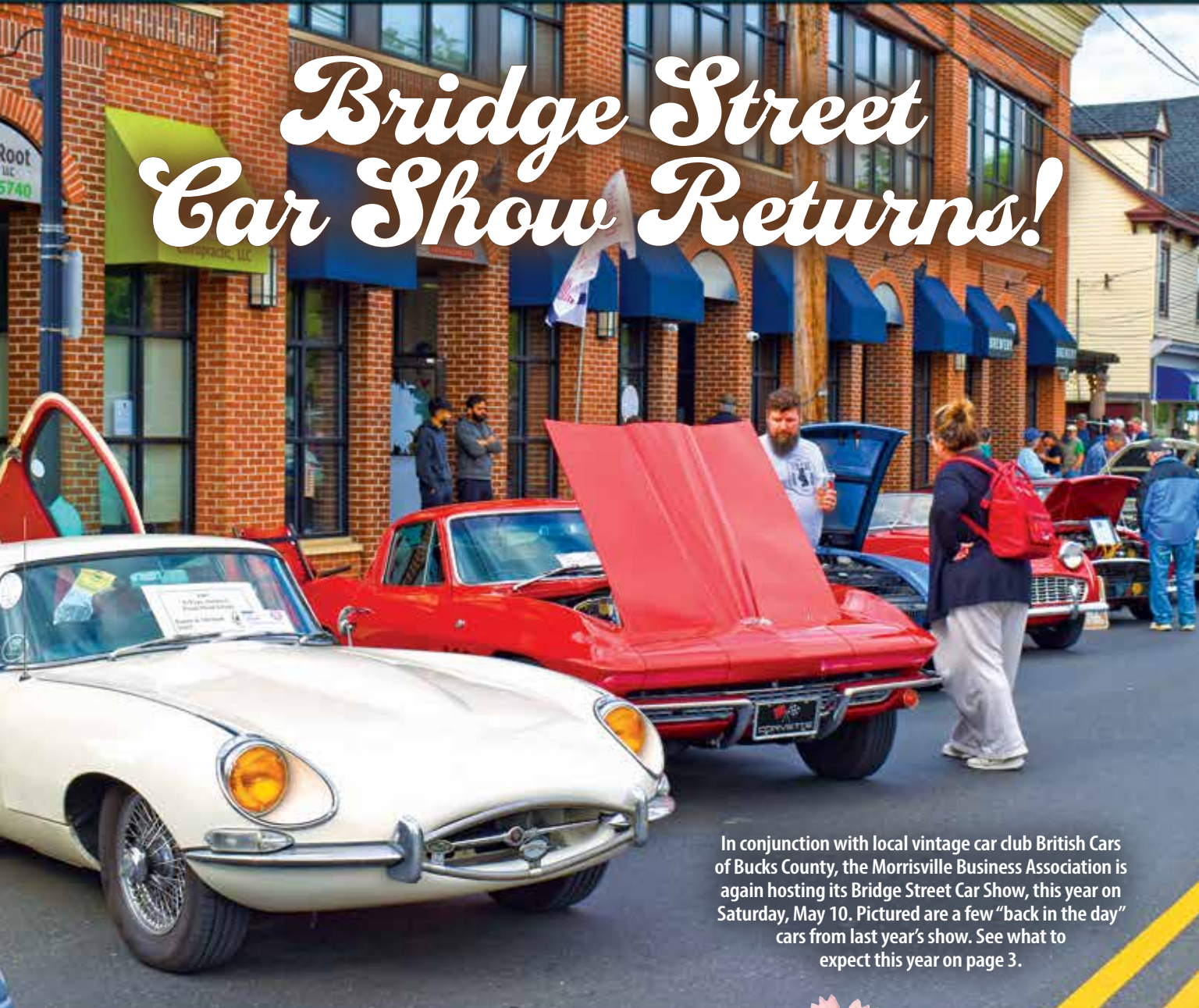


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Bridge Street Car Show Returns!



In conjunction with local vintage car club British Cars of Bucks County, the Morrisville Business Association is again hosting its Bridge Street Car Show, this year on Saturday, May 10. Pictured are a few "back in the day" cars from last year's show. See what to expect this year on page 3.

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Makefield Women's Association awards \$24,000 to local non-profit organizations



From left: Laura Malick-Glaudel (A Woman's Place), Steven Keller (Pennel Community Pantry), Larry Newman (Yardley-Makefield Fire Co.), Mackenzie Crain (Yardley-Makefield Fire Co.), Anne Marie Richards (FSA-Bucks County Emergency Shelter), Gauri Barot (Pennsbury scholarship recipient).

by Karen Sangillo

The April meeting of the Makefield Women's Association (MWA) is the organization's most exciting gathering of the year. Each year, through a nominating and voting process, MWA members select a group of local nonprofits as annual beneficiaries. The MWA hosts fundraising events and collects donations for the year and each April, the proceeds are distributed to the beneficiaries to support their continued service to the community. This year, they awarded \$24,000 to these local organizations.

The 2025 recipients are A Woman's Place; Family Service Association, Bucks County Homeless Shelter; Bucks County Housing Group; Pennel Community Food Pantry and Yardley-Makefield Fire Company.

In addition, Pennsbury students Gauri Barot and Rosemarie Reeves received scholarships.

A Woman's Place is Bucks County's only domestic violence shelter. "Some of the things that we offer is shelter, so people can stay there and they are provided with clothing, food, toiletries and anything else that's needed," said Laura Malick-Glaudel, who represented A Woman's Place at the meeting. "We help them find new housing and we have many clients who need other services such as counseling for adults and children, legal services, and we provide education and outreach programs. "We absolutely could not serve the community without the community, and we're so grateful for groups like this one who chose us from all of the other really worthy causes, and we really appreciate this."

Family Service Association (FSA), Bucks County Homeless Shelter is based in Levittown and provides homeless families with critical services. In addition to the homeless

shelter, the FSA has an office in Langhorne which provides outpatient mental health and substance abuse services, as well as outpatient counseling. There is also a food pantry, a pet pantry, and a diaper pantry. "We are one of the only 24/7 emergency homeless shelters in the county and we've been able to restructure so we are now able to have up to 90 people at a time," said Anne Marie Richards, the community relations and development manager for the FSA. "The sad part of that is that about half of those people are children. "The fact that we have groups like the Makefield Women's Association who are willing to step in and support us really makes a difference."

Bucks County Housing Group: Pennel Community Food Pantry serves our most vulnerable population. "We want to thank the association for this generous donation," said Steven Keller, who represented

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Morrisville Business Association

The Bridge Street Car Show!

Save the date: May 10 (Saturday); 5 - 8 pm! It's the Bridge Street Car Show, which is rapidly becoming Morrisville's most popular event. Organized by the Morrisville Business Association (MBA), the show attracts an unusually interesting collection of vintage American and Imported cars and vehicles.

Last year's spectators were treated to 'back in the day' cars that included Corvette Sting Rays, Jaguar XK-E's, Mustang Fastback's, MGB's, TR-3's, and multiple Muscle Cars. To spectators' delight, two old hearses and a Japanese Fire Truck also appeared! One wonders what surprises will appear this year?

Unlike the many car shows held in a shopping mall parking



lot, the MBA blocks Bridge Street between Delmorr and S. Pennsylvania avenues. This enables both spectators and entrants to wander Bridge Street at their leisure, inspecting the cars and chatting with the drivers – while also sampling the offerings of the Bridge Street merchants such as Ashlynn Distillery, Bella Sicily Pizza, Concerto Fusion, and

Ben's Deli.

The MBA engaged Bucks County's leading imported car club, Morrisville's own British Cars of Bucks County, to manage the show, and they've ensured there will be a wide array of trophies and hand-out awards. Car classes are divided by decade, both Imported and American, running from "Prior to 1949" through "1990-

modern classics", plus "Best-of-Show American," "Best-of-Show Imported," and the coveted "Best-of-Show Overall." A VIP Guest will be on hand to announce the awards.

There's a lot of good happening in Morrisville! Events like the Bridge Street Car Show are proof that Morrisville is on the upswing. See you May 10, 5 - 8 pm on Bridge Street!

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Developer plans contractors' garages for local trade businesses

Recognizing a need for garages for plumbers and other trade businesses to stow their tools, a developer is planning to construct three contractors' garages in Falls Township.

The Falls Supervisors granted preliminary and final land development approval to Lower Bucks Homebuilders, LLC during a recent meeting. Plans call for the consolidation of 10 parcels

into a 50,874-square-foot site. Located on Fallsington-Tullytown Road, with secondary frontage on Bristol Pike, the site would house a 5,250-square-foot garage, as well as two garages that would be 4,725 square feet each.

Attorney Mike Meginniss said his client noticed a "need" for local small business owners and startups to have spaces avail-

able throughout Falls to house their equipment and tools. The site would feature a one-way point of circulation and no access to large trucks.

"It's generally going to be used by a box truck or a van," Meginniss said, noting that business owners may visit the site once a day.

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Spring into comfort: Your AC maintenance checklist for a healthier home

As spring arrives in full bloom and the days get warmer, now is the ideal time to prepare your HVAC system for the season ahead. At ECI Comfort, we know that early spring maintenance not only improves comfort and air quality but also helps you avoid unexpected breakdowns when summer hits. Here's your go-to checklist to freshen up your HVAC system and breathe easier all season long:

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

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
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2024 plant sale.

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The walls may be brick and wood, but the memories they hold—birthday parties, quiet mornings, and Sunday dinners—make it feel like so much more. That's why letting go can feel like losing a piece of your story.

It's completely normal to feel sadness, guilt, or doubt when selling a home filled with meaning. Acknowledge those feelings. Give yourself permission to reflect and grieve. Take photos or videos of meaningful spaces. Hold a small gathering with close friends or family. Share stories. Say

goodbye.

Talking it out with someone you trust—whether a friend, counselor, or real estate expert—can also help you move forward with clarity.

Sometimes emotions make it hard to make decisions. You may want to overprice the home, skip helpful updates, or delay the process. That's where working with someone who can guide you with patience and objectivity really matters.

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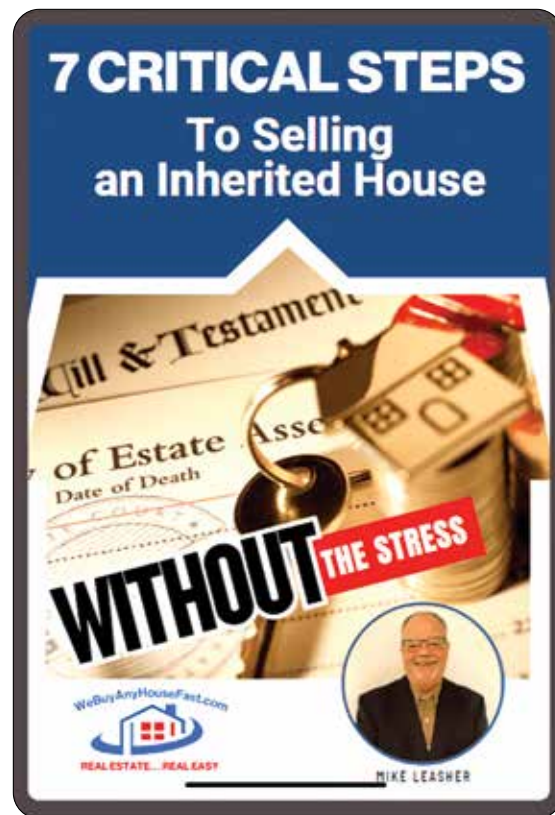
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Master Gardener

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Flowers by Jennie Lynne

Owner and designers at Flowers by Jennie Lynne recognized for excellence in floral design

Flowers by Jennie Lynne continues to bloom with success as owner and floral designer Heather Towne AIFD recently received the prestigious honor of being selected for the 24-member design team for the First Lady's Luncheon in Washington, D.C. This highly anticipated annual event, now in its 112th year, is hosted by the 117-year-old bipartisan Congressional Club, which fosters friendship

through service. Heather's involvement highlights her remarkable talent and dedication to the floral industry.

Designers were selected through Certified American Grown, an organization dedicated to promoting U.S.-grown flowers and foliage. Every bloom used in the event was donated by flower farms across all 50 states, making it a true reflection of national beauty and collaboration. A proud advocate of supporting local and American growers, Heather designed with Certified American Grown Flowers for the luncheon, emphasizing her commitment to sustainability and homegrown beauty, bringing national recognition to Flowers by Jennie Lynne.

The accolades don't stop

there. Two of the shop's talented designers, Linda Bogarde and Lisa McDermott, have recently achieved CFD (Certified Floral Designer) status, a significant milestone in the floral design profession. This certification, awarded by the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), recognizes their technical skills, creativity, and professionalism.

The dedication of Heather, Linda, and Lisa exemplifies the high standards Flowers by Jennie Lynne maintains. Their collective achievements showcase the shop's commitment to ongoing

education, excellence in design, and leadership in the floral community.

From stunning arrangements to national recognition, Flowers by Jennie Lynne continues to grow not only beautiful blooms, but also a team of outstanding designers. Whether creating pieces for local events or national celebrations, their work is rooted in passion, skill, and a deep love for flowers.



Supervisors approves relocation of Bus Charter and Tour Company to Falls

With an eye on bringing tourism revenue to Bucks County, the Falls Supervisors on Monday greenlighted plans to relocate a touring company from Hamilton, NJ to Falls Township.

Following a conditional use hearing, the Supervisors voted in favor of permitting third-generation family business Starr Tours to move its corporate headquarters to a five-acre site located at 394 Lincoln Highway, the site of a former car dealership.

Starr Tours owners Peter and Sandy Borowsky, of Lower Makefield, told the Supervisors that their children have all gone through Pennsbury schools

and they're looking forward to bringing their business closer to home.

Sandy's grandfather began the business, which primarily focuses on motor coaches, in 1947.

"Our tours go all over the country," Peter said, noting that the tour side is 50 percent of their business. Starr Tours also rents buses to groups, takes students on field trips and picks up school groups flying in for a visit to the East Coast.

Visit Bucks County President/CEO Paul Bencivengo wrote in support of Starr Tours ahead of Monday's meeting. In his letter, Bencivengo said Bucks County

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welcomes 8.2 million visitors each year, which generates \$1.2 billion in economic impact and supports the county's hospitality workforce of 28,675 employees.

"Continued economic development of Bucks County's business community is real and important," Bencivengo wrote.

Starr Tours employs 100 full and part-time employ-

ees, including office staff, tour directors, and maintenance staff. The site will not operate like a transit facility, the couple emphasized.

"You have a vehicle coming and going sort of throughout the day," he said. "All the jobs and tours are all happening at different times."

Some tour attendees may choose the Falls site as a pickup location, while others may opt to join the tour from elsewhere, including Mercer County, Philadelphia, and other stops in

Bucks County, Peter said. Sandy estimates that on any given day Starr Tours would have at most, 15 vehicles parked there by folks taking a tour.

As part of the site redevelopment, Starr Tours plans to add wash bays totaling slightly less than 5,000 square feet, in addition to the existing maintenance bays.

The couple's attorney, Ed Murphy, told the board that site improvements planned would address concerns that people have about lighting, as well as

entry and exit of the property. Upgrades will ensure that the site is "harmonious with all the other buildings in the area," Murphy said.

Supervisor Chairman Jeff Dence spoke enthusiastically about Starr Tours relocating to Falls, calling it "a great opportunity."

"It's a really great business," Dence said. "It's going to be a good fit here in Falls Township."

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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 Everette 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 Everette 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 Everette. "And we have all different kinds of ice cream



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

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 Everette showed fellow students the process of making icy treats and talked about owning a business. Everyone got their own treat, 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.

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Then in the late 1970s, Betamax and VHS camcorders were introduced which gradually replaced the movie film market with video, a much cheaper way to capture the family memories. Fewer and fewer people still have the capability to view VCR tapes and the videotapes themselves are quickly deteriorating. With videotapes holding precious memories, it's definitely time to transfer them to a digital format such as DVD and .MP4 files.

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the organization. "Without organizations like this one, without private donations, we would never be able to do what we do. "It's a very humbling experience to be working here and I'm very happy and grateful to be serving the community.

He added, "We have two food pantries in Bucks County; one is in Penndel and one in Doylestown. We serve about 300 families, which translates into about 1,000 people. We also have low income housing all over Bucks County."

The Yardley-Makefield Fire Company is the sole provider of fire protection for the

businesses and residents of Lower Makefield and Yardley Borough and is completely composed of volunteers. The company was represented by president Larry Newman and firefighter/EMT Lt. MacKenzie Crain. "This organization has been so good to us, and we are very grateful," Newman said.

The fire company recently acquired a high water rescue truck which is capable of driving in standing water up to four feet high. "The money that we receive is going to help us equip this rescue truck," Newman said. "This will help us to save lives and we just can't thank you enough."

Scholarship recipient, Gauri Barot, will be attending Rutgers University next year and plans to pursue a PharmD degree. She

is the co-founder of Falcons for Homeless, organizing fundraisers and essential care packages for the homeless in Philadelphia. She has also been involved in helping Pennsbury students obtain prom attire through Cinderella's Closet; participating in Falcons for Orphans, a club that brings

care to orphans; and through Futures for Families she has helped families find homes.

In addition, during COVID, she co-founded the All Smiles Club, a program that provided activities to entertain youth. Since that time, they have shifted to in-person activities such as swim lessons and tennis. "I love helping the community and I'm very honored to receive this scholarship, and very grateful," she said.

Rosemarie Reeves, also a scholarship recipient, was unable to attend the event but is described by teachers and peers as determined, kind and focused. She has a passion for musical theatre and acting and has been a board historian for the drama club, and a concert choir representative on the Choir Council. She is also active in her community youth group.

MWA meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Lower Makefield Community Center, 1550 Oxford Valley Rd. in Yardley, and invites any woman in the area to join them in serving the community. To attend a meeting or for more information, email them at president@makefieldwomensassociation.org.

Falls approves data centers at Keystone Trade Center

Higher-paying jobs will be coming to Falls as part of plans for NorthPoint Development to construct data centers at the Keystone Trade Center.

The Falls Board of Supervisors unanimously approved two preliminary and final land development plans for the developer of the former U.S. Steel property during a recent meeting. The board had previously approved land development for the parcels. However, at the time, NorthPoint was planning to construct a 1 million-square-foot distribution center for its sixth building, located at 1 Ben Fairless Drive; and more than 3 million square feet of warehousing at 700 S. Port Road for phase two of the multi-tiered project.

Under the revised land development plans, building six of the NorthPoint project will be modified to become a data center, along with an accessory structure and slight modification to access driveways.

The four different distribution centers that had been eyed for the 247-acre parcel have shifted to 10 different structures ranging

from 112,000 square feet to 217,000 square feet, totaling more than 2 million square feet of a "digital infrastructure campus," according to NorthPoint attorney Mike Meginniss. Buildings will be one or two stories tall, he said. The revamped plans mean less truck traffic and fewer employees onsite, NorthPoint Vice President of Development Jeremy Michael told the board. The employment opportunities will require more of a technical background, possibly related to maintenance and would amount to higher-paying positions as compared to warehouse jobs, he said.

Warehousing and distribution have both been successful at the Keystone Trade Center, Meginniss said, adding that "this is in the spirit of diversification of this site."

Residents inquired if the data center would pose energy issues for Falls businesses or residents. Michael said NorthPoint is "working very closely with PECO" through the design review process, adding that this is one of the few locations where "surplus" power is available.

"This is a really great location in terms of the infrastructure that's already in place to support it," he said, adding that the power needed for the sixth building is "fed from different circuitry and a different voltage."

While Michael said NorthPoint is under a non-disclosure agreement and could not say how many megawatts of data would be incorporated at the sites, he acknowledged "it's a significant amount."

Construction of a data center in Falls Township was "awesome," Supervisor Brian Galloway said.

In all, NorthPoint intends to build 20 or more state-of-the-art industrial warehouse buildings, distribution centers and data centers totaling 10 million square feet, with the potential of 15 million square feet.

Officials have said that once complete, the redevelopment will create as many as 14,000 new jobs.

The developer will invest \$1.5 billion in the transformation of the site. In all, NorthPoint will spend an estimated \$40 million to \$45 million to remediate the site.

Tucker Chiropractic Center hosting free workshop

The Tucker Chiropractic and Wellness Center, located at 402 Middletown Blvd, Suite 210 in Langhorne, hosts a free virtual trigger point workshop.

Online attendees will learn how to apply these techniques in the comfort of their own home.

Have a partner ready if you'd like, as this application is interactive. According to Dr. Tucker, the trigger point technique is great for achy joints and muscles.

Visit the link: www.DrDavidTucker.com/TriggerPointWorkshop.

Anyone with further questions should call 215-750-8006 to register for a free consultation.

The Center is located right behind the United Artists Movie Theater in Penns Square, at Oxford Valley Mall. Plenty of free parking is available.

Directions can be found on the website, www.DrDavidTucker.com.

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Pennsbury senior wins BCCC short fiction contest

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 Perkasio, 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 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 Thistle-down" 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.

SSAAM announces Juneteenth 2025: Stories of Freedom

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:

- Location: National Historic Register-listed Mt. Zion AME Church and historic Reasoner/True House in Skillman, NJ
- Features: Live music, spoken word and theatrical performances, drum circle, local artisans, storytelling workshops and museum activities for all ages, and delicious



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- Beverly Mills & Elaine Buck, Authors & SSAAM Founders
- Featured Exhibition: "The

Head that Wears the Crown" – Explore the past, present, and future of African American women's headwear. Featuring selections from SSAAM's museum collection and photo portraits of community members across generations modeling early- to late-20th century church hats.

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Soroptimists present Annual Community Service Awards

Soroptimist International of Indian Rock, Inc. (SIIR) celebrated National Women's History Month with its annual presentation of Making a Difference for Women Awards last month at the Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland. The awards honor women leaders, and organizations for their tireless, inspiring efforts to bring positive change, education, and empowerment to the lives of women, girls, and others living in our county and beyond.

The evening's program began with the presentation of the Violet Richardson Award to Claire Titus. Claire is a sophomore at Central Bucks West who recently earned the United States Congressional Bronze Medal for dedicating over 100 hours to community service, driven by her passion for helping others. She developed a two-hour curriculum for children ages 9 to 12 that focused on everyday manners, including greetings, dining etiquette, and social courtesies. After earning her Girl Scout Silver Award, Claire expanded her program across multiple Pennsylvania counties, teaching over 120 children and equipping them with essential life skills. Claire



Past Presidents of Soroptimist International of Indian Rock present their annual Making a Difference for Women Awards. From left: Rosemarie McGee, Program Manager of The Women Veterans Program and Past President Chris Fluehr; Past President Marlene Piasecki and Melissa Robison, Middletown Township Police Officer; Past Presidents Patti Cullen and Eileen Connor; Kristin McElroy, Bucks County Deputy District Attorney and Past President Carol Zemnick; Claire Titus, Central Bucks West volunteer and Past President Kathy Meyer.

has also been a dedicated volunteer at the Doylestown Library since the age of 12, accumulating hundreds of hours of service and earning her multiple President's Volunteer Service recognition.

The Organization Advancing the Status of Women Award

was presented to The Veteran's Multi-Service Center, which created The Women Veterans Program to address the growing and unique needs of Women Veterans throughout the tri-state area. Rosemarie McGee, Program Manager, accepted the award for the program, whose mission is to provide community driven space exclusively for Women Veterans and give them access to programs that offer comprehensive resources in a trauma-informed space tailored to their unique needs. In addition, the program offers a clothing closet, open computer lab, lending library, children's play area, and a full calendar of wellness and fellowship events.

The evening's next award—the Women Helping Women Award—was presented to Kristin McElroy, the Deputy District Attorney for Bucks County. Kristin joined the District Attorney's office in 2012 and is the

2018 Rosner Award recipient for exceptional public service, professionalism, and integrity. She has been a member of the Bucks County Special Victims Division since joining the office, and currently is the Chief of Adult Sex Crimes. In addition, she serves on the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking (BCAT), a NOVA project whose mission is to eradicate human trafficking in Bucks County through victim identification, community education, enhancement of arrests and prosecution of traffickers, legislative advocacy, and a coordinated response of survivor services.

The final award of the evening—the Woman of Distinction Award—went to Melissa Robison, a Middletown Township police officer and the township's community relations officer. Melissa oversees several community projects

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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 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

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Haven Liegel and Krystle Lee (left), recipients of the Car Clinic program share their gratitude with Stephanie Sauers Boyd (center), Executive Director of Drive And Thrive, along with Nick Kollar and Rob Kollar (right) of Kollar Automotive for their generous support.

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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-

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 ensuring 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 commu-

nity. 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.

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that link the community with the Department. She leads the county's largest Shop With A Cop program, National Night Out, Back-to-School supply collection and distribution, Coffee with a Cop, and assists college students in securing internships. Melissa was the school resource for Neshaminy school district offering a parent presentation on "Navigating Internet Safety: Guardians of the Digital Realm." She is certified by the National Association of School Resource Officers, teaches and trains active shooter protocols, runs the Fresh Start Pantry and Closet at seven district schools that provides food and clothing to kids in need, and presents the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in schools.

She is the vice-president of the Middletown Community Foundation which supports all these projects and many scholarship opportunities for community service-minded students.

SIIR is one of 1,000 Soroptimist clubs in 20 countries and territories in the Americas and Pacific Rim that empower women and girls through a variety of volunteer projects. Efforts include cash grants for education, hands-on efforts to end domestic violence, career mentoring for girls, women's health initiatives, and many other community-based projects. Our federation is one of five federations that make up Soroptimist International, which operates in more than 120 countries throughout the world. For more information, visit investindreams.org.

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

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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

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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.

To learn more about Drive and Thrive, apply for services, or find out how you can support our mission, please visit www.comedriveandthrive.org.

the Fab Lab Corporate Partners Program, which creates opportunities for companies to invest directly in the Fab Lab 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 mar-

veled 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

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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 profession-

als 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

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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

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O'Donnell has a master's degree in arts administration from Drexel University and a

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Burritos

If you're in the mood for a delicious taste of Mexico right in Yardley, look no further than Burritos at 15 S. Main Street. This cozy spot promises an authentic Mexican-style dining experience that will leave your taste buds dancing. And on Monday, May 5, they're making Cinco de Mayo even more special by serving up their scrumptious offerings for the holiday. What better way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo than with a hearty burrito bursting with flavor?

At Burritos, you can expect



nothing but the best when it comes to Mexican cuisine. From savory carne asada to tangy al pastor, they've got a variety of fillings to satisfy every craving. And let's not forget their fresh salsa and guacamole, the perfect accompaniments to any dish.

For those looking to celebrate at home or with friends, Burritos offers convenient online ordering for pickup. Simply visit their

website and place your order ahead of time; then swing by to grab your feast.

No need to worry about cooking for your Cinco de Mayoparty - Burritos has you covered with their mouthwatering options.

Have a question or want to make sure your order is just right? Give them a call at 215-493-2424, and their friendly staff will be more than happy to assist you. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time trying their fare, Burritos is sure to become your go-to spot for authentic Mexican cuisine in Yardley.

So, mark your calendars for May 5th, and get ready to indulge in a fiesta of flavors!

SSAAM

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- Spoken Word Performances
- Read-Aloud Story Corner
- Museum Scavenger Hunts
- Launch of SSAAM's Little Free Library of Banned Books
- "Story Booth" to record memories and reflections
- And more!

Join the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum for a day steeped in history and community connection. Our 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.

Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade

Jesse W. Soby Post #148, of the American Legion will be holding its 106th annual Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade on Monday, May 26. The ceremony will begin at 9 am on the lawn of the Post Home at 115 W. Richardson Ave., with the parade commencing through the streets of Langhorne immediately afterward.

Musical guests will include the Avalon String Band, the Tri-County Band, the Avenue Brass, the Ceol Naemh Pipe Band, and the Goodwin Combo String Band.

There will be complimentary hot dogs and beverages served at the Post Home immediately following the parade, and all are welcome.

If you would like to contribute to help with the parade, please send your donation to Jesse W. Soby Post #148, 115 W. Richardson Avenue, Langhorne, PA 19047.

We also need convertibles to transport veterans and dignitaries in the parade, so if you have a convertible, or know someone who does, and would like to volunteer your car for use in the parade, please contact Walt Davidson, at the number below.

Any group interested in marching in the parade should contact Walt Davidson at 267-463-3357 or send an email to wjddavidson2@msn.com.

Lower Bucks Hospital

Enhance your golf game: A comprehensive guide to strength, flexibility, and injury prevention



Golf is a sport that demands both finesse and stamina, whether you are a novice or an experienced player. You may complete the first nine holes with ease, only to struggle by the 18th. Alternatively, you might feel fine after a round, only to wake up with discomfort in your elbow or lower back. This highlights the importance of physical conditioning in golf, as the sport engages multiple muscle groups and requires a combination of strength and flexibility.

A powerful golf swing relies on various muscle groups, including the finger and wrist flexors for grip, forearm and shoulder muscles for posture and force transfer, and hip and leg muscles for stability. Many golfers mistakenly focus solely on their arms and shoulders, neglecting the full-body effort required for an effective swing.

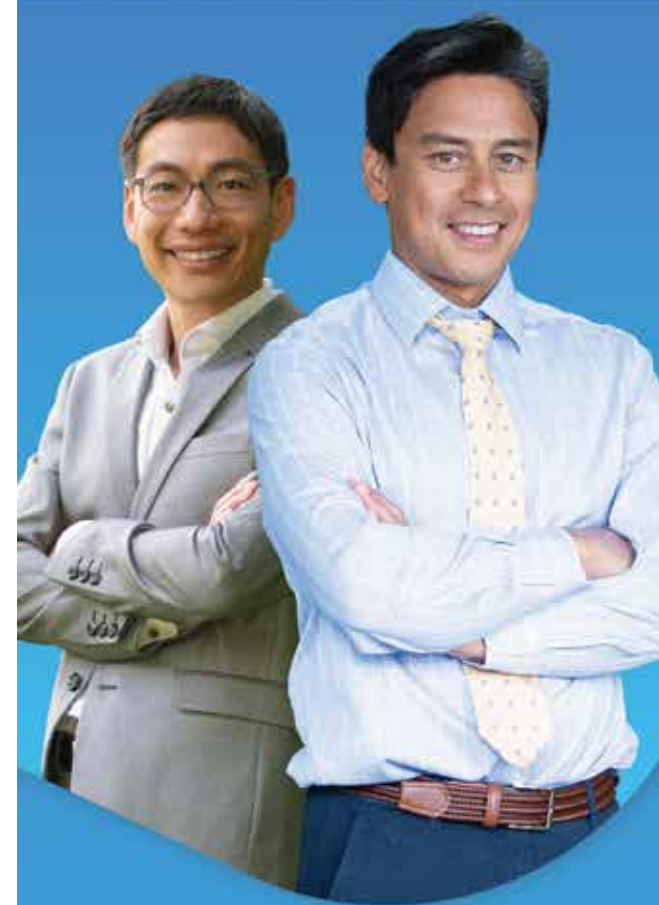
To improve your performance and reduce injury risks, prioritize a training regimen that incorporates strength and flexibility exercises. Aim for 2-3 strength training sessions weekly alongside regular golf

practice and cardiovascular workouts. Focus on exercises that enhance grip strength, such as wrist curls and towel grip pull-ups, as well as upper body workouts like overhead presses and push-ups. Lower body strength can be developed through squats, lunges, and glute bridges.

Despite your best efforts, injuries can still occur. Common golf-related injuries include golfer's elbow and lower back strains, often resulting from improper swing techniques or overuse. Listening to your body is crucial; pain is a signal to slow down. If discomfort persists, consult a medical professional.

Preparing for a golf trip involves conditioning in advance and managing any discomfort during play. For personalized care, Dr. Menachem M. Meller, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, is accepting new patients at BMC Medical Group at Lower Bucks Hospital. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 215-785-9818. Dr. Meller specializes in helping patients maintain an active lifestyle.

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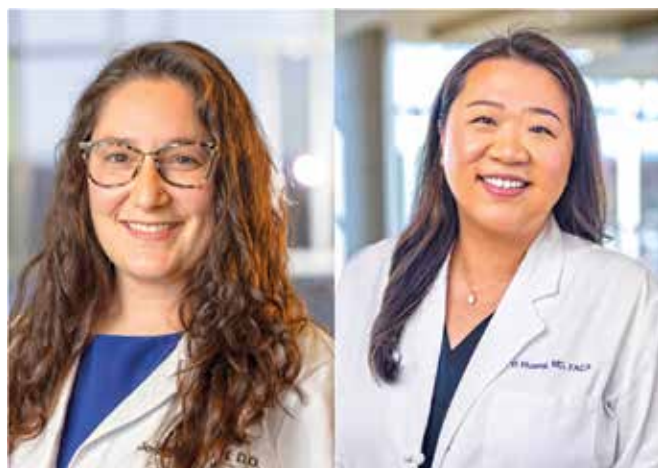
Accomplished breast surgeons join cancer specialists at Capital Health

Available for appointments in Newtown

Dr. Yi Huang and Dr. Jenna Mancinelli, fellow-ship trained breast surgeons who specialize in surgical care for benign and malignant breast diseases, have joined Capital Health as part of its Cancer Center and Center for Comprehensive Breast Care. As part of Capital Health Cancer Center and Capital Health Surgical

Group – Breast Surgery, they offer office appointments in Newtown and offer advanced treatments for breast cancer, skin-sparing/nipple-sparing mastectomies, and oncoplastic and hidden scar procedures.

Before joining Capital Health, Dr. Huang was a breast surgeon and director of the breast program at Jefferson Health –



Jenna L. Mancinelli, DO, MS

Yi Huang, MD.

Northeast in Philadelphia. After finishing her general surgery residency at Northwell North Shore – Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Manhasset, New York, where she served as Chief Resident, Dr. Huang completed her fellowship in breast surgical oncology at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where she trained with national leaders in the field of breast surgery. As medical director of Capital Health Center for Comprehensive Breast Care, she leads a multidisciplinary team to create personalized care plans for each patient.

Dr. Jenna Mancinelli completed her general surgery residency at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

(PCOM) in Philadelphia, where she served as Chief Resident. She completed breast surgical oncology fellowship training at MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. Outside the clinical setting, Dr. Mancinelli was Academic Chief Resident for General Surgery at PCOM, where she developed a new curriculum for the general surgery residency program that incorporated the fundamentals of surgical training, simulation, wellness, professional development, and research education.

To make an office appointment with Dr. Huang or Dr. Mancinelli in Newtown, call 609-537-6700 or visit capitalhealthcancer.org/appointment.

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.

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Eye Associates Of Bucks County

When Rick Heater went in for a regular checkup with his optometrist, Dr. Bonnie Eldredge, he didn't expect anything out of the ordinary. Once at his appointment he was informed that due to glaucoma he was experiencing an emergency in his left eye and was referred to Dr. Bing Chiu at Eye Associates of Bucks County (EABC). The team at EABC handled the emergency quickly and professionally, and Rick was really impressed with the care he received. Once that was taken care of, it was time to focus on another issue that had been bothering him—his cataracts.

Following a thorough examination, Dr. Chiu determined that having cataract surgery would greatly increase Rick's quality of life. Given the outstanding glaucoma care he received and the recommen-

dation from his trusted optometrist, Dr. Eldredge, Rick was excited to take the next step and undergo cataract surgery.

Together, Rick and Dr. Chiu went over all the options and decided on a monofocal lens, which made the most sense based on Rick's glaucoma, his recent emergency, and what he hoped to get out of the surgery. According to Rick, Dr. Chiu explained everything clearly, made him feel completely comfortable, and the staff was just as great. The whole process was seamless, making scheduling the surgery a breeze.

Rick noted that all went extremely well from the initial consultation to the post-surgery care. He described Dr. Chiu as an incredibly skilled, compas-



Dr. Bing Chiu, Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Cataracts, Glaucoma

Dr. Chiu and his fellow physicians at Eye Associates of Bucks County believe that every decision should be personal and informed to empower you to take control of your eye health. As a leader in cataract surgery, EABC has been serving the Langhorne area for over 40 years, utilizing the latest technology and lenses to improve and preserve sight.

If you're ready to improve not only your vision but your quality of life, EABC looks forward to hearing from you. Call Eye Associates of Bucks County at 833-921-6200 or visit www.centerforeyes.com to schedule an appointment.

sionate, and dedicated professional. When asked for his closing thoughts Rick said, "Dr. Chiu is easily the best surgeon in Bucks County."



SCORE mentor meets with a client.

SCORE

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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

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 guide entrepreneurs in every phase of their small business

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Friends Village

*Celebrating the month of May:
Honoring our older Americans*

The month of May is a time of celebration, reflection, and gratitude. As spring reaches its full bloom, this month offers us meaningful opportunities to honor some of the most important people in our lives — the older adults in our communities.

May is recognized as Older Americans Month (OAM), a national observance led by the Administration for Community Living (ACL). It's a time set aside to honor, recognize, and celebrate the contributions, resilience, and achievements of older adults. For 2025, the theme is "Flip the Script on Aging." This empowering message challenges outdated stereotypes about growing older and celebrates the rich opportunities, wisdom, and purpose that come with age.

"Flip the Script on Aging" encourages everyone to reconsider what it means to age in today's world. Older adults are business owners, volunteers, caregivers, mentors, and

community leaders. By embracing their talents, experience, and potential, we can reshape societal perceptions and create more inclusive, supportive communities for people of all ages.

Throughout May, Friends Village will choose an activity and participate in events and activities that celebrate older Americans. From senior games to storytelling events, these activities foster meaningful connections and honor the diverse experiences of older adults.

This May, Friends Village will continue with our Yoga for Seniors classes that run twice a week, along with our Senior Planet classes that will be covering everything from Cloud Storage, Google Workspace, Google Drive, Google photos, and Smartphone Photography. On May 13 we are also running a very special presentation by Linda Polgar that explores the



unique beauty, craftsmanship, and cultural appreciation of Japanese Textiles.

As we celebrate Older Americans Month this May, let's remember that aging is not just about adding years to life — it's about adding life to years. By honoring the wisdom, resilience, and contributions of older adults, we affirm the vital role they play in shaping our communities, families, and futures. Together, let's flip the script on aging, embrace new perspectives, and continue creating spaces where people of all ages feel valued, connected,

and empowered.

Here's to a month of celebration, meaningful connection, and gratitude for the incredible older adults who enrich our lives in countless ways. For more information about Friends Village, please visit www.friends-village.org, call 215-968-3346 or attend our upcoming open house on May 21 from 2–4pm at Friends Village, Styer Campus, 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown.

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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 to learn more about local volunteer opportunities or to request a mentor for your small business.

FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers

The "what," "how," and "why" of dizziness

Your brain is like a detective trying to figure out where your body is in space. To do this, it uses information from your eyes, your inner ears, and your body's touch sensors.

Sometimes, these senses send mixed messages, like when your eyes say you are still, but your inner ear says you're moving. This is called a "sensory mismatch," and it's like a puzzle your brain can't solve. This confusion is the "what" of dizziness.

The "how" is what happens because of this confusion. You might wobble, feel unsteady, or have trouble seeing clearly. Therapists can measure these things to see how bad the mismatch is.

The "why" is the most important part. It's why your brain chooses a certain way to deal with the confusion. Maybe it relies too much on what your eyes see or what your feet feel, ignoring the inner ears. Therapists try to figure out this "why" to help your brain learn to use all the senses together again.

Traditional treatments often focus on fixing symptoms, like making you less dizzy. However, at FYZICAL Fairless Hills, we look at the "why" behind the dizziness. Our therapists identify the specific mismatches and how your brain is trying to cope. They then create personalized plans to retrain your brain to trust all your senses again and improve your balance.

FYZICAL therapists are certified balance specialists, addressing gait, vestibular, dizziness, and vertigo issues. The clinic's Safety Overhead System (S.O.S.) further sets them apart.

This innovative harness system provides a fall-free environment, enabling therapists to challenge patients safely and effectively.

If you are experiencing dizziness or balance issues, contact FYZICAL Fairless Hills, located at 405A S. Oxford Valley Rd. in Fairless Hills, at 267-874-6000, or learn more at www.fyzical.com/fairless-hills-pa and take the first step towards a healthier, stronger you.



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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 Salute to Mothers Scholarship, visit 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.

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.hilltownhistory.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 Homegrown 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.

Friday, May 9, at Twining Hall, 4900 Street Rd. in Trevoze, Feasterville 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.

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.

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 or visit www.gomotionapp.com/team/reclblmts/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.

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.

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, Susan Koch at Susan.Koch@FoxRoach.com, and Kim Whitlock at 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, please contact 856-866-9163, visit www.trevozegardeners.org or follow us on Facebook.

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.

Fab Lab

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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 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



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

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.

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

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.

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 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 or at the door.

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