all authorized performance materials supplied by MTI. Learn more at www.mtishows.com.

Performances will take place at Newtown Theatre, 120 North State Street in Newtown, with evening shows on Thursday, April 24, Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 pm plus matinee performances on Saturday, April 26 and

Sunday, April 27 at 2 pm.

Newtown Arts Company is dedicated to fostering a love for live theatre, offering a welcoming and inclusive environment for individuals and families of all backgrounds. Whether performing on stage or working behind the scenes, members have the opportunity to showcase their creativity.

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HOTWORX is more than just a fitness studio; it is a training method with the unique combination of heat, infrared energy, and exercise known as 3D training, consistency offered by the flow of the various sessions and

cross-training by incorporating various HIIT workouts, Isometric workouts, and functional training in the FX zone.

Workouts offered include Hot Yoga, Hot Pilates, Hot Barre None, Hot Cycle and more. Each session is virtually instructed by experienced fitness professionals who guide you through the workout, encouraging you to go at your own best pace, but challenging you to grow at the same time. HOTWORX caters to all fitness levels, beginner to advanced, while cultivating a supportive environment where everyone thrives.

HOTWORX Langhorne's Grand Opening weekend begins Friday March 28 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and wine tasting event with the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce, local officials, and the community from 4 - 5 pm.



The celebration will continue on Saturday March 29 from 10 am - 4 pm in the studio with vendors such as Stretch Lab of Newtown, Femme Gemnz permanent jewelry, and Go Glow Yardley. Bringing even more energy to the celebration will be HOTWORX Virtual Instruc-

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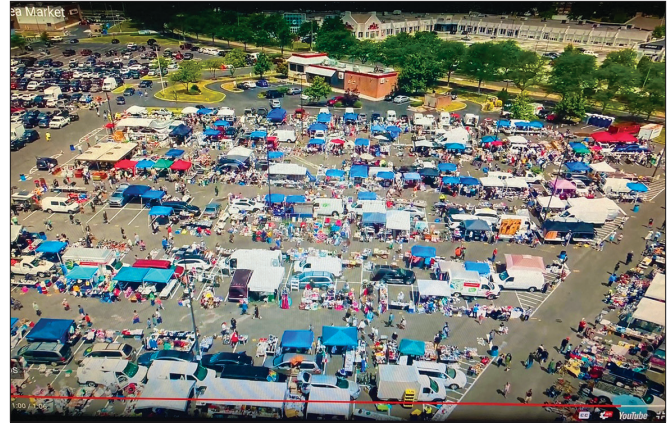
Exciting news for treasure hunters, vintage lovers, and bargain shoppers—Franklin Mills Flea Market is back! Open every Sunday from April through November at Liberty Plaza, 90 Franklin Mills Blvd., just off Knights Road, next to Burger King and CVS, this market is a must-visit destination for anyone searching for unique finds and unbeatable deals.

As part of the renowned Phila Flea Markets (AKA The Philly Flea), now celebrating

40 years since 1985, Franklin Mills Flea Market continues the long-standing tradition of bringing together some of the best vendors in the region. Each week, visitors can browse through a wide variety of goods, including antiques, vintage clothing, collectibles, handmade crafts, furniture, home décor, records, jewelry, and much more.

What makes this flea market truly special is the ever-changing selection—no two Sundays are ever the same. Every visit offers a new opportunity to uncover rare and one-of-a-kind treasures. Whether you're a serious collector, a casual browser, or simply enjoy the thrill of the hunt, Franklin Mills Flea Market has something for everyone.

Beyond shopping, the flea market is an experience in



itself. Visitors can interact with knowledgeable vendors, hear the stories behind their unique items, and immerse themselves in Philadelphia's vibrant flea market culture. Plus, shoppers can enjoy plenty of free parking and free admission for a stress-free experience. The market is open Sundays from 8 am to 4 pm, but early birds are always welcome!

With its welcoming atmosphere and endless variety, it's

no wonder Phila Flea Markets has been a staple in the city for four decades. Don't miss your chance to explore one of the best flea markets in the region. Mark your calendar, bring your friends, and join the hunt for hidden treasures every Sunday!

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The nonprofit Bucks County Tennis Association’s (BCTA) and the 24-plus county-wide public sites it programs have mirrored this growth with 2,200 registered participants in 2024—more than double its pre-Covid numbers. Other park and commercial programs in Bucks County have also seen increased demand for tennis.

To accommodate the sport’s growing demand, this year the USTA is offering a

further \$10 million in grants for tennis facilities’ repair or expansion, and doubling down on its efforts to provide free workshops for recruiting and developing community tennis coaches. One such workshop, sponsored by the BCTA, will be held on Sunday, April 27, at Doylestown Tennis Club. Like other public park sports, the BCTA welcomes parents, teachers, senior high school and college students as well as existing coaches to attend and learn great group strategies that make playing tennis easy and fun. Register for the free workshop and see how to inspire your community to stay active and healthy.

The BCTA will also celebrate “May Is National Tennis Month” on May 10 with a “Hit To Be Fit” event at Council Rock North tennis courts. The fun tennis activities will include novice through advanced players and those who have never before tried the sport, ages 14 and older. Bring family



Tennis play is growing

members and friends to join the BCTA in this tennis celebration that is part of tennis facilities and groups across the country simultaneously participating in tennis at the same time.

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As you can see there's a lot going on at New Life; the only thing that may be missing is you!!! For more information about New Life Christian Church and her ministries, call 215-579-PRAY (7729).



MABGA Junior Golf Program announces first outing on April 14th

Every year, The Middle Atlantic Blind Golf Association's (MABGA) Junior Golf Program holds monthly outings and clinics for boys and girls ages 7-21 who are blind or visually impaired. All skill levels are welcome, and their clinics

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This year's first clinic will be held on Saturday April 14 at Makefield Highlands Golf Club in Yardley from 10-12am. The Junior Golf Program provides each player with a PGA teacher who will give lessons at a golf



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The Junior golfers usually play for about two hours and then sit down to an informal meal together, where families have an invaluable opportunity to network.

Ed Gibson, Head PGA Pro-

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Pets Furst Urgent Care

Pets Furst Urgent Care prioritizes not only the medical well-being of pets but also the comfort and reassurance of their owners. The clinic's atmosphere is designed to be welcoming and supportive, helping to ease the stress that often accompanies emergency situations. The staff is known for their dedication to providing clear communication and empathetic support, ensuring that pet owners are well-informed and involved in their pet's care.

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The clinic is equipped with advanced diagnostic tools and state-of-the-art medical technology to handle a wide range of urgent situations. Pets Furst ensures that pets receive high-quality care when they need it most. Their team of experienced veterinarians and skilled support staff are



trained to manage conditions with compassion and expertise, making the clinic a trusted resource for pet owners in the region.

Overall, Pets Furst Urgent Care in Langhorne, PA, stands out as a vital resource for addressing pet health needs, combining

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Looking ahead to summer for ages 8 through 16 Creative Summer Camps offer Individual Art Intensive weeks for aspiring young artists and Mini Camps for Littles and Teens. Art Around The World, Under the Sea and Cooking and Crafts themed camps are ready for enrollment.

Members of the art center enjoy perks like the opportunity to participate in the annual Members Art Show to be held June 6 through 8. Live music, appetizers, meet the artists, and awards for emerging and professional artist categories, charge the weekend with creative fun and welcome all to share in the celebration of creativity and skill.

Members also get discounts for TPCA workshops and free entrance to the annual Crafts in the Meadow Fine Art and Craft Festival held on the 3rd weekend of October. This year, October

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Local educator recognized by the Washington Crossing Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Washington Crossing Chapter Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held its Washington's Birthday dinner meeting last month in Richboro. Mr. Mark I. McNutt was the guest speaker. The educator, historian and filmmaker researched the life and times of the Doan family in the late 1700s in Bucks County.

Mr. McNutt gave an interesting talk titled "The Doan Gang—America's Original Outlaws." The presentation was based on his research into the Doan family of Bucks County. The Doan gang were loyalists who committed crimes like stealing horses and robbing the contents of the Bucks County Treasury to support the British during the Revolutionary War.

Mr. McNutt was honored by the chapter at the dinner meeting with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. The medal and certificate awarded by Chapter President Steven Ware and First Vice President David Tweed were for Mark's research, scripted drama and

documentary film promoting the historical story of the Doan Gang and other little-known stories from the revolutionary war period. His work supports the SAR's goals and objectives through his contributions to the community related to education
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Chapter President Steven Ware and Vice President David Tweed presenting Mr. Mark I. McNutt with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate (Photo Credit: Chapter Veteran Committee Chairman Bill Hampton)

Tyler Park

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18 and 19 will be the 15th year for this beloved and highly juried event drawing music lovers, shoppers, families and creative souls to a magical and ever-evolving show held in the heart of Bucks County.

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BCCC floral design program exhibit featured in Philadelphia Flower Show for the first time in program history

For the first time in the program's history, an exhibition crafted by floral design students at Bucks County Community College (BCCC) was featured in this year's Philadelphia Flower Show, marking a significant milestone for the program and its students. The exhibition, titled "Florists of the Future," took visitors on a journey to the year 3025, where flowers and design transcend tradition and push the boundaries of what is possible.

The 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show theme, "Gardens of Tomorrow," invited exhibitors to explore the future of gardening, design, and sustainability. In alignment with this forward-thinking theme, BCCC's "Florists of the Future" exhibit showcased the innovative ideas and groundbreaking concepts of the next generation of floral designers. Approximately 40 students and alumni from BCCC's floral design program as well as the program's four instructors collaborated to create avant-garde floral compositions that reimagine the future of floristry.

The students explored ideas such as breeding floral materials for futuristic aesthetics, developing revolutionary mechanics to enhance designs, and integrating sustainability into every aspect of floristry.

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BCCC Floral Design Program alumnus, Dennis Kelley CFD, carefully constructs his portion of Bucks County Community College's inaugural Philadelphia Flower Show exhibition, "Florists of the Future."



BCCC Floral Design Program alumna, NuRocha Hines, CFD, finalizes her portion of the "Florists of the Future" exhibit, on the final day of installation, Thursday, February 27.



BCCC Floral Design Program students, Fan Zheng & Maria Salina, are one of 9 mini-teams that worked together to create Bucks County Community College's inaugural Philadelphia Flower Show exhibition, "Florists of the Future."



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Patricia L. Mervine, long-time Bucks County volunteer, honored with Bucks County Women's History Month Award



Patricia L. Mervine

Patricia L. Mervine, a longtime Bucks County resident who has touched countless lives through her involvement in local charitable organizations—including the Langhorne Council for the Arts and the African American Museum of Bucks County—was named the recipient of the 2025 Bucks County Women's History Month award. She was honored at a March 20 reception in Doylestown.

In 1987, Congress passed legislation designating the month of March as Women's History Month. In Bucks County, sponsoring organizations including the Bucks County Commissioners Advisory Council for Women have celebrated the accomplishments of women and awarded the annual Bucks County Women's History Award since 1981 to a woman who has shown herself to be a role model with outstanding leadership in a volunteer capacity. Women representing about a dozen Bucks County organizations serve on the nominating committee. Pat Mervine was nominated jointly by the Lower Bucks and Doylestown branches of the

American Association of University Women (AAUW).

For 20 years, Pat Mervine has been the president and driving force for Langhorne Council for the Arts, enriching the Langhorne/Middletown community through experiences with the visual and performing arts and providing scholarships to more than 70 area students. In this role, Mervine initiated Women's History poster and essay contests in Neshaminy schools, arranged for a presentation on forgotten heroes of the suffragist movement, ran a film series for the community, and did the historical research for a two-story mural that honors women from Langhorne who shattered glass ceilings.

Mervine is also the Capital Campaign Chair and historian for the African American Museum of Bucks County (AAMBC), working toward the goal of raising \$2 million to make the museum a first-class place of learning and community-building. Although the AAMBC has been a mobile

museum for ten years, Boone Farm will soon become the permanent home of the museum. She researched and authored a book about the 21 owners of Boone Farm from 1716–1967, "Boone Farm: Its People and Place in Middletown History". Mervine and a co-author also recently published "Slavery, Friends, and Freedom in Bucks County". The book traces the African American journey in Bucks from the late 1600s through post-Civil War through the stories of 50 people who escaped slavery, found refuge here, and assisted freedom seekers. Particularly inspiring are the stories of enslaved and Quaker women whose courage and determination set an example for us all. All the proceeds from book sales go directly to support the AAMBC.

In addition to her volunteer work, Mervine enjoyed a 30-year career as a speech/language pathologist and assistive technology consultant for the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22. She created

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The benefits of gardening conventions and garden clubs

by June Portnoy

Garden clubs offer much more than monthly meetings; they create a space for education, camaraderie, and community service. As Karen Wychock, president of the Trevoze Horticulture Society (THS), emphasizes, "Gardening is not just about tending to your backyard. It involves everyone; all cultures, all countries. No matter where you're from, there's a shared love for watching things grow."

This year's 95th Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania (GCFP) Convention, hosted by District XI, exemplifies the depth of engagement garden clubs provide. Convention participants will include 11 districts across the state, including 11 GCFP garden clubs in Bucks and Montgomery counties. Karen, chairperson of this year's convention, describes how planning for this event has

been a large undertaking, but well worth it, beginning three years ago.

Themed "A Gardening Revolution," this convention will take place from April 6-8 at the Alloy King of Prussia DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, adjacent to Valley Forge National Park. Each year, a different district leads this event, rotating responsibility across the state. This year's convention will feature approximately 16 speakers and welcome around 300 garden club members affiliated with the GCFP.

A highlight of the convention is the opportunity for members to participate in workshops and hear from guest speakers, many of whom are from the local area. Gloria Denoon from Newtown will conduct an origami paper flowers workshop, guiding participants through creating delicate floral designs. Carrie Barron of Montgomery County will lead



Karen Wychock, chair of this year's 95th GCFP Convention, displays her floral arrangements from the 2024 Philadelphia Flower Show.

a session on pressing flowers in circular frames, connecting attendees with botanical preservation techniques.

Sunday evening's featured speaker, Renee Tucci, a Bucks

County Community College floral design educator, will discuss how traditions transform into trends in floral design. As part of her presentation, she will create six floral designs that will be raffled off at the convention. With over 20 years of experience, Renee brings insight into both the artistry and history of floral arrangement.

Additionally, David Heller, owner of Flowers by David in Langhorne, will demonstrate floral design using positive and negative space techniques, incorporating both botanical and non-botanical elements.

Beyond floral design, the convention integrates historical education. Attendees can take trolley tours of Valley Forge National Park, and Carol Spacht of Montgomery County will appear as Martha Washington during the Monday luncheon, sharing insights into colonial-era gardening and history.

One of the most significant benefits of a gardening convention is the chance to connect

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Bucks County Community College hosts free Criminal Expungement Clinic

In an effort to help people overcome past mistakes that may block future success, Bucks County Community College is hosting a free Criminal Expungement Clinic from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, April 26 at the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks County in Bristol.

Paralegal students, under the supervision of attorneys from Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania, will help people determine if they are eligible to have certain prior arrests or convictions expunged or sealed from their record.

Greg Luce, Dean of the School of Business, Innova-

tion, and Legal Studies, said it's the second year the college has hosted the free Criminal Expungement Clinic. After last year's success at the Newtown Campus, the event is being offered at the College's Bristol location this year.

"The Expungement Clinic is a powerful example of experiential learning," noted Luce. "Our paralegal students are gaining invaluable practical experience while providing a potentially life-changing service to our community members. It's a win-win for both our students and the residents of Bucks County."

The clinic is for individuals who:

have arrests without convictions; or have misdemeanor convictions, without new convictions, over 10 years old; or are over 70 years old, and their conviction is at least 10 years old; or passed away at least 3 years ago, and a posthumous expungement is sought.

Some convictions cannot be expunged, but may be sealed

so that they are not of public record. Individuals must have paid all due fines and completed any probation to qualify for expungement. The clinic may need to refer some individuals to other legal organizations due to the location of their criminal records, such as Philadelphia or outside of Pennsylvania.

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with others across the state. "We rarely see people from the western side of Pennsylvania," Karen notes, "so it's always valuable to share ideas, listen to expert speakers, and come together in camaraderie." These conventions promote lifelong learning. "Anytime you attend a workshop or lecture, you gain knowledge that enriches your gardening journey," explains Karen.

Garden clubs, in general, provide year-round opportunities for education and community engagement. The Trevoise Horticultural Society, which meets in Bensalem, has about 65 members throughout Bucks County and beyond. Many of these members will attend the convention. "We've seen an increase in membership in the last couple of years," Karen shares. "Our meetings are open to the public, and anyone interested can join us."

One of the club's key contri-

butions is community service. Many clubs, including THS, host free events such as flower shows and plant sales. In addition, with spring upon us, THS has begun distributing free seeds to its members thanks to a donation from Burpee Seeds in Doylestown. Additionally, garden clubs across the state will receive free seeds at the convention to encourage local gardening initiatives.

"Garden clubs aren't just about personal gardening; they're about community impact," Karen explains. "Whether you're growing on a windowsill or tending to two acres of land, there's a place for you."

For those interested in learning more, the Trevoise Horticultural Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Bensalem Senior Center, and welcomes visitors to attend meetings. More information can be found at www.trevosegardeners.org or on Facebook.

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$\frac{1}{4}$ cup drained capers

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup fresh lemon juice

3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley, divided

$3\frac{1}{2}$ cups panko breadcrumbs

4 large eggs

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 pound raw 16–21 count peeled and deveined shrimp, thawed if necessary

1 package (10.6 ounces) scallops, thawed if necessary

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2. In a medium saucepot, heat garlic, butter, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper over medium heat until butter melts; stir in capers, lemon juice and 1 tablespoon parsley. Remove from heat; cover to keep warm. Makes about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups.
3. In a wide, shallow dish, whisk breadcrumbs and remaining 2 tablespoons parsley. In a separate shallow dish, whisk eggs; place flour in a third shallow dish. Holding tail end of shrimp, dredge in flour, shaking off excess, then dip in egg, then in breadcrumbs to coat; place on parchment-lined pan. Repeat with scallops and calamari.
4. In a large skillet, heat $\frac{1}{4}$ cup oil over medium heat. In batches, add seafood; cook shrimp 4 minutes, scallops 3 minutes and calamari 2 minutes or until golden brown and internal temperature reaches 145°, turning once and adding remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ cup oil to skillet as needed. Transfer seafood to a paper towel-lined pan and sprinkle with salt to taste, if desired; keep warm in the oven while cooking remaining seafood. Makes about 10 cups.
5. Serve seafood with warm butter mixture and lemon wedges, if desired.

Approximate nutritional values per serving (1 cup seafood, 2 tablespoons butter mixture): 546 Calories, 39g Fat, 11g Saturated Fat, 246mg Cholesterol, 481mg Sodium, 25g Carbohydrates, 1g Fiber, 1g Sugars, 0g Added Sugars, 22g Protein

Chef Tip: Seafood can be breaded and refrigerated up to 4 hours in advance; let stand at room temperature 10 minutes before frying.

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The Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks is located at 1304 Veter-

ans Highway in Bristol, where there is ample free parking. Advance registration is preferred. **The registration deadline is April 4.** To register for the clinic, visit www.bucks.edu/expunge. For more information, email legalstudies@bucks.edu or call 215-968-8227.

Rotary Club

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Katie, who is a member of the Rotary Club in Warminster. Her club has sponsored projects such as tree plantings at a senior center, creating a "Safety Town" at a local park for kids to ride their bikes and learn about signs they may see on the streets in their neighborhoods, and making home modifications for several families with children with special needs to enhance their quality of life.

At the March social at the Vault in Yardley, several attendees discussed what brought them to the event to learn more about establishing a Yardley Rotary club.

Andy Raffle of Lower Makefield who works in the mortgage business, said he had never been a Rotary member, but he was looking for a service organization to join. "I'm interested in a little bit of everything that Rotary offers, but my interest will be determined on what our local needs are," he said.

Rena Kulak of Lower Makefield, who works for a local credit union said, "I'm a firm believer in giving back to the community. I like doing things for service and helping in the community."

Tracy Perron of Falls Township is a nurse and is new to the area. She moved to Bucks County from New Jersey during the pandemic. "I saw this advertised, and I like what they stand for." She said her areas of interest are disease prevention and maternal-child health given her professional background.

Ritu Trivedi of Yardley works in banking and was looking for something apart from work and family that's uplifting in the community. "I help people all the time in banking and finance, and I want to help more in the community. Every individual has the potential to help," she said.

Lisa Caruso of Ewing, New Jersey is an occupational therapist. "I'm new to this and trying to find out what Rotary is about," she said, noting that wellness and environmental causes interest her the most.

"The beauty of Rotary is that it's a volunteer service organization, and we do ask members to contribute to our fundraisers, but we also have a foundation through the international organization. The Rotary Foundation offers grants that support a wide variety of projects, scholarships and training undertaken by Rotary members around the world. These grants enable clubs to address needs in their communities and abroad. The Rotary Foundation is highly ranked by Charity Navigator," Katie noted.

Anyone age 18 or older is eligible to join Rotary. For more information about joining the Yardley Rotary, email Katie Farrell, Rotary District Governor D7430, at kmfarrell@comcast.net or call Katie at 215-519-4433. To learn more about Rotary clubs in southeastern Pennsylvania, visit rotarydistrict7430.org. To learn more about Rotary clubs nationwide or internationally, visit rotary.org.

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Burritos is known for serving up mouthwatering, authentic Mexican cuisine, and their special Cinco de Mayo menu will not disappoint. Guests can look forward to flavorful tacos loaded with fresh ingredients, sizzling fajitas, and their famous handcrafted burritos stuffed with everything from tender grilled chicken to perfectly sea-

soned barbacoa. Of course, no celebration would be complete without their zesty guacamole, tangy salsa, and warm, house-made tortilla chips.

In addition to the incredible food, Burritos will be offering a selection of refreshing non-alcoholic beverages to complement the meal. From freshly made aguas frescas to classic Mexican sodas, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Don't forget to try their signature horchata, and house-made iced tea, the perfect way to cool down while soaking in the festive atmosphere. Also, Burritos is BYOB so bring your cerveza and margarita and enjoy.

While there won't be live entertainment, Burritos will still provide a fun and welcoming environment for all guests. With festive decorations and a vibrant atmosphere, it's the perfect place to gather with friends and family to enjoy a delicious meal and celebrate the spirit of Cinco de Mayo.

Mark your calendars and make plans to join the Cinco de Mayo festivities at Burritos in Yardley. With delicious food, great drinks, and a warm, inviting atmosphere, it's the place to be on May 5th. Come hungry and get ready for a fiesta to remember!

For more information about



Burritos in Yardley, located at 15 S Main St. in Yardley, call 215-493-2424 or visit burritosyardleypa.com.

Floral design

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Their work also delved into how flowers might be grown, transported, and transformed into striking, imaginative structures, bringing the "Gardens of Tomorrow" theme to life through floral artistry.

"The students poured their creativity and expertise into this project, and it's truly a reflection of their visionary ideas

about how floristry will evolve in the future," said Renee Tucci, floral design instructor at Bucks County Community College and president-elect of the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD). "While this has been a team effort, I want to especially acknowledge the design guidance and leadership provided by my fellow instructors, including Ron Mulray, whose expertise has been instrumental in shaping the students' work.

We're incredibly excited to be a part of such an iconic event and to share our work with flower lovers and industry professionals from across the region."

The Philadelphia Flower Show is known for showcasing the next generation of floral artists, and BCCC's participation in this year's show was a testament to the talent and ambition of the students who are being trained to become leaders in the floral industry.

The Philadelphia Flower Show, the oldest and largest indoor flower show in the world, took place from March 1 to March 9 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. BCCC's "Florists of the Future" exhibit offered a glimpse into the bold and imaginative future of floristry, and how floral design can be an integral part of tomorrow's gardens and consumer experiences.

The BCCC Floral Design Program, which offers both certificate and degree options, is known for providing students with hands-on experience and a solid foundation in the art of floristry. As an Educational Partner with the AIFD, BCCC's program equips students with the skills necessary to pursue careers in event design, floral retail, and more. Students have the opportunity to become a Certified Floral Designer (CFD) by completing the comprehensive curriculum.

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Patricia Mervine

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one of the first websites for SLPs; it immediately went viral, becoming the most popular website for therapists and special educators worldwide and amassing over 8 million hits by the time she retired in

2018. Mervine has published more than a dozen books and CDs related to her profession and lectured on functional and augmentative communication at local, state, and national conferences around the country. In 2013, she received the Clinical

Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania Speech/Language and Hearing Association and was a finalist for the National Clinical Achievement Award from the American Speech/Language and Hearing Association.

Mervine explained that

“through volunteering, my life has been enriched in ways I never could have imagined. I have met wonderful people, expanded my circle of friends, and enjoyed new cultural experiences. Volunteering has tapped into my creativity, moved me out of my comfort zone, and given my life a structure and purpose that I find invigorating. Knowing that people enjoy the events hosted by the Langhorne Council for the Arts and learn from the information I share on behalf of the African American Museum of Bucks County—that’s the icing on the cake!”

Pat Mervine was raised in Bensalem and has lived in Middletown Township for 41 years. She has been married to her husband, Lance, for 48 years. They have one son and one grandson. In addition to her volunteer work, she enjoys gardening and quilting.

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tainment, this is one fiesta you don't want to miss. Salud!

County of Bucks and United Way of Bucks County declare March as ALICE Awareness Month

The County of Bucks, in partnership with United Way of Bucks County, has once again proclaimed March as ALICE Awareness Month. This effort shines a light on the hardworking yet financially

strained households that fall into the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) category.

"In so doing, we commend United Way of Bucks County

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The program will be held on:

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ALICE Awareness Month

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and the work they do to ensure the security and well-being of our residents. We hope that this recognition sparks greater community involvement and encourages collective action to address the obstacles faced by ALICE residents in our county," the proclamation, signed by the Bucks County Commissioners, states.

According to United Way,

27% of Bucks County residents are ALICE. They earn more than the Federal Poverty Level yet struggle to afford the basic cost of living. These families often live paycheck to paycheck, making too much to qualify for most assistance, but too little to weather a financial crisis.

"Too many essential workers in Bucks County are working full-time—sometimes juggling multiple jobs—yet still struggling to afford the

basics," said Marissa Christie, President and CEO at United Way of Bucks County. "ALICE households are typically our frontline workers, powering our community. When they are unable to remain stable and stably employed, it's a community-wide challenge. We're grateful to our County Commissioners for recognizing this."

United Way of Bucks County serves thousands of ALICE families, 36% of whom are health-

care workers. ALICE includes the frontline workers our community depends on every day paramedics answering 911 calls, teacher's aides helping children learn, and social workers assisting older residents through difficult times.

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Farmers' Market

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Sherry and David Newman purchase the very sought-after Kombucha at Twilight Kombucha.



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Cataracts affect a little more than half of all Americans who are older than 80, says the National Eye Institute – even though people can start

developing them as early as age 40. Most cataracts are related to age; however, cataracts can result from an eye injury or after you have undergone surgery for glaucoma.

Cataracts are characterized by cloudy or blurred vision, but there are also a whole host of other symptoms, such as:

- Sensitivity to glare and light.

- Increasing difficulty with vision at night.

- Need for brighter light when reading and performing other activities.

- Seeing "halos" appear around lights.

- Fading or yellowing of colors.

- Frequent changes in eyeglass prescriptions or contact lens prescriptions.

The symptoms you may be experiencing aren't all exclusive to cataracts. They could be signs of other issues, which is

why an annual exam is so important.

While you can't always prevent all instances of cataracts, there are steps you can take to reduce risk such as:

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4 lbs. Mashed Potatoes
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½ Size McCaffrey's Prime Rib Dinner Serves 4

4-5 lb. Rosemary & Mustard encrusted Prime Rib with Bordelaise Sauce
2 - 24 oz. Lobster Bisque
2 lbs. Mashed Potatoes
1 lb. Steamed Green Beans
1 dz. All-Butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
\$149.99

McCaffrey's Prime Rib Serves 8

8-9 lb. Rosemary & Mustard encrusted Prime Rib with Bordelaise Sauce
\$199.99

All-Natural Fully-Cooked Turkey Breast Dinner Serves 4

2.5-3 lb. All-Natural Fully-Cooked Boneless Turkey Breast
2 lbs. Mashed Potatoes
2 lbs. Herbed Bread Stuffing
1 lb. Steamed Green Beans
2 - 24 oz. containers of Home-Style Turkey Gravy
New 16 oz. container of Cranberry Orange Relish
1 dz. All-Butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
\$99.99

Traditional Ham or Spiral Ham Dinner Serves 8

5-6 lb. Boneless Maple-Glazed Ham OR 7-8 lb. Bone-in Spiral Ham
4 lbs. Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes
4 lbs. Pineapple Stuffing
2 lbs. Steamed Green Beans
1 dz. All-butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
7" Ricotta Cheesecake
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½ Size Traditional Ham Dinner Serves 4

2½-3 lb. Boneless Maple Glazed Ham
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2 lbs. Pineapple Stuffing
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Orders must be placed by 5:00 p.m 4/16/2025**

Brunch for 6

Easter Brunch Serves 6

6 - Individual No-crust Quiche Lorraine
2 lbs. Boneless Maple Glazed Ham
2 lbs. Roasted Rosemary Yukon Gold Potatoes
1 lb. Steamed Green Beans
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A La Carte

All-Natural Fully-Cooked Sliced Turkey Breast (2 lb. pkg.).....\$25.49/ea.
Boneless Maple Glazed Ham.....\$10.99/lb.
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Roasted Rosemary Yukon Gold Potatoes (2 lb. pkg.).....\$14.98/ea.
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Herbed Bread Stuffing (2 lb. pkg.).....\$13.98/ea.
Pineapple Stuffing (2 lb. pkg.).....\$13.98/ea.
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3- 30 oz. containers Matzah Ball Soup
1 lb. Seven Fruit Charoset
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½ Brisket Dinner *Serves 4*

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Turkey Breast Dinner *Serves 4*

2½-3 lb. All-Natural Fully-Cooked Turkey Breast
6 ct. *Passover Friendly* Potato Latkes
1 lb. Applesauce
1 lb. Carrot Tzimmes
Matzo Ball Soup for 4
1 lb. Seven Fruit Charoset
2 - 24 oz. containers of Home-Style Turkey Gravy

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A La Carte — *Kosher Style**

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Slow-cooked Beef Brisket.....\$21.99/lb.
Passover Friendly Potato Latkes (6 ct. pkg.).....\$14.49/ea.
Potato Kugel (2 lb. pkg.).....\$15.98/ea.
Mashed Potatoes (2 lb. pkg.).....\$12.98/ea.
Steamed Green Beans (1 lb. pkg.).....\$9.99/ea.
Carrot Tzimmes (1 lb. pkg.).....\$7.49/ea.
Applesauce (1 lb. pkg.).....\$5.49/ea.
Seven Fruit Charoset (1 lb. pkg.).....\$6.99/ea.
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Juniper Village's intergenerational art program: Bridging generations through creativity

by June Portnoy

Research consistently highlights the positive impact of artistic engagement on older adults' well-being. At Juniper Village at Bucks County, this research is being put into action through an innovative intergenerational art program, bringing together high school seniors and senior residents to promote creativity, connection, and wellness.

A testament to this initiative is the "Seniors on Seniors Art Show," held on February 21, which showcased an impressive display of artistic works, including poetry, photography, traditional paintings, sculptures, and mixed media. This collaboration between Juniper Village and Bensalem High School's AP seniors created a unique opportunity for both generations to express themselves artistically and build meaningful relationships.

Kenny Faunce, Catalyst Director at Juniper Village, played a pivotal role in organizing the event. "We wanted to do an intergenerational art show, and when we reached out to Bensa-

lem High School, we discovered they typically do a larger district show but not a smaller, focused show for seniors. So, we thought it would be a great idea to have my residents here and their seniors there come together," he explained.

Approximately 15 residents and 30 students participated, each bringing their unique perspectives and creative expressions. The event was designed to be fully integrated, ensuring that student and resident artwork was displayed together rather than being separated. "Students and residents exhibited their pieces side by side. This allowed them to engage with each other, discuss their work, and share insights on their artistic journeys," Faunce noted.

The impact of the event extended beyond the participants. The public was invited, drawing in families, school board members, and other students to witness the bonding of generations through art. The success of this inaugural event has sparked discussions about making it an annual tradition.

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Attendees gathered to view artwork displayed on portable gallery panels at the "Seniors on Seniors Art Show," where high school students and Juniper residents exhibited their creative works side by side.



A student artist stands beside her colorful mixed media artwork featuring vibrant red and blue floral patterns, showcasing the diverse artistic talents on display at Juniper's intergenerational art exhibition.

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submitted by Maria Di Donato DEd, BCN,
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Over 11 months of training, Bobby's behavior continued to improve. The following are parental reports initially and after 11 months of treatment using the Autism Treatment Evaluation Checklist (ATEC) that measures levels of autism in four functional areas. Parental responses indicated the degree of disability in the four areas, with higher scores signifying greater disability. Results are:

Speech/Language: Score initially was in the 50-59th percentile. For example, Bobby did not know more than 10 words; he did not have meaningful speech nor asked meaningful questions. After 11 months of training, the score was in the 0-9 percentile.

Sociability: Score initially was in the 90-99th percentile. For example, Bobby seemed to be in a shell, failed to greet parents, and lacked friends/companionship. After 11-month training, the score was in

the 60-69 percentile

Sensory/Cognitive: Score initially was in the 60-69th percentile. For example, he was unable to understand explanations, play with toys appropriately, be aware of danger, and not be spacey. After 11 months, his score was in the 20-29 percentile.

Health/Physical Behavioral: Score initially was in the 80-89th percentile. For example, he had obsessive speech, rigid routines, demanded sameness, and had repetitive movements. After 11 months, his score was in the 50-59 percentile.

Bobby has made progress and will continue to make progress as the treatment continues. His parents are happy to see their child making positive personal and social progress. Bobby's future appears brighter with more improvements anticipated as his treatment continues.

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For students, the event was a chance to engage with seniors on a deeper level, gaining wisdom and insight not only about art but also about life experiences. One resident, a poet who was once hesitant to share her work, found the confidence to do so in this supportive environment. "She told the students that when she

was younger, she was closed off about her poetry, but now, later in life, she no longer cares what others think and just wants to share her passion," Faunce recounted. "She's a beautiful writer, and it was amazing to see her sharing her poems with the younger generation."

Juniper Village's commitment to the arts extends beyond this event. February's theme focused on artistic expression,

offering various workshops such as flower arrangement classes led by a resident who works at a local flower shop, in addition to crocheting and ornament-making taught by a resident artisan. Another resident, passionate about painting and adult coloring, hosts weekly sessions aimed at relaxation and stress relief. "Art allows seniors to share their creative side and express

themselves. As you get older, verbalizing emotions can become more difficult, and art provides a powerful outlet," Faunce emphasized.

The intergenerational partnership with Bensalem School District is already evolving. Recently, students created over 400 Valentine's Day cards with messages like "You Matter," which were delivered to Juniper

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The importance of annual skin cancer screenings

By Basil Patel, MD, Dermatology Partners

Spring is around the corner—time to pack away the winter coats and soak up some sunshine! But before you dive into outdoor adventures, there's one thing you shouldn't forget: your annual skin cancer screening. It's quick, easy, and could literally save your life.

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Think of a skin check like an annual tune-up for your skin—it's better to catch small issues before they become big prob-



Dr. Basil Patel is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist with Dermatology Partners, specializing in medical and surgical dermatology and dermatopathology.

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New Capital Health location in Richboro expands access to primary care in Bucks County

Capital Health Medical Group, a network of more than 600 physicians and other clinicians who offer primary and specialty care, has opened a new primary care office in Rich-

boro to provide greater support for the health and well-being of residents in the Bucks County community.

The new Capital Health Primary Care in Richboro, located at 130 Almshouse Road, Suite 600, is led by Dr. Andrew Davenport and Dr. Deborah Geiger, two board certified physicians who offer services to provide care for children (ages five and older), adolescents, and adults.

Dr. Andrew Davenport is a board certified family med-



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Dr. Debra Geiger is board certified in family medicine and sees children (ages five and older), adolescents, and adults.

After receiving her medical degree from the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, Dr. Geiger completed a family practice residency at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, New Jersey. Before joining Capital Health, Dr. Geiger worked as a family practice physician in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas and Kansas.

To make an appointment, call 215.845.0731 or visit capital-health.org/richboro.

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Food Truck events for 2025 include:

- **Spring Fling/Easter Food Truck Rally:** Saturday April 12 from noon to 4 pm
- **Second Friday Food Truck Rallies:** May 9, June 13, July 11 and August 8, from 5 pm to 8 pm.
- **Octoberfest/Halloween Fun Day:** Saturday October 4 from noon to 4 pm
- Food Truck Rallies feature a disc jockey, food trucks, vendors, crafters, a beer & cocktail garden for adults, and a moonbounce, balloon art, pony rides, and more for children.

Other events include:

- **Nail Trimming event for Dogs:** March 30 and August 31 from noon to 4 pm. Cost is \$15.
 - **Holiday at the Farm:** December 6 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Pictures with Santa, tree lighting, children's activities, and vendors. This is not a food truck rally.
- All events are held at the beautiful 110-acre historic farm located at 2350 Bridgetown Pike in Feasterville. Parking is free. Proceeds are used for the repair, maintenance and preservation of Playwicki Farm.

The Playwicki Farm Foundation was created September

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Pickering Manor

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For 12 years, Pickering Manor has been hosting its Annual Car Raffle to support its mission of providing exceptional care to seniors in our community. As a proud, 5-star non-profit Life Plan Community serving Newtown for over 60 years, Pickering Manor relies on the generosity of supporters to continue offering high-quality care to residents.

This year's 2025 Car Raffle offers one lucky winner the exciting choice between a brand-new car or \$25,000 in cash. The second-place prize is a \$1,000 VISA gift card. The live drawing will take place at a special cocktail party on Friday, April 25.

The evening begins at 5:30 pm with a complimentary selec-

tion of wine, delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts, leading up to the exciting highlight of the night—the drawing at 6:30 pm!

Tickets are \$100 each, with only 800 available. You don't need to be present to win! To purchase a ticket, visit PickeringManor.org and click on the "Support Us" tab.

For several years, Pickering Manor has proudly partnered

with Peruzzi Automotive Group to make this fundraiser possi-

Washington Crossing

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tion and history. His work brings the story of the infamous Doan Gang to life. Mark contributed to the creation of the new major exhibition "The Doan Gang Outlaws of the Revolution" currently on display at the

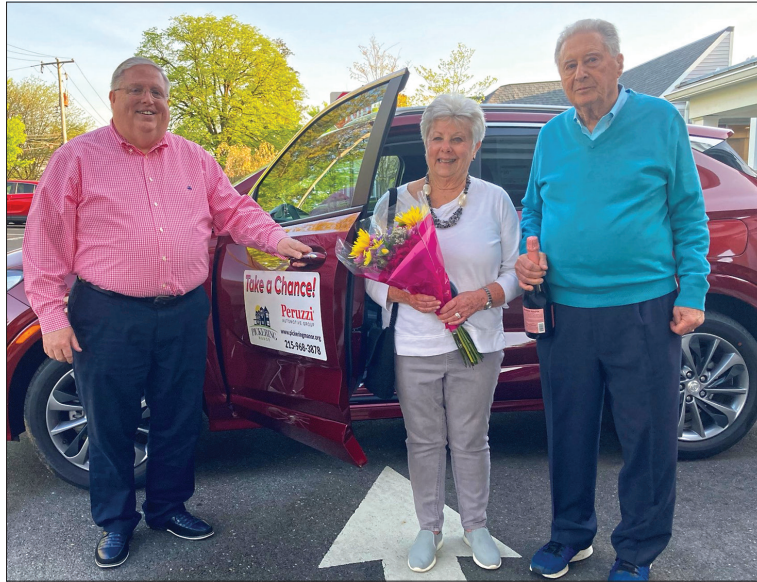
Mercer Museum in Doylestown.

The chapter is grateful for his service to our community in perpetuating the story of Revolutionary War era events through his historical research and educational programs, two purposes of the SAR.

ble. Thanks to their support, this year's winner will get to choose from one of four fantastic vehicles: a Buick Envista Preferred, Mitsubishi Outlander Sport S, Nissan Kicks SV, or Mazda CX-30 2.5 S or cash!

This year's event is generously sponsored by The First National Bank and Trust Company of Newtown and Peruzzi Automotive Group, helping to make this exciting tradition possible. Don't miss your chance to win big while making a difference in the lives of Pickering Manor residents!

For more details, contact Maureen Kuhar, Director of Development, at 215-968-3878.



This could be you! Pickering Manor CEO David Woodhead congratulates the winners of Pickering's 10th Annual Car Raffle, Ted and Karyn Palka of Holland, PA.

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Friends Village

Spring has sprung at Friends Village

Friends Village is thrilled to usher in a new season of exciting programs! Whether you enjoy the outdoors or participating in enriching events, there's something for everyone this spring! Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and will be hosted at Friends Village Styer Campus, located at 331 Lower Dolington Rd in Newtown.

On March 25, Miyo Moriuchi, a board member of the Urasenke Tankokai of Philadelphia (one of the three main schools of tea), will lead a special presentation on the Japanese Tea Ceremony.

Shikha Prashar, an Edward Jones Financial Advisor, continues her enlightening four-part financial education series with "Savvy Women, Smart Investors Take Charge of Their Financial Future" on March 27, followed by "Making it Last - Retirement Income Strategies" on April 17, and "Alzheimer's Conversations: Protecting Your Health and Wealth" on May 8.

On March 31, Britney O'Don-

nell from Britney O'Donnell Garden Design, specializing in sustainable landscape design and installation, will present "Tried and True Native, Deer-Resistant Plants".

A hands-on Japanese Calligraphy (Shodou) class presented by Michelle Arnot on April 8 will allow participants to experience the harmony of ink, brush, and movement in this timeless tradition.

April will conclude with "Don't Leave a Mess When You Go", a workshop led by Susan Hoskins. On April 22, learn about the steps necessary to avoid leaving a mess for your loved ones. Topics will include designating beneficiaries, organizing important documents, managing accounts and passwords, HIPAA releases, and

even decluttering.

Senior Planet returns for an engaging series of lectures and hands-on workshops covering essential digital skills! Learn about cloud storage, Google workspace, Smartphone photography, photo editing, YouTube, and more. Sessions run from May 5 to June 18, featuring both informative lectures and interactive workshops.

These events offer a wonderful mix of cultural enrichment, financial education,

and practical guidance for the spring season! For more information on any of these exciting programs and to register (required), please visit our website at www.friends-village.org/growth, email lhornyak@friends-village.org, or call 215-968-3346 ext 200.

We look forward to welcoming you to these enriching sessions!



Junior Golf

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fessional, "Spirit Golf looks forward to working with the MABGA annually and is excited again this year to host at Makefield Highlands Golf Club. Overall the Spirit Golf Team understands that golf is a game of vision, but not just the kind you see. Supporting blind golfers proves that with passion, guidance, and determination, no obstacle is too great to overcome!"

If you are interested in learning to play golf, make new friends, have fun, and would like more information, contact Mike Molloy at 215 499-0599 or mgmolloy@aol.com Also visit <http://mabgajrgolf.org>



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The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging

The 42nd Bucks County Senior Games, Kick-off: May 28, Games: June 5-12

"Oh, the games people play" has a whole new meaning in June at the Bucks County Senior Games!

With the kick-off on May 28, the Bucks County Senior Games' competitions begin on June 5, and end on June 12.

Open to adults 50+, the Senior Games encourage county-wide friendly competition and camaraderie. The Bucks County Area Agency on Aging and our partners—Bucks County Department of Parks & Recreation, Bucks County Community College and Bucks County Foundation for Aging—as well as many county volunteers, are bringing back participants' favorite events. This includes bocce, billiards, darts, chess, track & field, golf and more. The games are all levels of skill: You can be experienced or try something brand new. You may even win a medal! Oh, what fun they will be this year!!

Be sure to attend the Senior Games Kick-off Event on May 28. The Kick-off will feature games, live demonstrations, a free lunch (while supplies last) with friends, generously donated by Independence Blue Cross, and more. Meet our other



Senior Games sponsors and discover Bucks County's best active adult resources and activities.

The Kick-off Event is free and open to the public.

Details:

Registration: March 17, 8:30 am to May 15, 11:59 pm

Registration is \$10 to play unlimited games. (Note: Bowling and golf have an additional fee). Please also register for the free Kick-off Event.

Kick-off Event: May 28, 11 am-1 pm

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College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

Free and open to all.

Senior Games: June 5 through June 12.

Events take place throughout the county.

Guide, registration information and link to the registration site can be found at:

www.buckscounty.gov/seniorgames. Be sure to visit www.buckscounty.gov/senior-games and www.facebook.com/bcaging for updates. You may also call 267-880-5700 #6 or email srgames@buckscounty.org for more information.



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Senior Games June 5-12, 2025

Registration: March 17 - May 15

Kick-off event: May 28, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS • HAPPENINGS • MARK YOUR

Wednesday, March 26, 8 am to 4:30 pm, the Penn State Extension will offer a course to help produce growers meet food safety rules as outlined in the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), administered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. It will be held at the Penn State Extension Bucks County office, 576 Penns Park Rd. in Newtown. Participants of this “Food Safety Modernization Act: Produce Grower Certification Training” will be eligible to receive a certificate from the Association of Food and Drug Officials that verifies they have completed the training. The cost of the course is \$40. For details and registration, visit extension.psu.edu/fsma-grower-training or call 877-345-0691.

Friday, March 28, 7 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 752 Big Oak Rd. in Morrisville, Monaghan Music presents “The Word: A Gospel Opera”, in concert. Admission to this family-friendly concert is free. General seating will be available, and all ages are welcome. Celebrate the 30th anniversary with original cast members and composer Bill Monaghan. Enjoying more than 70 performances over ten years and a film, the rock opera is back once again in an intimate evening of song and Scripture. For more information, email Willie.Monaghan@gmail.com and visit www.MonaghanMusic.com. For more information about the “The Word: A Gospel Opera”, visit thewordagospelopera.com.

Saturday, March 29, 10 am to noon, Bucks County Community College Hosts “A Nakashima Morning,” a family-friendly celebration of art, literature, and legacy, taking place in the Orangery on the Newtown Campus. This program, sponsored by the Volta Center for Writing Arts and Bucks County Community College Libraries, is designed for all ages, offering families and community members an opportunity to explore the artistry and philosophy of the renowned woodworker George Nakashima through storytelling, poetry, and hands-on activities. The event will feature a discussion with Mira Nakashima, daughter of George Nakashima and a distinguished designer. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email library@bucks.edu.

Saturday, March 29, noon till 4:30 pm, American Legion 960 will hold its Basket Raffle at 1537 Woodbourne Rd. in Levittown in the lower level. Sheets of 10 chances for \$5. The drawing will take place at 7 pm during the Cash Bash Event. No need to be present to win. For more information, call 215-813-0957.

Sunday, March 30, the Doylestown Lion Club presents a Spring Bingo Bonanza at the American Legion Hall, 315 North Street in Doylestown. Doors open at noon; the first game is at 1 pm. It will feature Longaberger® Baskets and a variety of Coach® bags plus a special silent auction. Tickets cost \$30 at the door. All proceeds support local charities. For ticket information, contact Myra at 215-348-5019. Also, visit doylestownlions@aol.com.

Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6, 10 am–12 pm, Art in the Park is back. Visit us in a beautiful country setting down a long country lane in The Carriage House in Tamanend Park, 1255 Second Street Pike in Southampton. Local artists present original artwork,

unique gifts, hand painted cards and more. Start your art collection today. Free admission to the show. Cash or checks required for any purchases. Presented by The Carriage House Artists. For more information, contact 215-840-6519.

Saturday, April 5, 2–3 pm, the Friends of the Yardley Makefield Library will hold a community program, “Don’t Leave a Mess Behind” at the Yardley-Makefield Library, 1080 Edgewood Rd. in Yardley. This presentation, given by Susan Hoskins, offers practical information that will help you be better prepared for the time when someone else will take charge of what you leave behind. This event is free, but seating is limited. For more information, visit www.ymfriends.org or email yardleyfriends@yahoo.com.

Saturday, April 12, 10 am at the LMT administrative building, 1100 Edgewood Road, opposite the library in Yardley, the Lower Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council will present a lecture on Rain Gardens. Geoff Goll, Chief Officer of the highly regarded Environmental Engineering firm, Princeton Hydro, will discuss the environmental benefits of a rain garden and how you can create one on your own property. For more information, contact Dominique Mitchell at eachucks@gmail.com.

Now through Sunday, April 13, Saturdays and Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm, the New Hope Colony Foundation for the Arts presents the “Janet Marsh Hunt’s Creative Family Tree” exhibition at 2594 River Rd. in New Hope. Janet Marsh Hunt, a painter and gifted printmaker, was a gallerist and friend to artists for decades before her passing in 2023. As the managing partner at the Coryell Gallery in Lambertville, she mentored hundreds of artists. She was also descended from generations of prominent poets, painters, printmakers, and influential teachers at celebrated art schools. For more information about this exhibition, visit www.newhopecolony.org.

Sunday, April 13, 9 am–noon, the Jesse W. Soby American Legion Post #148 will host Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 115 West Richardson Ave. in Langhorne. Enjoy eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea, and juice. \$8 for adults; \$4 for children; and under 4 years old is free. Come enjoy breakfast and a visit with the Easter Bunny. Don’t forget your cameras!

Tuesday, April 15, at 7 pm at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd. in Bensalem, the Trevoise Horticultural Society’s monthly meeting will feature the topic, “Managing Garden and Landscape Weeds”. Guest speaker, Scott Guiser, will explain the difference in native and introduced weeds, their threat to crop production, rights-of-way and aesthetic interest. He will also describe how non-chemical control is best approached in an Integrated pest management manner and consideration of preventative, biological, mechanical, cultural and chemical options. All meetings are open to the public; a donation of \$5 is requested from non-members. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163, visit www.trevoisegardeners.org or visit them on Facebook.

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Friday, April 25, 5–8:30 pm, the Northampton Township Senior Center will host its Spring Fling Shopping Event at its senior center, 165 Township Rd. in Richboro. Come shop from local vendors and crafters offering a wide variety of handcrafted jewelry, accessories, gourmet foods, candles, home decor and much more! Admission is free. For more information call 215-357-8199. Vendors are wanted. Email nhsc@nhtwp.org for an application.

Saturday, April 26 at 9 am, the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust's 7th Annual Earth Day Trail Race will be held at 2955 Edge Hill Rd. in Huntingdon Valley. The whole family can celebrate Earth Day Weekend on a scenic, mixed terrain course, choosing to run 10K, or walk or run 5K or 1 mile. This year, with the help of the Southampton Library, the 1-mile course will be converted into a Tale Trail, housing a Story Stroll featuring "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", which will be fun for kids and adults alike. All proceeds will benefit the Pennypack Trust's mission to protect open space and habitat. Register at runsignup.com/Race/PA/HuntingdonValley/PERT5KTrailRunWalk.

Saturday, April 26 at 2 pm, Monaghan Music presents "My Life: The Struggles, Successes, & Songs of Billy Joel", performed by local musician Bill Monaghan and his band, Some Assembly Required, at Archbishop Wood High School in the Sophia A Friedman Auditorium, 655 York Road in Warminster. Suggested Donation \$15; general seating, and all ages are welcome. All proceeds to benefit the Michael S Monaghan Scholarship Fund at Archbishop Wood High School. For more information, email Willie.Monaghan@gmail.com and visit out www.MonaghanMusic.com. For more information about the Michael S Monaghan Scholarship, visit www.monaghanmusic.com/Scholarship.html.

Tuesday, April 29, 7 to 9 pm, the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, 2955 Edge Hill Rd. in Huntingdon Valley, will be showing all the photo contest entries from 2024 in its Visitor's Center and announcing the winning photos, which will be available for viewing and purchase later this year. Come celebrate images of PERT and meet the photographers. This event is free to the public. To register, visit app.etapestry.com/cart/PennypackEcologicalRestorati/default/item.php?ref=1251.0.329462183

Friday, May 2, 1–3 pm, join the Bucks County Community College's 18th Annual Salute to Mothers Scholarship at the Tyler Formal Gardens, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Rd. in Newtown. Attendees are encouraged to wear their best Kentucky Derby themed hats; the more fanciful, the better! To order tickets or to make a donation in support of the Salute to Mothers Scholarship, visit interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E15010&id=251

Saturday, May 10, 1 pm, Middletown Senior Citizens Association holds its Cash Bingo fundraiser at Middletown Senior Center, 2142 Trenton Rd. in Levittown. Doors open at noon. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door if available. Limited to 100 players. Fee includes 10 games of Bingo (3 cards per sheet) and 4 specials. Extra cards on sale. Cash prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and beverages and snacks will also be available. Tickets on sale now. For more information, call 215-945-2920.

Saturday, May 17, come see the World Famous Mark Reno "Elvis", two-time national champion, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Hall, 89 Pinewood Dr. in Levittown. Doors open at 6 pm; dinner begins at 6:30 pm; and the show starts at 7:30 pm. The \$35 cost includes dinner. For ticket information, call 267-980-9336.

Farmers' Market

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Church of Yardley, SNAP customers receive a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$30 per market visit. This initiative helps more families afford nutritious, locally grown food and demonstrates the market's mission of inclusivity and community support.

As the market continues to grow, its team, including Susan Schneck, Market Manager; along with Assistant Manager Joni Garcia; and dedicated volunteers Carol Such and Laura Thumforde, remain committed to ensuring its success. Whether in the busy summer months at Buttonwood Park or the cozy winter setting at the community center, the Yardley Farmers' Market remains a

cherished local institution where fresh food, sustainability, and community come together.

For those looking to experience the best of what the region's farmers and small businesses have to offer, the Yardley Farmers' Market is the place to be; rain or shine, summer or winter.

The Yardley Farmers' Market Indoor Winter Market will continue to run through April during the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10 am till noon. Beginning in May, its Summer Outdoor Market will be open every Saturday from 9 am till noon through the Saturday before Thanksgiving. For more information visit www.yardleyfarmersmarket.com.

Juniper Village

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Village residents and associates, further strengthening the bond between the community's youth and its older adults. Looking ahead, Faunce envisions expanding these connections even further. "We're considering planning a senior prom where high school seniors volunteer to create a magical experience for our residents. Elementary school teachers have also expressed interest in having their students visit to read with the seniors," he shared excitedly.

As Juniper Village moves forward, the arts will remain an essential part of its community engagement efforts. March will focus on the performing arts,

with the possibility of local dance studios bringing dancers to perform for residents.

The "Seniors on Seniors Art Show" is just one example of how Juniper Village at Bucks County is harnessing the power of art to create lasting connections and enhance the well-being of its residents. Through creativity, collaboration, and community, this initiative is proving that art is not just an activity; it's a bridge between generations, promoting joy, understanding, and a vibrant life for all involved.

Juniper Village at Bucks County is located at 3200 Bensalem Blvd. For more information, visit junipercommunities.com/community/independent-senior-living-bucks-county.

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Bucks IU

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agency staff to achieve the best outcomes for students, said Marci Cianni, a school social worker based at Bucks IU at Samuel Everitt in Levittown.

Cianni, who has been with Bucks IU for 21 years, supports students in the Bucks IU's Emotional Support and Inspire Partial Hospitalization programs, as well as those in Bucks IU's Brain Injury classroom. She finds great fulfillment in seeing her students "succeed and thrive" in school.

For those considering a career in social work, Snyder-Dietz highly recommends Bucks IU as a workplace. "It's highly challenging, but quite rewarding," she said.

Throughout March, there have been several opportunities to honor Bucks IU school social workers, including National School Social Work Week at the beginning of the month and World Social Work Day on March 19.

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