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## *Crafting for a Cause!*

Doylestown native Lynda Kowalski is one of 27 juried artisans exhibiting and selling artwork and crafts at the Friends of the Doylestown Library's 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair. See story on page 2.

Photo by June Portnoy

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# Friends of the Doylestown Library host Second Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

story and photos by  
June Portnoy

On April 5, the Friends of the Doylestown Library brought together creativity, community, and cause for their 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Fair, held at the Lenape Valley Church in New Britain. With 27 juried artisans and craftspeople, along with over 300 attendees, all under one roof, the event served as both a celebration of local talent and a critical fundraiser for the Doylestown Library.

The fair offered free admission, ample parking, and a wide array of artisan goods, while also featuring raffle

baskets, a spring craft fair passport activity, and homemade refreshments for sale, all made possible by the efforts of the Friends, a dedicated volunteer group supporting the library's programs and services.

"Our main goal of today's event is fundraising for library extras," explained Lorrie Richardson, co-chair of the fair and member of the Friends of the Doylestown Library. "The Friends provide programming at the library, sponsor "Book-Page", a monthly publication, pay for speakers, chair yoga, and support immediate library needs; things that aren't in the library's budget."

The organization, which cur-

rently consists of 218 members, is the largest and most active Friends group in the Bucks County Library System. Their mission centers on supporting the Doylestown Library, the central branch of the system, through volunteer-run fundraisers like the craft fair and two annual book sales. The next book sale is scheduled for April 26 and 27 at the library.

This year's craft fair drew vendors who not only matched the Friends' mission of supporting literacy and public access to resources, but also actively contributed to its success. "Each vendor donated items to our raffle baskets," Richardson said.

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clockwise from top left: Coauthors of Crafts Fair, Lorrie Richardson (left) and Donna Tobin, stand behind the raffle table. Friends of the Doylestown Library board members and Crafts Fair volunteers Jane Miller (left) and Sherry Sullivan welcome visitors. Doylestown Borough's Nancy Taylor exhibits her FreeHand PaperCut cards. (from left) Lilly, Landon, Chroe, and Trinity enjoy getting their spring craft fair passports stamped.

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### Beautification

For over three decades we have been providing grants for the development of community gardens throughout Bucks County. These include plantings at hospitals, war memorials, public parks, gateway gardens and town centers. We also award grants to area garden clubs who sponsor uplifting planters at nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

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We're leading the way in local reforestation. Damage from storms, disease and insects on the tree canopy has been devastating. With support from community partners we plant native trees county-wide at parks, historical sites, schools, and non-profit facilities. Donations are welcome to help us plant more trees for future generations.

### Educational Offerings

School planting projects are sponsored annually, and horticulture topics are shared through our newsletter and social media.

### Bulbs for Bucks Daffodil Tour - April through May

Over 1.6 million daffodil bulbs have been planted in public spaces county-wide. Over the years we've sponsored several elementary school planting programs featuring these springtime bloomers.

### Kitchen & Garden Tour - June 8, 2025

This event showcases an exciting mix of properties around historic Central Bucks County. Funds raised bolster community garden grants, horticultural scholarships and educational programs. Tickets on sale now!

### Membership

Join a special network of neighbors, nonprofits, and businesses committed to enhancing Bucks County. Members receive free Kitchen & Garden Tour tickets, early admission, and select discounts!

To become a member, or contribute to the cause, contact Bucks Beautiful by calling 215-340-3639 or visit [www.bucksbeautiful.org](http://www.bucksbeautiful.org).

## Friends of the Doylestown Library hosts open “mic” poetry, local author programs

The Friends of the Doylestown Library will host two **free programs** in May at the Doylestown Library, 150 S. Pine St.

**Open ‘Mic’ Poetry, Thursday, May 15, 6:30 pm:** Poets of all ages are invited to read their work in an atmosphere that respects all readers

during an Open “Mic” Poetry Reading. Moderated by Dr. Tom Mallouk, Bucks County Poet Laureate Emeritus and author of several books includ-

ing “The Write Metaphor”, the theme for the evening will be “creating community.” Those wishing to read their *continued on pg. 6*

## Village Improvement Association

### 49th Bucks County Designer House and Gardens now open!

The 49th Bucks County Designer House & Gardens, Hidden Trail Farm, located in Ivyland, will be open for tours from April 27 through May 25.

The centerpiece of Hidden Trail Farm is a 5,000-square-foot farmhouse featuring a welcoming porch, three fireplaces, six bedrooms and numerous gathering and entertaining spaces. The property also includes an impressive custom-designed chalet built in 1992 with an open, multi-story living area, loft and two additional bedrooms.

A recently renovated pool and patio area includes a large screened-in gazebo and stunning Koi pond with waterfall, while a large barn has space for multiple boutiques and an on-site cafe serving lunch and light fare. Old York Cellars will provide wine.

“We are thrilled to have this very special, historic property as our 2025 Designer House, and are looking forward to sharing it with the public,” said Monica Mosley, chair of the 2025 Designer House Committee.

This is the largest fundraiser held by the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA), a non-profit women’s organization that founded Doylestown Hospital in 1923. Funds from the 2025 Designer House will benefit community mental health well-being and enhancement of the Doylestown Hospital Emergency Department mental health unit.

Monies raised also support the work of numerous VIA committees that assist veterans and those in need and provide academic scholarships to teens and women seeking to re-enter the workforce. Funds are also allocated for maintenance of the



James-Lorah Memorial Home in Doylestown, which serves as the VIA headquarters and is a museum listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Add a visit to Hidden Trail Farm to your spring calendar! For additional information and to purchase House tour tickets, please visit the Designer House website at [www.BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org](http://www.BucksCountyDesignerHouse.org).

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Installing a pool has been a popular choice to create a resort-like atmosphere in the comfort and safety of one's own backyard. A pool is a significant investment but, if thoughtfully planned, will provide your family with many years of future enjoyment.

Here are some things to consider when contemplating a pool:

Determining the budget is the first step. The cost of a pool installation can span a wide



range and should include the additional costs of decking, landscape, lighting, etc.

Realistic evaluation of the backyard space must also be considered when determining the size of pool that can be accommodated.

Will the pool be used solely for recreation, or will it be used as a primary source of exercise?

What are the ages of those who will be using the pool? If there are young children in the family, then perhaps the addition of a slide or diving board is part of your vision.

Are you looking for your pool

to provide a beautiful backdrop for your yard? Maybe one or several waterfalls are on your wish list.

Spas and sundecks are also a popular add-on that can provide a form of relaxation and enjoyment for all.

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### Doylestown Library

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work can preregister by emailing [FriendsofDoylestownLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofDoylestownLibrary@gmail.com) (walk-ins will be welcome, time permitting). This program supports basic literacy.

**To Vietnam and Back 1967-1968, Sunday, May 18, 2 pm:** Local author Dolores Cook Raisch will conduct a presentation based on her book, "To Vietnam and Back 1967-1968: Letters of Family, Friends, Faith and Love", which narrates a year of wartime letters to a 13-year-old girl from her eldest brother who was drafted into the Army. The book is an intimate family memoir that, through the lifeline of back and forth letters, offers a warmly told story about one soldier's year in Vietnam and his family anxiously awaiting his return. This program supports civic and social literacy.

The Friends of the Doylestown Library is a non-profit organization, supporting the Doylestown Library, which strives to align its programs to the five literacies of PA Forward, the Pennsylvania Library Association's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacies Initiative. Visit the Friends of the Doylestown Library online at [friendsofdoylestownlibrary.org](http://friendsofdoylestownlibrary.org), on Facebook at Doylestown Library Friends, or on Instagram at Dtownfriends.



*Local author Dolores Cook Raisch will conduct a presentation on her book, in which she narrates the letters she received as a 13-year-old from her eldest brother while he served in the Army during the Vietnam War.*



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**Rain and Water:** Heavy rains can find gaps that normal rain showers wouldn't find and cause rot, mold and interior leaks. Standing water on flat roofing can add significant weight to your roof which may promote a cave in. Water in the winter freezes causing cracks or gaps that expand and create further damage.

**Hail:** Hail can damage your shingles, allowing leaks to occur. Hail can also dent gutters

and down spouts.

**Snow and Ice:** Heavy snow can strain poorly constructed roof structures. Ice dams at the base of the roof restrict melting snow and water from getting off the roof. That back up can cause major leaks, weaken roofing fasteners and prevent proper ventilation.

**Extreme Heat:** Excessive heat causes shingles to prematurely crack or become brittle leading to roof system failures. Extreme fluctuations in temperature can promote stress on roofing material leading to leaks.

These 5 factors should be monitored regularly to prevent roof and structural damage to your home. Other factors that contribute to poor roof perfor-

mance are:

**Aging Shingles:** Every homeowner should know when their roof was installed and what the manufacturer's suggested life expectancy for that shingle type is.

**Poor Maintenance:** Regular gutter and roof cleanings prevent damage and will allow you to inspect the condition of your roof.

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## Sauers Cares evolves into Drive and Thrive: A new chapter in community transportation support

Sauers Cares, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in need, is proud to announce its transition to Drive and Thrive. This new name reflects the organization's sharpened focus on addressing transportation barriers that impact self-sufficiency and quality of life.

Since its founding in 2019, Sauers Cares has been committed to identifying and fulfilling the needs of local nonprofits and community members. By leveraging partnerships, resources, and volunteer efforts, the organization has supported a wide range of causes, from housing and

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### Sauers Cares

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food security to mental health initiatives. Over the years, one recurring challenge stood out, the critical need for reliable transportation. Whether it was helping individuals get to work, medical appointments, or other essential services, the lack of accessible and affordable transportation programs created significant barriers for many in our community.

In response to this growing need, Sauers Cares has evolved into Drive and Thrive, a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to providing transportation programs that empower individuals to achieve independence and stability. Through this transformation, Drive and Thrive will continue to build upon its strong foundation while focusing on three core programs:

**Empower Wheels Free Car Clinic:** A free car clinic offering general maintenance to underprivileged adults, ensuring their vehicles remain safe and reliable.

**Critical Repair Program:** A program providing essential

vehicle repairs and inspections to individuals facing financial hardships, ensuring they have safe and dependable transportation.

### Fuel Assistance Program:

A support initiative that helps individuals cover fuel costs, enabling them to access employment, medical care, and other vital services.

"Transportation is a fundamental need that directly impacts an individual's ability to thrive," said Stephanie Sauers Boyd, Founder and Executive Director of Drive and Thrive. "By refining our mission and programs, we are committed to breaking down these barriers and helping our community move forward literally and figuratively."

Drive and Thrive remains deeply rooted in its commitment to Bucks and Montgomery counties and looks forward to expanding its impact with the support of donors, volunteers, and community partners.

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## Warminster Food Bank ribbon cutting for new location

Warminster Food Bank will cut the ribbon at its new location, 495 E. County Line Rd. in Hatboro on Thursday, May 1 at 10 am. The new site, situated in the Town & Country Shopping Center in Warminster Township, is conveniently located, offers free parking, and with 1,778 square feet of space, the food bank will be able to better serve clients who are dealing with food insecurity, as well as accept of donations of nonperishable food items. There will be tours of the facility and refreshments will be provided. Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted after the ribbon cutting.

While the new site has been operational since the begin-

ning of April, the food bank board members and volunteers wanted to be situated in new space before hosting a formal ribbon cutting ceremony. The move was made possible by a grant from the John A. Powell Family Foundation of Naples, FL, which will allow the food bank to pay for the lease of the new space for five years, with an option to fund the lease for an additional five years. While this move was in the works for several months, it was hastened by the Warminster Heights board, which voted to discontinue the food bank's use of their 75 Downey Drive space after 67 years.

"While it was difficult to leave the Downey Drive

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# Central Bucks West High School Harlequin Club to stage Broadway version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella"

CB West's award-winning performing arts club is proud to present the new Broadway adaptation of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella". This enchanting musical brings the beloved fairytale to life with humor, breath-taking dancing, and a heartwarming message of hope and transformation. A story for dreamers of all ages, "Cinderella" reminds us that with courage and kindness, anything is possible—even a chance to change our destiny and find a little magic along the way.

"We've pulled out all the stops to honor this timeless love story and bring its magic to life in a truly spectacular way," said director Claudine Piechotta. "By making it interactive, we're inviting the audience to step into the story themselves—allowing them to play a role in bringing this enchanting tale to life."

Kids are encouraged to come in costume to participate in a Prince and Princess



Ella, Stepsisters and Madame. Ella and Topher (Cinderella and the Prince). photos by Joanna Nadia Photography

parade at intermission as well as participate in photo opportunities with Cinderella's beautiful pumpkin carriage after the show. There will be two evening performances at 7 pm on May 2 and 3 and two

matinee performances at 2 pm, on May 3 and 4.

"We are thrilled to showcase the incredible talent and dedication of our student cast, crew, and orchestra with the entire community," said director Claudine Piechotta. "This production is filled with heartwarming performances, stunning choreography, and captivating stage magic—offering something truly special for everyone to enjoy."

**For show tickets,** visit our show/harlequincinderella. There are a few interactive seat tickets still available. Make sure to look for them on the seat plan.

**About the CB West Harlequin Club**

The Harlequin Club is Central Bucks West High School's drama club. Fall productions may include a full-length play, one-act plays and/or a smaller

ensemble musical. In the spring we produce a larger full ensemble musical, typically with a pit orchestra. In addition, we present a student-directed one-act showcase and a student-directed cabaret as well as other community appearances and festivals throughout the year. The Harlequin Club Troupe 2115 is an active member of the International Thespian Society.

In 2022, the Harlequin Club won the Philadelphia Independence Award for best High School Musical in the Philadelphia region for their production of "Amélie." Also in 2022 and again in 2023, Harlequin Club students received the nomination to represent the Philadelphia region in the prestigious Jimmy Awards for High School Musical Theatre.

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the perspective to life for the homeowner's understanding?

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# Food Bank

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location, we needed a larger space to better serve our growing client base," said Mike Cerino, Executive Director, Warminster Food Bank.

"Thankfully, the grant from the John A. Powell Family Foundation was finalized at the right time and we were able to secure our new space. We are confident that this new location will give us the opportunity to further our mission of providing services to meet the needs of those experiencing food insecurity in our community."

This event is co-hosted by The Warminster Rotary Club which supports the Warmin-

ster Food Bank. One of the missions of Rotary International is to address food insecurity on many levels, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally by raising awareness and partnering with organizations who work tirelessly for the cause.

## About Warminster Food Bank

The Warminster Food Bank is a 501c3 organization that provides food to people in need in the Bucks and Montgomery Counties. Currently, more than 650 families receive food donated by individuals and businesses. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. To learn more, visit [www.warminsterfoodbank.org](http://www.warminsterfoodbank.org).



Warminster Food Bank will be cutting the ribbon on their new location at 495 E. County Line Road in Hatboro, Pa., on Thursday, May 1 at 10 am. The new site, situated in the Town & Country Shopping Center in Warminster Township, offers free parking, and is conveniently located for residents in the Warminster area. With 1,778 square feet of space, Warminster Food Bank will be able to better serve clients who are dealing with food insecurity, as well as accept donations of nonperishable food items. photo courtesy of Warminster Food Bank

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*Breathe easy this spring: Don't forget your AC filter during spring cleaning*

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A clean filter is essential for maintaining good indoor air quality, especially during spring when allergens like pollen are at their peak. Depending on the type of filter your system uses, upkeep can be simple but

impactful.

## Know Your Filter Type

Throw-away filters should be replaced every month if you have pets or allergy concerns. Otherwise, swapping them out every three months will do the trick. Before installing a new filter, take a moment to clean the filter rack using a dust rag or vacuum.

Washable filters should be removed and cleaned every three months. After vacuuming the filter rack, rinse the filter thoroughly and let it dry completely before putting it back in place.

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## BCCC short fiction contest winners

Olivia Beno, a senior at Pennsbury High School in Fairless Hills, has won first place in the annual Short Fiction Contest for High School Students, officials at Bucks County Community College announced. Beno was awarded first place for her story "The Lake."

Sarah Lueck, a junior at Central Bucks High School West in Doylestown, won second place for "In the Bleak Midwinter."

Sophia Ogden, a junior at Pennridge High School in Perkasie, took third place for "On the Corner of Turpin and Thistle-down."

Dr. Cecile Kandl Anderson of the College's School of Language and Literature, which runs the contest, made the final selections. The winners will receive certificates and awards of \$200, \$100, and \$50, respectively.

Anderson noted that Beno's story "The Lake" was "...rich in sensory detail, creating a sense of immediacy as the reader follows along with the narrator's journey."

"Childhood fears juxtapose disappointment as the narrator worries about disappointing someone they love," Anderson wrote of the first-prize entry. "In this compelling narrative we are treated to a series of events that lead to a memorable conclusion. Indeed, the reader witnesses an emotional journey that is as compelling as

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# Andrew's Lawn Ranger

Turf Care: We are currently applying our second round of crabgrass control. This is crucial for pre/post emergent suppression. This round includes broadleaf weed control, micro-nutrients as well as a balanced slow-release fertilizer.

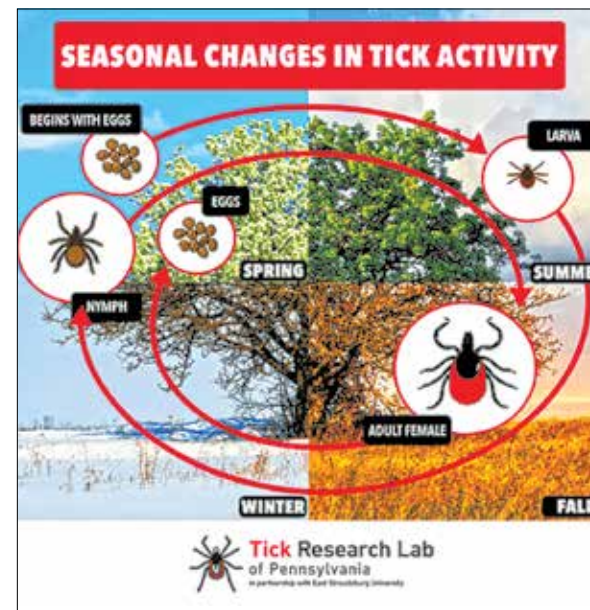
## Flea, Tick and Mosquito

**Suppression:** Warmer temperatures are coming, bringing out all our springtime pests. We have begun our applications to suppress flea, ticks, and mosquitos, which is made by fogging the perimeter of the property as well as spraying nesting areas. Plant material around the house (patio, deck, pool, swing set wood lines if applicable) will also be treated.

Adult ticks are present now, laying eggs, and active any day when temperatures are above freezing. Eggs hatch in the spring. Larvae are present

during late summer and nymphs during late spring and throughout the summer. Ticks "hang out" on the ends of branches and tall grass leaves. Any animal or human brushing up against the plant runs the risk of picking up a tick hitch-hiker.

Being "bugged" by mosquitos? Adult female mosquitoes lay eggs in anything holding water. Eggs survive drying out up to eight months. Mosquitoes only need a small amount of water to lay eggs. Any container storing water makes a great "nursery". Eggs hatch after water (from rain or a sprinkler) covers the eggs. Larvae can be seen in the water. They are very active and are often called "wigglers". They become pupae, which live in the water. An adult mosquito emerges from the pupae and flies away.



The entire egg to adult cycle takes 7-10 days!

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# American Chimney

*Spring cleaning: Make sure to include your chimney!*

There are many benefits to tackling a top-to-bottom house-cleaning project, but what good does it do to clean the entire house and fail to get the chimney and fireplace cleaned?

As a major focal point in any room, a fireplace can be a

pleasure in any season, or it can be an eyesore.

Just in case you've never been sold on the idea of spring cleaning, consider this: Life can feel less stressful when your home environment is clean and clutter-free. Feeling less stress can mean better health.

Anytime you use your fireplace, some amount of creosote is deposited in your



chimney flue.

When it gets hot outside, particularly if moisture has made its way into your

chimney, the deposits in the liner can emit a sour odor, which makes its way into your home's interior. Your home will smell fresher when you have a clean fireplace and chimney.

There could be damage to your chimney or flue liner. All moisture damage should be repaired quickly and efficiently, to cut down on the cost of repairs and the extent of resulting deterioration.

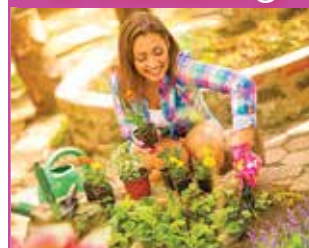
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**Pruning with Precision:** Begin the season by inspecting your trees for dead or damaged branches. Pruning during spring promotes healthy growth and enhances the tree's overall structure. However, it is essential to prune with precision, as improper cuts can lead to disease or pest infestations.

**Mulching Matters:** Applying a layer of organic mulch around the base of your trees helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature. Be sure to keep the mulch away from the trunk to prevent rot and promote aeration. A well-mulched tree is better equipped to withstand the challenges of the upcoming summer months.

**Fertilize Thoughtfully:** Assess your trees' nutritional needs and consider a balanced



*Be sure to use proper mulching techniques to keep your trees healthy.*

fertilizer to provide essential nutrients. Spring is an opportune time to replenish soil fertility, supporting robust growth and development. Consulting with a local arborist can help determine the specific requirements for your tree species.

**Check for Pests and Diseases:** Inspect your trees for any signs of infestation, such

as unusual spots on leaves or the presence of pests. Timely intervention can prevent the spread of diseases and protect the overall health of your trees.

**Water Wisely:** Adequate hydration is crucial for trees during the growing season. Monitor soil moisture levels and water accordingly, especially during dry spells. Proper watering ensures that your trees can absorb nutrients efficiently and thrive in the spring sunshine.

These spring tree care tips can contribute to the well-being and longevity of your trees. A healthy tree canopy enhances the beauty of your surroundings while offering numerous environmental benefits for generations to come.

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In addition to direct therapy, HHF provides caregiver training and support to help families reinforce goals outside of

therapy sessions. Services are designed to meet the needs of both children and families.

Helping Hands Family is in-network with all commercial insurance providers and works closely with families throughout the intake process to simplify access to services.

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Also visit [www.hhfamily.com](http://www.hhfamily.com) to learn more about other locations and services.

### Short fiction

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it is profound."

Lueck's story "In the Bleak Midwinter" follows a protagonist caught in a blizzard, who struggles with a lack of self-worth even as he tries to save his life. "His salvation, and his ability to connect with others, comes from an unexpected

source," Anderson noted.

"Well-crafted details create an experience wherein the reader feels like they, too, are trapped in the snow. Rich imagery and memorable characterization demonstrate the author's ability to spin a tale that is certainly worthy of recognition."

Ogden's story "On the Corner of Turpin and Thistledown" is about a magical building that a woman returns to throughout her life. "We see how beautifully elevated language, which recalls Austen, addresses the reader rather formally," Anderson noted. "The author demonstrates a deft ability to move the character throughout her life, from young womanhood, to newlywed, to mother, to widow. Additionally, the story brilliantly considers how a neighborhood evolves over a generation — or more."

Bucks County Community College's School of Language and Literature runs two short fiction contests each spring: one for high school students, and one for Bucks County residents 18 and older. For more information, contact the contest coordinator Professor Elizabeth Luciano at [Elizabeth.Luciano@bucks.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Luciano@bucks.edu).

## PA Cyber Charter School

### Elementary student inspires family to start flavored ice business

"He's the brains and inspiration, and we're the grownups who have to do all the stuff," Lauren laughs while speaking of her son Everett who attends PA Cyber.

A few summers ago, the Wilson family test-tasted a lot

of shaved ice while on vacation. It was an easy choice for dessert because gluten and dairy-containing foods make Everett sick. Once back home in Ellwood City, they researched ice-shaving machines and flavorings. They opened Ellwood Ice in early 2023 and have since expanded the shop to accommodate indoor seating and private party space.

"We have 30 flavors," says Everett. "And we have all different kinds of ice cream and toppings. My favorite kind of ice cream is the dairy-free vanilla." At the shop, he restocks supplies and takes orders and payments. The whole Wilson family plays a part in the shop.

PA Cyber held a field trip at Ellwood Ice in 2023 where Everett showed fellow students the process of making icy treats and talked about owning a business. Everyone got their own treat,



Everette's goal for Ellwood Ice is to "make people happy."

and many chose the flavor of the day, "The Archie," named after PA Cyber's owl mascot.

Everette enrolled at PA Cyber amid the pandemic, but stayed because he enjoyed the flexibility of taking classes from home. "Our schedule has a million things in a week," he says. "We go somewhere every day." He belongs to Cub Scouts and plays

soccer and piano. As a gifted student, he is able to accelerate his learning. He aims to be an engineer when he is older.

"We're really proud of him, and we're glad that we have the option to do school a lil' differently," says Lauren.

Learn more about personalizing your child's education at [pacyber.org](http://pacyber.org).

### SCORE Bucks County mentors support small business community

National Volunteer Month: SCORE gives back and makes a difference.

This National Volunteer Month, SCORE Bucks County is proud to announce the positive impact of its volunteers, who donate their time and expertise to help entrepreneurs start and grow small businesses, guide them in achieving new levels of success, and ultimately creating jobs and strengthening the local economy.

In fiscal year 2024, SCORE Bucks County volunteers helped 950 entrepreneurs, providing them with 2,789 mentoring sessions.

"SCORE is the most effective source of small business mentoring in the U.S.," said Charlie Morris, SCORE Bucks County co-chair. "We are proud to be

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# Bucks County Community College's Kids on Campus

## Summer camp program

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Kids on Campus runs from June 16 to August 8, 2025, with camps held Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Please note that there is no camp on June 19 and July 4. To view the full camp sched-



ule and additional details, visit [bucks.edu/kidsoncampus](https://bucks.edu/kidsoncampus). Campers need to bring a bagged lunch daily, along with extra water, hat, and sunscreen for self-application. If rain is in the forecast, please have campers bring appropriate rain gear.

Enrollment is limited, and registration remains open until each camp reaches capacity. Sign up online at [bucks.edu/kidsoncampus](https://bucks.edu/kidsoncampus) or call 215-968-8409 to secure a spot.

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making a positive difference right here in our local community.”

SCORE data shows that entrepreneurs who receive three or more hours of mentoring report higher revenues and increased business growth. In addition, SCORE Bucks County offers a wealth of resources to



SCORE mentor meets with a client.

guide entrepreneurs in every phase of their small business journey.

“We are grateful to the more than 10,000 SCORE volunteers nationwide who selflessly dedicate their time and business expertise to help entrepreneurs achieve their dreams,” said SCORE CEO Bridget Weston.

Held in April every year, National Volunteer Month recognizes the contributions of volunteers and is an opportunity to join the impact of volunteerism and encourage more people to get involved in their communities.

Visit [www.score.org](https://www.score.org) to learn more about local volunteer opportunities or to request a mentor for your small business.

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# Kona Compost

Meet Kona Compost, your local woman-owned compost pick-up service providing Bucks County residents, businesses, offices and schools an easy way to keep their food scraps out of the landfill.

Kona Compost was founded by Heather Guidice in 2019 with a mission to make composting easy, accessible and fun all while giving back to our planet and keeping our environment healthy.

Kona Compost collects food scraps which are then turned into compost and returned back to customers to use in their own gardens or they can elect to donate their compost share to a community garden instead.

Why should you compost? The answer is quite simple, food waste doesn't belong in the landfill. It's a resource that can be turned into a nutrient dense amendment for gardens helping to build soil and reduce the need to use fertilizer. When food waste is thrown out, it does not break down and instead creates the greenhouse gas, methane, which is harmful to the environment.

Rooted in community, Kona Compost helps reduce your carbon footprint and creates a sustainable future one bucket of food scraps at a time.

Join the hundreds of households on the journey to a greener future by signing up to begin composting. It's easy, convenient and supports a local business. If you're a business in the area, office or school, composting is a valuable way to lead the charge on sustainability.

Visit [www.konacompost.com](https://www.konacompost.com) to get started, follow along on Facebook and Instagram @konacompost, or visit us in person at one of the upcoming Wrightstown, Yardley, or Perkasie Farmer's Markets this season.



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## Master Gardener plant sale set for May 3, rain or shine



2024 plant sale.

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Penn State Master Gardener, Bucks County

Penn State Master Gardeners of Bucks County will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds located at 576 Penns Park Rd. in Newtown.

This highly anticipated sale will include donated plants from Master Gardeners, unusual perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs, pollinator and butterfly plants, native

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## Volunteer-Run WDVR Radio Station expands with new frequency

The station, which can be heard in PA and N.J., will kick off a fundraising drive on May 5.

In conjunction with its 35 th anniversary on the air, WDVR community public radio station is expanding its listener base with the addition of a new frequency.WPNJ-FM 90.7 in Harmony Township, N.J. has gone live, serving to "improve and increase our on-air signal reach in southern and central Warren County, New Jersey and also in the eastern Pennsylvania

communities along the river," according to WDVR board member Chris Poh, who hosts two music programs.

Since its founding in February 1990, WDVR has offered a cornucopia of sound ranging from programs on musical theater, community centered talk, gardening, technology and any and all other engaging topics along with bluegrass, indie, alt country, rock, Celtic, big band, doo wop and blues tunes.

The vast array of offerings

stems from the station being run by more than 50 volunteer DJs, who base their shows on their own personal interests, offering an eclectic collection of podcast-style interview programs, discussions and, of course, music.

The station broadcasts throughout Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset and Warren counties in New Jersey; and Bucks, Montgomery, Northampton and Lehigh counties in Pennsylvania and streaming globally

via WDVRFM.org and many popular radio apps.

WPNJ-FM 90.7 will replace 90.5 WPNJ in Easton, PA.

"We're moving that station to a mountaintop in Warren County, New Jersey," Poh said, adding that between the new station and existing W294BQ-FM 106.7, the station will continue to "blanket" Easton. "We have good listener-ship in Easton."

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### Library fair

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"We have a table where you buy raffle tickets and drop them into jars next to the items you hope to win. It's a great way to raise money, and all of that goes straight to the library."

The spring craft fair passport was a standout feature, encouraging guests to visit every booth. Attendees received a passport upon entry and collected unique stamps from each vendor. "Once they get all the stamps, they can turn it in for three extra raffle tickets," said Richardson. "It's a fun way to engage visitors while helping the vendors make connections and sales."

Donna Tobin, also a co-chair of the event, emphasized the group's commitment to making the library a welcoming and enriching place for the whole community. "Chair yoga is very popular, so much so that we've added a second Friday morning session," she noted. "It's free for everyone, members or not. All of our programs are free to the community."

The fair itself was fully volunteer-powered. From the baked goods, made by members, to raffle coordination and vendor support, no one received

payment. "Everyone in Friends of the Library is here because they are interested in keeping the library alive and helping the community," Richardson added.

The church venue proved to be a good fit, with accessible parking and a supportive staff. "The church staff has been really great," said Richardson. "They are forward-thinking in promoting nonprofits."

With a strong turnout two consecutive years, this event appears to be growing into a community tradition. "We are hoping this will be an annual event," Richardson said. "We're getting good vibes back from the vendors, and I think this is a win for next year."

For those looking to get involved or learn more, the Friends of the Doylestown

Library continue to welcome new members, volunteers, and supporters. Their impact may be quiet, but it's powerful, as seen in every program, every soundproof booth, and every story read at the library.

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family-friendly Juneteenth celebration invites visitors to feel the full range of emotions in our liberation stories, from jubilation to sorrow, from defiance to hope. Freedom has always been hard won. We invite you to answer its call with us.

SSAAM creates community programming to educate and inspire. Our event ticket prices, inclusive of food, reflect our commitment to accessibility. If you have the capacity to make an additional donation, or if you work for an employer who may be interested in sponsoring our event, we welcome your generous support! At a moment when our federal funding opportunities are in jeopardy, we rely on the continued investment of our local community.

Thank you to our event sponsor, the Princeton University Art Museum, for making this event possible.

For more information about SSAAM’s Juneteenth celebration and to book tickets, donate, sponsor, or volunteer, please visit [www.ssaamuseum.org/juneteenth-2025](http://www.ssaamuseum.org/juneteenth-2025).

The Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum (SSAAM), Central New Jersey’s only museum sharing the history of African Americans in our region since the trans-Atlantic Slave trade, will hold its fourth annual Juneteenth celebration on Saturday, June 21, from 12 pm to 4 pm (rain or shine).

## Event Highlights:

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## WDVR

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original 500-watt standalone terrestrial station to an operation that now includes internet broadcasting along with several satellite-FM transmitters in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the costs to run the community-funded station and off-site infrastructure have continued to spiral.

In response, WDVR is kicking off a fundraising drive on May 5, which will continue through May 18. Sometime following the drive, two open houses are planned to allow community members to tour the station

and pick up swag in exchange for their donations. The open houses are tentatively planned for late spring or early summer, Poh said.

The goal is to continue to grow the Sergeantsville, N.J.-based station through listener support. “We are thankful for the community’s support throughout our 35 years on the air,” said Carla Van Dyk, WDVR’s station manager. “We hope to continue to grow our base of listeners and meet new friends during our upcoming open houses.”

To learn more or contribute to WDVR’s fundraising drive, please visit: <https://wdvrfm.org/donate-2025>

# Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen’s Inaugural Showcase: A celebration of art and craftsmanship

*by June Portnoy*

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen recently hosted its first Members’ Showcase, a remarkable exhibition that brought together artisans and art enthusiasts. Held at the AOY Art Center in Yardley from March 28 to March 30, the event highlighted the exceptional talents of local craftsmen and provided a space for the community to appreciate and acquire original works of art.

## Plant sale

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plants, houseplants, shade plants, deer-resistant plants, container plants, and a beautiful selection of hanging baskets for Mother’s Day.

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Basia Andrusko, Bucks County Guild’s Director at Large and Show Coordinator of this recent showcase, described the showcase that featured an impressive variety of handmade works, including pottery, jewelry, furniture, woodwork, glass art, pysanky (Ukrainian eggs), textiles, and paintings. “We had a nice mix of items on display,” Andrusko said. “We had pottery, wood, and furniture. One of our members makes rocking chairs, some sculptural pieces. I write Pysanky Ukrainian eggs. We have five or six jewelers who work in different media. We had one woman who does sculptural wood, which was amazing. We had some watercolor paintings. We had someone who does inkwork. So, we had quite a variety of works on display.”

The event kicked off with an opening reception on March 28, where guests had the opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments in a relaxed, informal setting.



*Celeste Thompson displays her millinery at the showcase. photo by Mimi Black*

“On Friday, we had some snacks and the opportunity to meet the artists. Most of the artists were present on Friday night, so people really enjoyed being able to speak to these artisans,” said Andrusko.

The showcase was not juried, allowing members to freely select the pieces they wished to present. A total of 25 members participated, each permitted to submit up to five pieces of work. Of the 120 pieces displayed, around 20 were not

for sale, giving some artists the opportunity to exhibit cherished works without parting with them. “As one artist said, ‘I was able to put out my favorite pieces knowing I wouldn’t have to part with them,’” Andrusko shared. The sales from the event were spread across multiple artists, further affirming the diversity and appeal of the works presented.

The event attracted approximately 100 visitors over the

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# Bucks County Community College hires new vice president for advancement & alumni relations

Bucks County Community College (BCCC) officials are pleased to announce that Karen O'Donnell has joined the College as Vice President for Advancement & Alumni Relations and Executive Director of the BCCC Foundation.

In this role, O'Donnell will be responsible for advancing the mission of Bucks County Community College through increasing philanthropic support from alumni, philanthropists, donors, foundations, workforce partners, and friends of the College throughout Bucks County and beyond. She will lead a team of advancement professionals and facilitate the work of dedicated volunteers on the Alumni Council and the BCCC Foundation board who, working together, engage friends and

supporters of the College in support of the institutional mission of providing affordable high-quality education to residents from every community of Bucks County.

BCCC President & CEO Patrick M. Jones said, "Karen's expertise in fundraising, corporate and foundation relations, leadership, and team building is impressive. I am confident she will help to position the College for long-term success by working closely with the leadership team and the deans in fulfilling our strategic plan."

"I am thrilled and deeply grateful to be joining Bucks County Community College," said O'Donnell. "This opportunity brings me back home to Bucks County, where I am honored to serve my neighbors

and friends in a respected institution dedicated to excellence and community impact. I look forward to advancing the mission of BCCC and helping to shape a bright future for our students and the region."

O'Donnell is a lifelong resident of Bucks County and has served in advancement roles in several institutions including Conwell-Egan High School, St. Mary Medical Center, The College of New Jersey, and most recently, Rosemont College. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and a Conwell-Egan Catholic High School Wall of Fame inductee.

O'Donnell has a master's degree in arts administration from Drexel University and a bachelor's degree in studio art from The Catholic University of



Karen O'Donnell is the new Vice President for Advancement & Alumni Relations, Executive Director of the Foundation at Bucks County Community College.

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## Guild of Craftsmen

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three days, with Friday night drawing the largest crowd.

"We got such positive feedback from members and guests that we are hoping to repeat it and make it an annual show," Andrusko noted.

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen is a chapter of the Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen, dedicated to fostering an appreciation for fine crafts and supporting artisans in their creative pursuits. The guild provides members with opportunities for professional growth, mentorship, and the exchange of ideas through meetings, pro-

grams, and exhibitions.

Currently, the Bucks County chapter has 84 members, including artisans from Bucks County, Montgomery County, and even neighboring New Jersey. The guild encompasses a broad range of crafts, from functional pottery and stained-glass picture frames to sculptural art pieces. "Our Guild tends to be more fine craft-oriented," Andrusko noted. "What determines a craftsman from an artist is all subjective interpretation. There is a lot of crossover."

The guild holds monthly meetings, typically featur-

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# Pearl S. Buck International partners with child houses to help orphans in Syria

Pearl S. Buck International has partnered with the non-profit organization Child Houses to help provide diapers and formula to orphaned children in Syria.

Pearl S. Buck International, located in Hilltown, Bucks County, was founded over 60 years ago by Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, humanitarian, and advocate Pearl S. Buck. Today, the organization continues Ms. Buck's legacy through educational tours of her former home, the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark Museum; through providing cross-cultural programming locally; and through international humanitarian aid to children, families, and communities across Asia and in Africa. The close alignment of Pearl S. Buck International's international humanitarian aid work and mission with that of Child Houses led to the formation of this life-changing partnership.

Founded in 2019, Child Houses is a community-based organization that supports children who have been orphaned or separated from their families by war in places like Syria. Its mission is to ensure that these children don't grow up alone or confined to institutions, but within loving families where they can heal and thrive. Since its founding, Child Houses has reunited thousands of children with their families, placed over 100 newborns into foster homes, and is helping lead the national shift in Syria from raising children in orphanages to raising them in families.

Across Syria, years of war have left families in deep poverty and distress. Many parents—struggling with trauma, displacement, and the inability to meet their children's basic needs—face the unimaginable decision to give them up. As a result, the number of abandoned and unaccompanied children continues to rise, especially among newborns.

To meet this urgent need, Child Houses operates a transitional shelter for infants and young children who have been abandoned, are unaccompanied, or have been separated from their families. At the shelter, children receive immediate care, including proper nutrition, medical support, and a nurturing environment, while social workers work to reunite them with extended family or find a



loving foster home.

Each month, the shelter hosts 10 to 15 children, most of them babies. Some arrive just hours after birth, in fragile, life-threatening conditions. They typically remain in the shelter for at least three months—until they are healthy, stable, and ready for long-term family care. During this critical period, baby formula, diapers, and medical essentials are crucial to ensuring their survival and wellbeing.

Donor support provides many of these same essential items to children in need served by Pearl S. Buck International. This new partnership with Child Houses will allow Pearl S. Buck International's donor base to expand their generous support to this vulnerable population in another part of the world. For as little as \$30, the children served by Child Houses can receive the essential supplies they need and be cared for with dignity and compassion.

"Partnering with Pearl S. Buck International means so much to us. Their heart for children, their belief in the power of family, and their commitment to global connection deeply reflect what we stand for at Child Houses," said Audrey Bingaman, Child Houses' Fundraising Manager. "In a world where so many children are born into crisis, it's a gift to stand beside a partner who shares our hope—that every child, no matter where they're born, deserves to be safe, loved, and part of a family."

"When Pearl Buck founded our organization over 60 years ago, she spoke about children being 'living war casualties' during conflicts," explained Stephanie Saveriano, Pearl S. Buck International's Director of International Programs. "This sentiment is especially true for the orphaned babies in Syria. We at Pearl S. Buck International are extremely happy to be able to help these babies receive these basic necessities through this partnership with Child Houses."

"The more children in the world we are able to help, the prouder we feel Pearl herself would be," added Cheryl Castro, Pearl S. Buck International President and CEO. "I am pleased with the dedication of our international programs director in building partnerships such as this one to expand our humanitarian support to more countries and more people in need."

To make a donation to support the children served by Child Houses, please visit [pearlsbuck.org/bbwp\\_gifts/diapers-and-formula-for-orphans-30](https://pearlsbuck.org/bbwp_gifts/diapers-and-formula-for-orphans-30).

For more information on Pearl S. Buck International, go to [pearlsbuck.org](https://pearlsbuck.org).

For more information on Child Houses, go to [www.childhouses.org](https://www.childhouses.org).

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## Tyler Park Center for the Arts

### Celebrate creativity

With spring in full swing, Tyler Park Center for the Arts invites the community to its annual Members Art Show, held June 6 – 8. This dynamic exhibition showcases the talents of both emerging and professional artists, and features live music, refreshments, artist meet-and-greets, and awards for excellence in several categories.

Among this year's featured artists is Barbara Neale, who has spent the past 17 years working with fused glass. Also known as warm glass, this art form involves cutting and layering pieces of glass that are then melted in a kiln to create a unified piece. Barbara has attended many workshops of warm glass artists and is a member of The Glass Underground Studio in Warren, NJ. Since retiring, she has displayed her work at local fairs and juried shows, and now teaches fused glass workshops at TPCA.

Also exhibiting is William Lessa, a longtime public school administrator whose artwork draws on his travels in Africa, his passion for Philadelphia sports, and his unique view of life's quirky moments. Working primarily in graphite and colored pencils, William donates much of his art sale proceeds to regional charities supporting children and families.

Looking ahead, TPCA's Creative Summer Camps are open for registration! Young artists ages 8–16 can explore themed art intensives like "Art Around the World" and "Under the Sea", while younger children can enjoy mini camps tailored to their age group.

Members of TPCA receive special perks, including dis-



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William Lessa, TPCA Members Show participant with "Children of Haiti".

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# Bucks IU Fab Lab invites partners to expand STEAM education programs and inspire future innovators

STEAM education—blending Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math—ignites curiosity and prepares students for the future. The Bucks County Intermediate Unit (Bucks IU) Fab Lab recently invited Corporate Partners to its Warminster-based Center to experience firsthand how their support is fueling growth in STEAM education. In today’s fast-paced world, these STEAM disciplines are fundamental in helping children and youth develop critical thinking skills, solve real-world challenges, and make informed decisions.

This recent networking event marked the launch of the Fab Lab Corporate Partners Program, which creates opportunities for companies to invest directly in the Fab Lab



Participants enjoyed the experience of being a jet fighter pilot in the new Immersive Reality (IR) room at the Fab Lab Center.

and its programs.

Dr. Lindsey Rutherford Sides, Bucks IU Supervisor of STEAM

Education, stated, “Investments in the Fab Lab are making a real, tangible difference in the lives of students and educators across our community. Support is not just an investment in the Fab Lab—it’s an investment in the next generation of problem-solvers, creators, and innovators. When students are in this space, they are not just learning—they’re becoming engineers, designers, and innovators right before our eyes.”

The Fab Lab makes STEAM learning interactive, engaging, and hands-on. Through immersive experiences and cutting-edge tools, students develop creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills that prepare them for success. During the event, current and future partners experienced the Fab Lab’s latest technology, including the new Immersive Reality (IR) room where they piloted a fighter jet, explored the ocean depths, and marveled at the northern lights. Others tested their skills flying drones—learning firsthand that it’s harder than it looks!

Alice Colyar, Manager for Bucks County Workforce and Economic Development, stated, “We invest in programs that prepare young people for the workforce of tomorrow. The Fab Lab does exactly that—providing meaningful educational experiences to students throughout Bucks County.”

Lindsay Pikovsky attended the event to express how much the Fab Lab programs can make a difference. Her child is a regular participant at the Fab Lab Center, loves STEAM activities, and benefits from access to equipment that supports diverse interests and advancing skills. They even celebrated the child’s 10th birthday at the Fab Lab. Pikovsky shared, “The kids absolutely loved it! They had so much fun immersed in the activities that they didn’t even realize they were learning STEAM skills.”

Deanna Boyer and Meghan Leinhauser, representatives from Dow, attended the event to reinforce the company’s commitment to the Fab Lab and

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## United Way’s HELP Center celebrates 5 years of serving Bucks County

United Way of Bucks County’s HELP Center is celebrating its 5th anniversary, marking five years of providing brand-new essential items – completely free of charge – to local families in need. This milestone coincides with National Volunteer Month, making it the perfect time for community members and businesses to get involved.

The HELP Center (a Healthy Eating and Living Partnership) opened in 2020 as a collaboration between United Way of Bucks County, Bucks County Opportunity Council, and St. Mary Medical Center, with generous support from Penn Community Bank.

Since then, it has become a lifeline for thousands of Bucks County residents and over 120 community partners – including schools, faith-based groups, and

nonprofits – by providing essential items like hygiene products, home goods, clothing, and food.

Many of the HELP Center’s

shoppers are ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), meaning they work, but still struggle to afford the

basics. Among these shoppers, 58% work in essential, front-line sectors like healthcare, educa-

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### United Way

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tion, and human services.

In 2024 alone, walk-in visits for emergency services like the emergency food pantry surged by 110%, with more than 6,700 visits.

Volunteers play a crucial role in the HELP Center's efforts, sorting and stocking goods, assisting shoppers, and ensur-

ing resources reach those who need them most.

"We are incredibly proud of how the HELP Center has grown over the past five years," says Sheri Ratner, Impact Director for the HELP Center. "What started as a response to a clear need in our community has become a vital resource for thousands of Bucks County residents. But we can't do it alone – volunteers

and community partners make this work possible."

The HELP Center invites the public to celebrate this milestone by getting involved:

**Volunteer:** Individuals, businesses, and community groups can volunteer for a hands-on experience helping their neighbors.

**Host a Collection Drive:** Gather essential items like

hygiene products, household supplies, and non-perishable food to keep the HELP Center stocked.

Attend an Open House: See the HELP Center in action and learn how you can make a difference. Join us on Tuesday, April 22 from 5 – 7 pm for a tour, or Saturday, April 26 from 12–2 pm for a tour and volunteer opportunity.

Julie Frantz, a Bucks County resident who has been volunteering since 2021, shares, "Volunteering at the HELP Center is a great way to assist and connect with the community. In uncertain times, it is important to be there for our neighbors who are struggling, and the HELP Center does so much."

As the HELP Center celebrates this milestone, United Way of Bucks County urges the community to step up, get involved, and continue making a difference. To sign up to volunteer, host a collection, or learn more about the HELP Center, visit [www.uwbucks.org/help-center](http://www.uwbucks.org/help-center).

## Senior Care Authority

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After working with a Senior Care Authority specialist Joe moved into an assisted living community. Joe spent the first week in his apartment and

didn't venture out for meals or any of the activities. His neighbor was successful in inviting him to breakfast, though Joe went to the dining room in sweatpants and tee shirt. During breakfast he spotted a piano in the lounge and walked over and began playing. Soon one of the female residents came over and stood by him as

he played and complimented him on his skills. Joe played for the next hour, and several other residents came to listen. The next day Joe came down in dress slacks and a button-down shirt. The lady who had joined Joe yesterday brought several of her friends along. Joe played until lunch time, engaging the residents to join in by singing along. The following days Joe exited his apartment in a sport coat, trousers and a pressed shirt.

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**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 Solute to Mothers Scholarship, visit [interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E15010&id=251](http://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E15010&id=251)

**Saturday May 3, 10 am, at Memorial Park, 1950 Woodside Rd. in Newtown, come to AARK in the Park.** The highly respected AARK Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center will present a hands-on exhibition on hawks and other birds. They have delighted people all over Bucks County with this amazing presentation. This FREE event is sponsored by the LMT Environmental Advisory Council and LMT Birdtown. For more information, contact: Dominique Mitchell at [eacbucks@gmail.com](mailto:eacbucks@gmail.com).

**Sunday, May 4, 1:30–4 pm (with speaker at 2 pm), to be held at the**

**Strassburger Farmstead, 407 Keystone Dr. in Sellersville, The Historical Society of Hilltown Township presents "History Lives On: Celebrating Plumstead Township's 300th Anniversary."** Tom Upton of the Plumstead Historical Society, will show his documentary "History Lives On" with historical facts and photos of Plumstead Township, including the Quaker Meetinghouse, Plumsteadville Inn, carriage maker Aaron Kratz, the Doan Gang, the canal, the trolley line and much more. The event is free; Donations appreciated. For more information, visit [www.hilltown-history.org](http://www.hilltown-history.org).

**Thursday, May 8, 7–9 pm at the Chancellor Center, 30 N Chancellor St. in Newtown, Newtown Borough and Newtown Township will sponsor, "Native Plants, Thriving Habitats: How You Can Help."** Krista McCook from Home-grown National Park will share how anyone—whether they have acres of land or just a few potted plants—can contribute to ecological restoration. (Krista will be joining via Zoom.). Also, Diane Smith from Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow will speak in person about native flowers that you can grow

and protect to keep pollinators happy and healthy. Plus, Gino's Native Nursery will be raffling off a \$50 gift certificate! Reserve your spot at [www.boroughofnewtown.com/contact-us](http://www.boroughofnewtown.com/contact-us).

**Friday, May 9, at Twining Hall, 4900 Street Rd. in Trevoze, Feaster-ville Rotary Club will be holding its 15th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo.** Doors open at 5:30 pm and games start at 7pm. Tickets are \$35.00 each, and include 10 games of bingo. There will be additional game boards, raffles, and 50/50 available for purchase. Bring a non-perishable item or make a monetary donation, and you will receive a ticket for a thank you drawing. MEI Caterers has a menu of food items made to order at reasonable prices as well as drinks at the bar. For tickets, please contact Kathy Doran at 215-593-4656 or email [Katherine.a.doran@gmail.com](mailto:Katherine.a.doran@gmail.com).

**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 10, 7 am–12 pm (rain date Saturday, May 10) come to Hunger Helpers Community Yard Sale to "find deals and fuel hope" at Heritage Oak Drive in Yardley.** Sale will benefit the Interfaith Food Alliance. Every penny will help families facing hunger. For more information, email [Communityyardsale9@gmail.com](mailto:Communityyardsale9@gmail.com).

**Tuesday May 13, 6–7:30 pm at Makefield Elementary School in Yardley, the Lower Makefield Township Swim & Dive Team invites you to its 2025 LMT Swim & Dive Team Open House.** For more information, email [LMTPoolswimdive@gmail.com](mailto:LMTPoolswimdive@gmail.com) or visit [www.gomotionapp.com/team/reclblmtd/page/home](http://www.gomotionapp.com/team/reclblmtd/page/home).

**Thursday, May 15, 11:30 to 2 pm, the Women's Club of Huntingdon Valley will present their Annual Scholarship Achievement Award, as it does every May, to a deserving graduating female student from Lower Moreland High School.** At a fabulous luncheon held at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club, Dr. Marcia Gutowicz, Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee, will present this year's winner of the scholarship and the winner herself will speak at this event. See our Facebook page at Women's Club of Huntingdon Valley for all our community events and for further information, email us at [wchv1951@gmail.com](mailto:wchv1951@gmail.com).

**Saturday, May 17, 9:30 am–12:30 pm, Annual flea market at Oxford Village, 290 E Winchester Ave. in Langhorne at Independent Living Building.** Hot dogs and desserts available for sale. Proceeds to benefit the residents of the retirement home. For more information, call 215-750-9424 or email [pgh51@aol.com](mailto:pgh51@aol.com).

**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.

**Saturday, May 17, 9 am–12 pm, Clothing & Shoe Drive Drive-Thru drop off at Berkshire Hathaway Fox & Roach, Realtors office, 796 Newtown-Yardley Rd. in Newtown.** Place your gently used/unwanted items in tightly tied bags. All items must be bagged. Electronics (anything with a plug, except TVs and monitors) will also be accepted. Give your items a second chance to be worn/used again! Hosted by Kathleen Lenoir at [Kathleen.Lenoir@FoxRoach.com](mailto:Kathleen.Lenoir@FoxRoach.com), Susan Koch at [Susan.Koch@FoxRoach.com](mailto:Susan.Koch@FoxRoach.com), and Kim Whitlock at [Kim.Witlock@FoxRoach.com](mailto:Kim.Witlock@FoxRoach.com).

**Saturday, May 17, 4:30–7:30 pm, The Episcopal Church Women will sponsor A County Buffet at Grace Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. in Hulmeville,** featuring baked ham, roast chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, scalloped potatoes, pineapple stuffing, a salad bar, and homemade desserts. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children six to ten; and children under five are free. A raffle will be held for two tickets to Sight and Sound Theaters' production of "NOAH", which runs through December 31. For more information, call 215-757-6025.

**Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd in Bensalem, the Trevoze Horticultural Society will present "Meeting the Mushrooms: An Intro to the Fascinating World of Fungi" during its monthly meeting.** Guest speaker, Christian Kustra will cover the basics of mycology, the study of fungi. He will explain how mushrooms grow, how to identify wild mushrooms and what purpose they serve in nature. All meetings are open to the public; all are welcome, \$5 to observe. For further information,

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to developing a skilled future workforce. "Dow is dedicated to creating educational pipelines for highly trained professionals. Supporting the Fab Lab aligns perfectly with our mission—we hope to inspire and educate future Dow employees," they stated.

Become a partner with the Fab Lab and help shape the future of STEAM education in Bucks County! Individuals and families are invited to donate to the Fab Lab, and businesses are encouraged to join the new Corporate Partners Program. No contribution is too small—every dollar helps fund vital programs, provide hands-on learning experiences, and

empower the next generation of innovators, creators, and STEAM leaders. Learn more or donate at: [www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Get-Involved](http://www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Get-Involved).

#### ABOUT THE BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT FAB LAB:

Launched in 2019, the Mobile Fab Lab program began as a single unit bringing STEAM education directly to students across Bucks County. Today, with two fully equipped Mobile Fab Labs, the program reaches 18,000 students annually. The Fab Lab Center, which opened in December 2021, has grown from serving just over 1,000 children in its first year to now, four years later, engaging more than 5,700 students with 11 unique programs. Learn more at [www.BucksIU.org/FabLab](http://www.BucksIU.org/FabLab).

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**Saturday, May 31, 10 am, at the LMT Administrative building, 1100 Edgewood Rd. in Yardley, Mike Weilbacher, noted naturalist, environmentalist, educator and author will present "Microplastics, The Invisible Pollutant".** He will discuss microplastics, found everywhere from the bottom of the sea to our blood. Learn the surprising ways they spread through our environment and what we can do about it. This free FREE event is sponsored by the LMT Environmental Advisory Council with the participation of the Yardley Refillery. For more information, contact: Dominique Mitchell at [eacbucks@gmail.com](mailto:eacbucks@gmail.com).

**Saturday, June 7, 7:30 pm, Centennial Singers Spring Concert, "Singers Arise in Song" at Log College Middle School, 730 Norristown Rd. in Warminster.** Come join us for a variety of music including classical, folk, jazz, choral, spiritual, show tunes, and of course, patriotic numbers. Free cookie buffet and awesome raffle baskets. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. For more information, visit [www.centennialsingerswarminster.com](http://www.centennialsingerswarminster.com) and on Facebook @centennialsingerswarminster.

**Sunday, June 8, 3 pm, the Bryn Athyn Orchestra will present its Spring Concert at the Mitchell Performing Arts Center in Bryn Athyn.** The program features Mahler's Symphony No. 1; Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni and Symphony No. 38. Tickets \$27/advance, \$30/door. Students: \$15 (buy one get one free). Children under 12 are free. Seniors over 60: \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at [baorchestra.org](http://baorchestra.org) or at the door.

#### Guild of Craftsmen

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ing educational programs, hands-on workshops, or artist-led demonstrations. They also engage with the community through outreach programs, including collaborations with local schools and colleges. "Every year we go out to a local charter school and do a program with the students," Andrusko said. Additionally, they provide an annual award for fine craftsmanship to a Bucks County Community College student participating in the college's end-of-year annual art show. "By reaching out to this younger population, our hope is to recruit some younger members to our guild," she explains. "Afterall, they are our future craftsmen."

Membership is open to

anyone with a passion for fine crafts, whether they are practicing artists or simply admirers of the craft. Andrusko emphasized, "We are open not only to artists, but also to people who support and appreciate the artists."

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen continues to build a vibrant, supportive community where artists can share their work and inspire one another. The success of this year's showcase is just the beginning of what could potentially be a growing tradition of celebrating fine craftsmanship in Bucks County.

For more information about the Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen and upcoming events, visit [www.bucksguild.org](http://www.bucksguild.org).



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