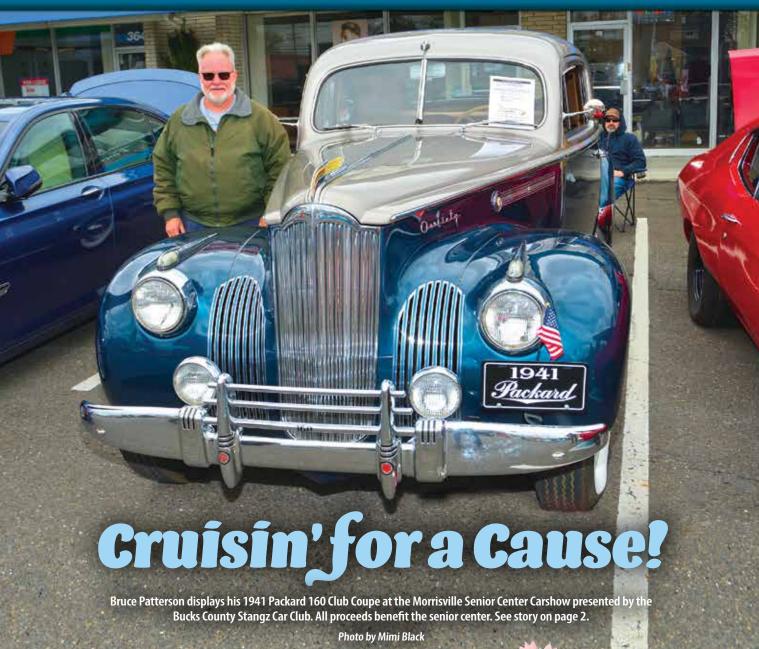
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Bucks County Stangz Car Club drives support for Morrisville Senior Center



by June Portnoy photos by Mimi Black

The Bucks County Stangz Car Club members rolled into the Big Oak Shopping Center in Morrisville on April 13 for the Morrisville Senior Center Carshow. Although a day later than planned due to rain, it was no less full of heart. What started as a simple rain date turned into a powerful day of community spirit, nostalgia, and horsepower, raising over \$1,200 for the Morrisville Senior Service Center.

This annual event is organized each year by Bucks County Stangz, a Mustang car club founded and run by Wayne Stamps, a lifelong Morrisville resident with deep roots at the senior center.

"My grandparents were there from the beginning," said Stamps. "There's even a photo of my grandfather, Edgar Solt, a Morrisville Borough Councilman at the time, with a shovel at the groundbreaking ceremony. My grandfather served as president of the senior center for many years, and both he and my grandmother Helen

Senior Center Volunteer.

Standing from left at the raffle table are Morrisville Senior

Servicenter volunteers: John Chambers, Liz Sassani, and Lillian

Martino; Susan Parrey, Senior Center Board Member and Chair of

Car Show; Kathryn Panzitta, Senior Center Board President; Fred

Cope, Senior Center member; (seated from left) Kathryn Priice-

Engelhard, Senior Center Board Vice President: and Thomas Houck.

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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?

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and American, running from

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!

Master Gardener plant sale

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.

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Master Gardener

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The 2024 plant sale. Photos courtesy of Kathleen Kimbel, Penn State Master Gardener, Bucks County.











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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 Cvber.

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 and toppings. My favorite kind of ice cream is the dairyfree 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 staved because he enjoyed the flexibility of taking classes from home. "Our schedule has a million



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

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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parts of your home: your AC unit's filter.

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

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Fostering Hope Lower Bucks: Bringing comfort and dignity to foster youth

by June Portnoy

As National Foster Care Month approaches this May, the dedicated volunteers of Fostering Hope Lower Bucks are working tirelessly to support children and families impacted by the foster care system. With a mission to provide essential resources and restore dignity to children in foster care, Fostering Hope has expanded to 11 chapters, with Lower Bucks being the 9th, established in 2023.

Jenae Travia, Chapter Coordinator, explains, "Our main goal is to serve any of the youth whether they are experiencing foster care or kinship placement. We also help children being reunited with their biological families, children aging out of the system—anyone who has been touched by foster care—to relieve the burden of being able to get what they need and to give children the dignity they deserve."

Fostering Hope Lower Bucks was born from a simple act of generosity. Administrator Sarah Burstein recalls, "Jenae and I go way back. One day, I had a basement full of little kids' clothes and baby gear that I wanted to donate. Jenae helped me clean it out, and we stumbled upon the Upper Bucks Chapter of Fostering Hope. They mentioned how families and caseworkers in Lower Bucks needed more accessible support. And just like that, our chapter was born."

The organization is entirely volunteer-run and donation-led, making the community's support critical in sustaining its mission.

Fostering Hope Lower Bucks operates through four primary initiatives:

1. Foster-Share Closet. Located in the Newtown Depot Shopping Center, the Foster-Share Closet provides children in foster care with clothing, toiletries, baby gear, school supplies, and more. "Caseworkers, foster parents, or the youth themselves can come in and shop by appointment," explains Travia. "We want to ensure they have access to essential items in a welcoming space."



Carina and Arianna Lee volunteer at the Foster-Share Closet by sorting clothes, organizing diaper donations, and writing happy notes to the families on the diaper boxes.

2. Dignity Duffles. Far too often, children in foster care are handed a trash bag to carry their belongings when moving between homes. Fostering Hope seeks to change that by providing duffle bags instead. "These

kids deserve dignity," Travia states. "Instead of carrying their possessions in a trash bag, they have something sturdy and reliable."

3. Bags of Hope. Each child entering foster care receives continued on pg. 16





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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

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lifelong members, and I grew up helping them decorate for events at the center. It's always held a soft spot in my heart."

This year's show saw a shift in venue from the Morrisville Senior Center to Big Oak Shopping Center, thanks to the Marrazo family who offered the space after sinkholes made the center's lot unusable. Although the change, and the rain delay, led to fewer cars than usual (about 50 to 55 versus the typical 100+), the event didn't

lose its spark.

"There were probably 200 to 300 people there throughout the day," said Susan Parrey, Car Show Coordinator since the show's inception, and longtime member of the senior center. "All of these people came out to support the center, which is what this show is all about."

The event was open to all makes and models, domestic and foreign, with each car entry donating \$20, and spectators welcomed for free. The day also included music, and raffles sponsored by nearby businesses, which alone brought in

more than \$200.

"We had about a dozen raffles and a lot of local support," said Parrey. "Plus, senior center volunteers were selling 50/50 tickets and helping out all day. They helped collect several hundred dollars just by walking around with tickets."

"All the money we raised from the car show goes directly to the center," said Parrey.

The Morrisville Senior Center is a non-profit with just three paid staff members and relies heavily on donations and volunteers. Over the years,

it's become a community hub where friendships are made and seniors can feel safe and supported.

For Stamps, the connection is both personal and generational. "My mom, Eileen Dreisbach, is a member there now too," he shared. "She goes for friendships just like my grandparents did. I never want to see the place gone."

. Whether it was the roar of classic engines, the clink of raffle tickets, or the laughter of friends reconnecting, the event was a reminder of what happens when a community rallies around a cause.

"There are a lot of charity car shows out there," said Stamps, "but this one is special. To raise \$1,200 to \$1,800 in one day really goes a long way for the center. It's more than just cars. It's about keeping something important alive."

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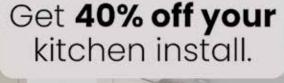




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Fostering Hope

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a string bag filled with full-size toiletries, personal hygiene products, and comforting items. "Imagine being removed from your home with no time to grab essentials," says Anne Munoz-Furlong, Volunteer Consultant. "We take for granted things like shampoo, toothbrushes, and deodorant, but these kids need them."

4. Fostering Phones. The newest initiative, Fostering Phones, provides teens (ages 14 and up) with a cell phone, a year of service, and a protective case. "A phone is a lifeline," Burstein explains. "It helps them apply for jobs, stay in touch with siblings, and communicate with their foster families or caseworkers."

Donations are the backbone of Fostering Hope Lower Bucks. While clothing donations are always needed, toiletries, duffle bags, and financial contribu-

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tions are just as vital. "If readers want to help but don't have clothing to donate, they can purchase duffle bags, toiletries, or other needed items from our Amazon Wishlist," Munoz-Furlong suggests.

Beyond material support, the organization is always looking for volunteers. "We have over 100 volunteers, but not all are active," Travia notes. "We'd love more people to join us in making a difference."

For Burstein, the impact of their work is personal. "This experience has opened up a whole new world of incredible, generous people in our community. Seeing how much people are willing to give—whether it's time, donations, or support has been truly inspiring."

Fostering Hope Lower Bucks is more than a donation center: it's a place of comfort and support for children and families navigating the challenges of the foster care system. "When teens come in, they often expect a thrift store experience," says Travia. "But when they see name-brand items like Nike and Adidas, their faces light up. It means so much to them."

Munoz-Furlong emphasizes the heart behind the organization. "There is no other group that works with so much heart. They make sure the clothes are there, the space is welcoming, and the kids feel valued. The message is clear: 'We are here to help you so that you can help the children."

As National Foster Care Month shines a light on the needs of foster youth, organizations like Fostering Hope Lower Bucks remind us of the power of community and compassion. To donate, volunteer, or learn more, visit fosteringhopepa. com/chapter/lower-buckscounty/ or follow their Facebook page at facebook.com/ fosteringhopelowerbucks.

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 general maintenance to under-

privileged 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 continued on pg. 22



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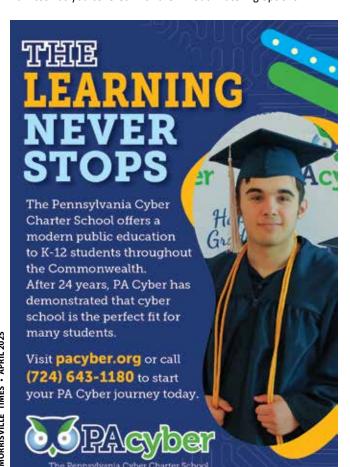
If you're in the mood for a delicious taste of Mexico right in Yardley, look no further than Burritos at 15 S. Main Street. This cozy spot promises an authentic

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

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- package (16 ounces) refrigerated jumbo biscuits, each biscuit sliced 1/2-inch thick crosswise
- 1 cup raspberry preserves
- 2 teaspoons orange zest
- 1. Preheat 3-quart or larger air fryer to 400° for 5 minutes. In wide, shallow dish, whisk sugar and cinnamon; place butter in second wide, shallow dish.
- 2. Spray both sides of biscuit pieces with cooking spray. In 3 batches, air fry biscuit pieces 5 minutes or until golden brown, carefully turning once; carefully dip in butter to coat, then in sugar mixture to coat and place on serving platter. Makes about 48 fries.
- 3. In small bowl, whisk preserves and zest. Makes about 1 cup.
- **4.** Serve fries with preserves mixture for dipping.

Approximate nutritional values per serving (6 fries, 2 tablespoons preserves mixture): 488 Calories, 23g Fat, 15g Saturated Fat, 46mg Cholesterol, 460mg Sodium, 68g Carbohydrates, 1g Fiber, 45g Sugars, 35g Added Sugars, 3g Protein

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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 wjdavidson2@msn.com.

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, education, 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 neigh-

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.

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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 con-

tinued investment of our local community.

Thank you to our event sponsor, the Princeton Univer-

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For more information about SSAAM's Juneteenth celebration and to book tickets, donate, sponsor, or volunteer, please visit www.ssaamuseum org/juneteenth-2025.



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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, craftmanship, 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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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



Capital Health

Accomplished breast surgeons join cancer specialists at Capital Health Available for appointments in Newtown

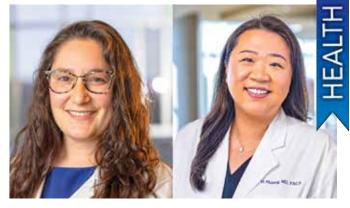
Dr. Yi Huang and Dr. Jenna Mancinelli, fellowship trained breast surgeons who specialize in surgical care for benign and malignant breast diseases, have joined Capital Health as part of its Cancer Center and Center for Comprehensive Breast Care. As part of Capital Health Cancer Center and Capital Health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

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.

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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 Trevose, 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.

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/reclblmtsd/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 Trevose 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.trevosegardeners.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.

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.

Student journalists make headlines with armful of accolades

Bucks County Community College's "Centurion" newspaper won 16 awards in the Keystone Student Media Awards Contest, bringing the tally to 200+.

Bucks County Community College's student newspaper, "The Centurion," which has been launching journalism careers for more than 60 years, has won 16 awards in the 2025 Keystone Student Media Awards contest, including first place in ongoing news coverage, public service reporting, feature writing, and website.

Since 2010, "The Centurion" has won more than 200 awards in the contest run by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association. It competes in Division III, which represents community colleges across Pennsylvania.

"The Centurion" won awards for, among other things, coverage of the 2024 presidential election, the search for a new president at the college, a series of articles about the challenges facing working students, a solar eclipse that dazzled millions of Americans, and a visit to the campus by a group of Tibetan monks.

In addition to written works, the paper won first place in the Cartoon-Graphic Illustration category for a comic strip called "Dog Life," first in feature photos for pictures of the visiting monks, first in layout

and design, and first in the video story category for a report about the hidden underground history of Tyler Hall, the historic mansion located in the heart of the Newtown campus.

"The Centurion" also won the contest's sweepstakes honor, given to the paper that wins the most awards in its division.

"Centurion" editor-in-chief Kassandra Castillo, who is credited on four of the awards, said it has been inspiring to be associated with a student-run school newspaper.

"I've been working on 'The Centurion' for two semesters, and I've learned so much in the process," said the journalism major. "Print and online media hold so much relevance in our world, and I'm honored to be joining a field where we bring community engagement while spreading local news."

Tony Rogers, the college's journalism professor and faculty advisor to the student newspaper, said he couldn't be more proud of his students.

"Most of the students on "The Centurion" take a full load of classes and work jobs outside school, yet still manage to do award-winning journalism," said Rogers.



Editor-in-chief Kassandra Castillo (right) and former staff writer Christian Grosso traveled to Harrisburg to bring home 16 Keystone Student Media Awards for "The Centurion." The Centurion also won the contest's sweepstakes honor, given to the paper that wins the most awards in its division

> "Even after 27 years as a professor here, I'm still amazed by their seemingly boundless energy, creativity and dedication."

The students received their awards at the Student Keystone Media Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 3, at WITF's Public Media Center in Harrisburg.

For more information on the journalism program at Bucks County Community College, go to www.bucks.edu/journalism. The website for the award-winning Centurion is at www.bucks-news.com.

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