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SPRING HOME & GARDEN

Vincent Deon—Northampton Twp. Tax Collector

What is the “millage rate”?

Questions on the millage rate and how it is used in the calculation of property taxes are among the most common calls that I receive. I’m going to do my best to explain how property taxes are determined.

Property taxes are calculated from the assessed property value of your parcel which can be found at www.buckscountytboa.org. The millage rate is the amount per \$1,000 used to calculate taxes on a property.

Millage rates are most often found in personal property taxes, where the expressed millage rate is multiplied by the total taxable value of the property to arrive at the amount of property taxes due. Millage

rates are used by Bucks County, Council Rock School District, and Northampton Township to calculate property taxes within their boundaries.

Current Millage Rates:
Northampton Township 2025 millage rate: 32.50
Bucks County 2025 millage rate: 27.45

Council Rock School District 2025/2026 millage rate: TBA
June 30, 2025

Example of a Northampton Township property tax bill calculation:

Assessed property value of \$45,000
Millage rate of .03250
Face amount of tax bill (45,000 x .03250) = \$1,462.50

Example of a Bucks County property tax bill calculation:

Assessed property value of \$45,000
Millage rate of .02745



Vincent Deon, Northampton Township Tax Collector

Face amount of tax bill (45,000 x .02745) = \$1,232.25

Example of a Council Rock school property tax bill calculation:

Assessed property value of \$45,000
Millage rate of .1407732 (2024-2025)
Face amount of tax bill (45,000 x .1407732) = \$6,334.79

If you have any questions regarding your property taxes, millage rates, or any other issues related to local taxes please don’t hesitate to call 215-357-1343 or visit the office at 815 Bustleton Pike in Richboro. www.TwpTax.com.

Local news has a new home on the web!

Our 11 newspapers are now in one place—online

O’Rourke Media Group is pleased to announce its brand-new website—OMGLocalLife.com is now live! We will continue to spotlight local businesses as we always have, we will also have an expanded community news section that

will be updated daily with local noteworthy stories from the region, we will also have ‘web-exclusive’ stories that can only be found online. O’Rourke Media Group has always been proud to report on hyperlocal news, we are happy to bring these stories to you on the web. Please check-in daily!

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spot light

Joe McIlvaine Tree & Lawn

The spring season is a crucial time for rejuvenation and growth. As an arborist I am excited to share some essential spring tree care tips to ensure the health and vitality of your landscape.

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

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

Fertilize Thoughtfully: Assess your trees’ nutritional needs and consider a balanced fertilizer to provide essential nutrients. Spring is an opportune time to replenish soil fertility, supporting robust growth and development. Consulting with a local arborist can help determine the specific requirements for your tree species.

Check for Pests and Diseases: Inspect your trees for any signs of infestation, such as unusual spots on leaves or the presence of pests. Timely intervention can prevent the spread of diseases and protect the overall health of your trees.

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



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

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

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Request for letters from servicemembers: "Last Letters Home"—A call for remembrance

The Northampton Veterans Advisory Commission is gathering personal letters written by service members during times of war. These letters offer a unique and poignant glimpse into the experiences of those who served, capturing both the personal and historic moments of their time in service.

If you have a letter from a loved one who served, we invite you to share it with us in remembrance of their courage and sacrifice. By sharing these letters, we honor their stories and ensure that their voices continue to resonate for generations to come.

These letters will be read at the Northampton Township Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 26, at 9 am at Dembowski Memorial Park. Please submit copies of the letters, along with any relevant details (such as the servicemember's name, rank, and the war they served in) to Lisa Russo at lrusso@nhtwp.org by May 1, or for questions, call 215-357-6800 x201. Letters may also be dropped at the Township Administration Building, 55 Township Rd. in Richboro.

We appreciate your participation in this special remembrance project, ensuring that the stories and sacrifices of these heroes are never forgotten.



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Not sure what to buy for Father's Day? eGift Cards are available for purchase online and physical gift cards available in-store!

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Hot Shots win Fall-Winter James E. Kinney Senior Center Billiards Championship

Submitted by Pete Palestina



Hot Shots team members Dennis Kennedy (left) and Michael Cowan (right) with League Commissioner Gail Cowan.

Team Hot Shots won the Fall-Winter League Billiards Championship on March 31 in the playoff tournament held at the James E. Kinney Senior Center in Richboro.

The Hot Shots were captained by Dennis Kennedy and beat the Cue Crews captained by Dale Carlen in the final round.

Gail Cowan, the Fall-Winter League Commissioner, announced that the regular season league play started on October 21 and concluded March 31 after 57 games were played by each team prior to the playoffs for the championship.

The Spring-Summer league began on April 14. The league plays on Mondays, unless there is a holiday closing, in which case the games that week will be played on a Tuesday. The sign-up sheet is located in the billiards room of the Senior Center. For additional information contact Pete Palestina at 215-322-1153.

A video of the tournament highlights can be viewed on YouTube at the following link: youtube.com/OWKT5MKMDII.

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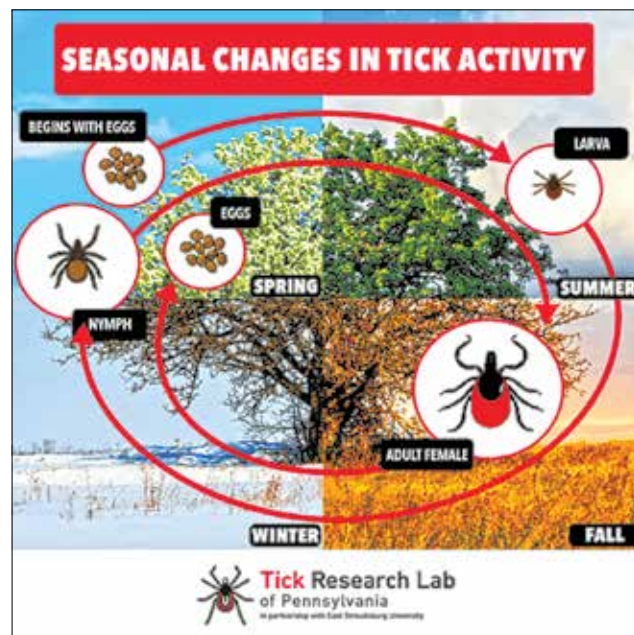
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Turf Care: We are currently applying our second round of crabgrass control. This is crucial for pre/post emergent suppression. This round includes broadleaf weed control, micronutrients as well as a balanced slow-release fertilizer.

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

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



and throughout the summer. Ticks "hang out" on the ends of branches and tall grass leaves. Any animal or human brushing up against the plant runs the risk of picking up

a tick hitchhiker.

Being "bugged" by mosquitos? Adult female mosquitos lay eggs in anything holding water. Eggs survive drying out up to eight months. Mosquitoes only need a small amount of water to lay eggs. Any container storing water makes a great "nursery". Eggs hatch after water (from rain or a sprinkler) covers the eggs. Larvae can be seen in the water. They are very active and are often called "wigglers". They become pupae, which live in the water. An adult mosquito emerges from the pupae and flies away. The entire egg to adult cycle takes 7-10 days!

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How weather impacts the roof of your home



Severe weather events can cause a significant amount of damage to your roof. The cost of that damage can put a tremendous amount of strain on your finances. There are five weather events that homeowners should be cautious of.

Wind: Strong winds can lift or tear off shingles, cause things to break loose and damage your roofing material causing punctures and scrapes. Strong wind can also lift loose items like patio furniture, bikes

or even trampolines to become projectiles.

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

Hail: Hail can damage your

shingles, allowing leaks to occur. Hail can also dent gutters and down spouts.

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

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

These 5 factors should be monitored regularly to prevent roof and structural damage to

your home. Other factors that contribute to poor roof performance are:

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

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

Improper Installation: Finding a reputable roofing contractor will prevent fly-by-night roofs from doing improper work for a quick buck.

Be smart and proactive to protect your most expensive asset – your home. Trust C&C Family Roofing & Siding for all your siding and roofing needs. Call us at 215-999-6248.

Youth Art for PaLyme!

May is Lyme Awareness month and Pennsylvania leads

the nation in cases of Lyme and tick-borne diseases. Bucks

County is the second highest county in PA for Lyme, and our youth are at the highest risk due to outdoor activities.

Getting outdoors is important for physical and mental well being, but it is also important to take preventative measures against ticks. For this reason, local youth artists are using art to raise awareness.

For the entire month of May, collaborative paintings by young artists will be on display for a silent auction. The highest bidder will be notified at the end of June. 100% of proceeds will benefit PaLyme.org. Visit the PaLyme.org website for important info on preventing tick bites, tick proofing your yard, protecting your pets, what to do if bitten by a tick, and where to send the tick for testing.

To view the artwork and place a bid on the collaborative paintings, which are signed by all 29 participating students, visit 2 South State Street in historic Newtown. Free Lyme prevention brochures will be available. Call for hours: 215-968-2246. Bids can also be placed via email at youthartsilentauctionbids@aol.com.

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ECI Comfort

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:

Clean or Replace Air Filters

Clogged or dirty filters restrict airflow and reduce your system's efficiency. Replace disposable filters or gently rinse and dry reusable ones. This simple step helps trap dust, pollen, and other allergens—keeping your indoor air cleaner and healthier.

Schedule a Professional Tune-Up

Spring is the best time to schedule your annual HVAC maintenance. Our certified technicians will inspect your system, check refrigerant levels, test components, and catch any small issues before they become costly repairs. Regular maintenance keeps your AC running efficiently and extends its life.

Reprogram Your Thermostat

Optimize energy use by setting temperatures higher when you're away and cooler when you're home. If you haven't already, consider upgrading to a smart thermostat for automated energy savings and comfort control from anywhere.

Boost Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Spring allergies are no joke—so it's a great time to enhance the air you breathe indoors. Invest in a high-quality air purifier or add indoor plants like Peace Lilies or Spider Plants that naturally clean the air. And don't forget regular cleaning to reduce dust and allergens.

Ready to Breathe Easier and Stay Cool?

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Want to boost your home's value? Start here!

If you're a homeowner with resale in mind, you've got to be strategic. Not all upgrades are created equal. Some make your home more livable; others actually boost your sale price. If top dollar's the goal, start here:

1. Kitchens Sell Homes

A dated kitchen screams "project," and most buyers are paying *not* to do projects. If you're staying put for a while, go ahead and splurge. If a sale's on the horizon, let's talk first—no sense dropping cash on upgrades that won't pay off.

2. Bathrooms Are a Close Second

Buyers judge your home's upkeep by your bathrooms. A mid-range update—think

new vanity, lighting, fixtures, maybe tile—can bring solid ROI. Bonus points for ditching glass blocks or squeezing in a double vanity.

3. Curb Appeal Sets the Tone

First impressions matter. Tidy landscaping, mulch, a painted front door, and decent lighting? Instant upgrade. If the outside looks tired, buyers assume the inside is worse.

4. Floors, Baby

Scratched hardwood? Stained carpet? Fix it. Refinish what you can, replace what you must. Buyers want turnkey, and mystery stains kill the vibe.

5. Energy Efficiency = Value

New windows, better insulation, updated HVAC—these may not be sexy, but they sell. Savvy buyers notice, and they'll pay more for a home that doesn't cost \$700/month to heat.

6. Open It Up—Smartly

Buyers love open spaces. Taking out a non-load-bearing wall between kitchen and living room can do wonders. Just don't go swinging unless you've checked the structure and your budget.

Final Word?

Before you swipe the card or grab a sledgehammer, call me. I've seen too many sellers spend big on the wrong stuff. Smart upgrades win. Shiny distractions don't. Questions?



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Marvelous May at Free Library of Northampton Township

Creativebug Crafts for adults on Thursday, May 1 at 1 pm explores how to make wild-flower seed bombs. Create the seed pod at the library then

plant the dry "seed bomb" and watch the flowers explode. Registration required.

Are you a loved one's caregiver and feel overwhelmed? Join us on Saturday, May 3 at 1 pm as Beth Allen presents, "Forgotten Caregiver, an Introduction to Dementia." Registration required.

Howard Solomon, JD returns to the library with his program "Wills & Estate Planning" on Monday, May 5 at 6 pm. Learn how valuable it is to have a comprehensive guide reflecting your wishes for your estate. Registration required.

To be or not to be? Questions about William Shakespeare and his life in Elizabethan England. On Saturday, May 10 at 1 pm, professor and storyteller, Juilene Osborne-McKnight presents "Gloriana: The Elizabethan World of William Shakespeare". Registration required.

Explore the fascinating world of fungi with the program "Introduction to Mushrooms"

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Marvelous May

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on Monday, May 19 at 6 pm with Kevin Popowich of the Philadelphia Mycology Club. Kevin explains fungal anatomy, key identifying features, edibility, and mushroom's ecological significance. Registration required.

Genealogical research with "Census Records" is a daunting

task. Join the Archive Librarian, Kristi, on Thursday, May 29 at 6 pm as she teaches the details of Census Records research. Registration required.

On Tuesday, June 3, at 6:00 PM the library welcomes the renowned author of "Ghost Soldiers, Hampton Sides," as he discusses his new book "Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact, and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James

Cook." Registration is required through the Newtown Bookshop at www.newtownbookshop.com. (A portion of the proceeds benefits the library).

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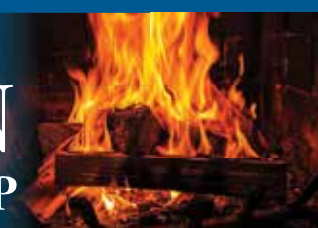
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Installing a pool has been a popular choice to create a resort-like atmosphere in the comfort and safety of one's own backyard. A pool is a



accommodated.

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

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

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

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

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Here are some things to consider when contemplating a pool:

Determining the budget is the first step. The cost of a pool installation can span a wide range and should include the additional costs of decking, landscape, lighting, etc.

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

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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

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

by June Portnoy

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

Basia Andrusko, Bucks County Guild's Director at Large and Show Coordinator

of this recent showcase, described the showcase that featured an impressive variety of handmade works, including pottery, jewelry, furniture, woodwork, glass art, pysanky (Ukrainian eggs), textiles, and paintings. "We had a nice mix of items on display," Andrusko said. "We had pottery, wood, and furniture. One of our members makes rocking chairs, some sculptural pieces. I write Pysanky Ukrainian eggs. We have five or six jewelers who work in different media. We had one woman who does sculptural wood, which was amazing. We had some watercolor paintings. We had

someone who does inlaid work. So, we had quite a variety of works on display."

The event kicked off with an opening reception on March 28, where guests had the opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments in a relaxed, informal setting. "On Friday, we had some snacks and the opportunity to meet the artists. Most of the artists were present on Friday night, so people really



Annette Debevec, from Ivyland, displays her ceramics at the showcase.



Churchville's Monique Perry exhibits her cloisonne enamel jewelry. Photos by Mimi Black.

enjoyed being able to speak to these artisans," said Andrusko.

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

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spot light

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Spring update

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United Way

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alone—volunteers and community partners make this work possible."

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

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

Host a Collection Drive: Gather essential items like hygiene products, household supplies, and non-perishable food to keep the HELP Center stocked.

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

Julie Frantz, a Bucks County resident who has been volunteering since 2021, shares, "Volunteering at the HELP Center is a great way to assist and connect with the community. In uncertain times, it is important

to be there for our neighbors who are struggling, and the HELP Center does so much."

As the HELP Center celebrates this milestone, United Way of Bucks County urges the community to step up, get

involved, and continue making a difference. To sign up to volunteer, host a collection, or learn more about the HELP Center, visit www.uwbucks.org/help-center.

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

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

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Warminster Food Bank ribbon cutting for new location



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

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

While the new site has been operational since the beginning of April, the food bank board members and volunteers wanted to be situated in new space before hosting a formal

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

"While it was difficult to leave the Downey Drive location, we needed a larger space to better serve our growing client base," said Mike Cerino, Executive Director, Warminster Food Bank. "Thankfully, the grant from the John A. Powell Family Foundation was finalized at the right time and we were

able to secure our new space. We are confident that this new location will give us the opportunity to further our mission of providing services to meet the needs of those experiencing food insecurity in our community."

This event is co-hosted by The Warminster Rotary Club which supports the Warminster Food Bank. One of the missions of Rotary International is to address food insecurity on many levels, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally

by raising awareness and partnering with organizations who work tirelessly for the cause.

About Warminster Food Bank

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

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Village Improvement Association

49th Bucks County Designer House and Gardens now open!

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

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

A recently renovated pool and patio area includes a large screened-in gazebo and stunning Koi pond with waterfall, while a large barn has space for multiple boutiques



and an on-site cafe serving lunch and light fare. Old York Cellars will provide wine.

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

This is the largest fundraiser held by the Village Improvement Association of

Doylestown (VIA), a non-profit women's organization that founded Doylestown Hospital in 1923. Funds from the 2025 Designer House will benefit community mental health well-being and enhancement of the Doylestown Hospital Emergency Department mental health unit.

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

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

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water from feeders, lapping up the nectar with their long tongues. You can provide sugar water in a nectar feeder by combining four parts water to one part white sugar. They eat insects and insect eggs on the ground and in trees.

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Lisa Mergen with Hummingbird Feeders in full display at Wild Birds Unlimited, Buckingham

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

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Wild Birds Unlimited

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



Newtown Fireplace Shop

As spring sunlight warms the town of Newtown and the last patches of snow have melted into memory, homeowners should now turn their attention from cozy fires to fresh air and blooming gardens. But at Newtown Fireplace Shop, spring means something else entirely—it is time for fireplace maintenance.

For the dedicated team, this is the season to service what kept Newtown and the sur-



rounding area warm all winter. Gas and wood-burning fireplaces need cleaning, inspection, and tune-ups. Chimneys require sweeping after months of steady use. Even outdoor fireplaces, now ready to roar again for spring evenings, need a touch of expert care.

The shop's lead technician knows the importance of off-season upkeep. "Spring's the best time to get ahead," he'd tell customers as he rolled up to their homes. "Fix it now, and you won't be scrambling when the cold comes back."

From cracked chimney caps to soot buildup and worn seals, no detail is too small. The shop's vans crisscross the town, ensuring every fireplace and chimney are in top shape—ready to rest through summer or serve as a gathering spot for cool spring nights.

Inside the showroom, customers can browse new outdoor fire features, perfect for backyard get-togethers. The gentle hiss of gas logs and scent of cedar samples fill the air, reminding everyone that a fireplace wasn't just for winter.

Newtown Fireplace Shop has become more than a service provider—it is a seasonal partner, helping locals protect and enjoy their fireplaces year-round. And as tulips bloom and birds sing above, the hearths of Newtown stand clean, safe, and ready for whatever comes next.

For more information about Newtown Fireplace Shop, located at 434 Penn St. in Newtown, visit newtownfireplaceshop.com or call 215-968-3981.

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

Know Your Filter Type

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

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Sauers Cares

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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:

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Giving back: Munz Construction launches 40 for 40 Food Drive to support local veterans and families

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For the past four decades, Munz Construction has been helping families improve and expand their homes—but this spring, the company is focused on something even more meaningful: helping neighbors facing food insecurity.

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, at the Munz Construction office at 201 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966. Suggested items include canned vegetables, soups, pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, boxed meals, other shelf-stable goods, and more.

In appreciation of each donation, Munz Construction is offering participants a special coupon—a small gesture of thanks for helping to uplift others in our community.

The drive is made possible through partnerships with The Pay It Forward People and the Council Rock North Speech and Debate Club. Special thanks to Sir Speedy and O’Rourke Media Group for their generous support.

As Munz Construction reflects on 40 years of service, this food drive is a way to give back to the community that helped it grow.



It’s a reminder that building strong communities means more than construction—compassion, generosity, and coming together to care for one another.

For more information, visit MunzConstruction.com. Don’t move. Improve—and give back.

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 donated plants from Master Gardeners, unusual perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs, pollinator and butterfly plants, native plants, houseplants, shade plants, deer-resistant plants, container plants, and a beautiful selection of hanging baskets for Mother’s Day.

Penn State Extension Master Gardeners develop their horticultural expertise through participation in educational training classes. In exchange for their training, Master Gardeners serve as volunteers for extension horticulture programs, including teaching, community demonstration gardens, and answering questions on county garden hotlines.

More than 80 knowledgeable Master Gardeners will be on hand during the sale to answer your home gardening questions.

Your plant sale purchases will support community outreach, local demonstration gardens, and gardening education.

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Spring cleaning: Make sure to include your chimney!

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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."

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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.

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theatre, sports, and more—each led by certified teachers or highly skilled professionals in their respective fields.

Kids on Campus runs from June 16 to August 8, 2025, with camps held Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Please note that there is no camp on June 19 and July 4. To view the full camp schedule and additional details, visit bucks.edu/kidsoncampus.

Campers need to bring a bagged lunch daily, along with extra water, hat, and sunscreen for self-application. If rain is in the forecast, please have campers bring appropriate rain gear.

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

Guild of Craftsmen

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displayed, around 20 were not for sale, giving some artists the opportunity to exhibit cherished works without parting with them. "As one artist said, 'I

was able to put out my favorite pieces knowing I wouldn't have to part with them,'" Andrusko shared. The sales from the event were spread across multiple artists, further affirming the diversity and appeal of the

works presented.

The event attracted approximately 100 visitors over the three days, with Friday night drawing the largest crowd.

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

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

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

"What determines a craftsman from an artist is all subjective interpretation. There is a lot of

crossover."

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

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

The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen continues to build a vibrant, supportive community

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allowed. This event will be held rain or shine. Shoppers are encouraged to bring wagons or carts for easy carrying. The sale will accept cash, checks, and credit cards. For more information, call 267-483-2020.

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

For more information about the Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen and upcoming events, visit www.bucksguild.org.

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Tyler Park Center for the Art *Celebrate creativity*

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

Among this year's featured artists is Barbara Neale, who has spent the past 17 years working with fused glass. Also known as warm glass, this



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

art form involves cutting and layering pieces of glass that are then melted in a kiln to create a unified piece. Barbara has attended many workshops of warm glass artists and is a member of The Glass Underground Studio in Warren, NJ. Since retiring, she has displayed her work at local fairs and juried shows, and now teaches fused glass workshops at TPCA.

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

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

Members of TPCA receive special perks, including discounted workshops and entry into the annual Crafts in the Meadow festival, returning October 18–19.

Learn more at TylerParkArts.org, follow @TylerParkArts on Facebook and Instagram, or call 267-218-0290.

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 Clare 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 chil-

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dren 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 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 Coal-

ition Against Trafficking (BCAT), a NOVA project whose mission

township's community relations officer. Melissa oversees

Internet Safety: Guardians of the Digital Realm." She is certi-



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.

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

several community projects 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

fied 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 Foun-

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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



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.

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. "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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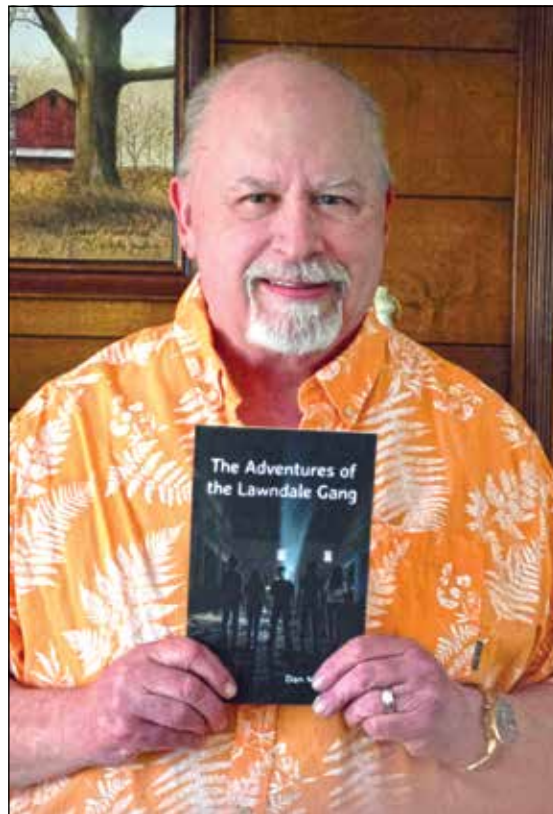
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Local healer Dan McMeans launches debut novel

by June Portnoy

Dan McMeans, a certified Advanced Prana Healer and Shaman Healer with Reiki Consultation, brings a unique background to the world of fiction. With certifications ranging from pranic psychotherapy to soul realization, and a lifelong belief in the connection between mind, body, and spirit, he's channeling a different kind of energy into his first book, "The Adventures of the Lawndale Gang," recently published by Virtualbookworm Publishing. His book is a collection of 17 stories following a tight-knit group of friends from Northeast Philadelphia, known as the Lawndale Gang. The opening and closing chapters are nonfictional, based on Dan's own life experiences. The rest provide a spirited dive into mystery, adventure, and the kind of camaraderie that withstands the test of time.

"The first chapter, "The Coming of Age of Lawndale," is a firsthand account of my early years," McMeans shares. "We found a corner in Lawndale that became our gathering place. The nucleus of our group was seven girls and nine guys. From 13 to 18, we were inseparable." From late-night conversations to shared prom experiences, the Lawndale Gang grew up together, and McMeans captures that nostalgia



16 years, he and his family formed a close-knit community with five other families, sharing life's ups and downs. "The message is about family," McMeans describes. "We didn't have much money, but we had each other. We'd take turns hosting Saturday night patio parties, and when they were over, we'd just walk back to our own homes." After a 25-year career with a Fortune 8 company as a top-ranked territory sales manager, McMeans' long-time interest in holistic medi-

cine never faded. Now retired from corporate life, McMeans, currently living in Somerton not far from his previous Northeast Philadelphia homes, is fully focused on his healing practice and writing. At 110 pages, "The Adventures of the Lawndale Gang" offers a mix of nostalgia, suspense, and spiritual insight. Readers can purchase it through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or B&E Book Distributors. McMeans is already working on his second book, "Mind Expansion," this time a nonfiction book featuring the mind, body, and spirit connection, inspired by his healing practice. For those interested in McMeans' work, he welcomes you to contact him at dan_mcmeans@yahoo.com or 267-570-9042. To purchase the "The Adventures of the Lawndale Gang," visit thelawndalegang.com

in the first chapter of his book. He then builds upon this foundation by taking these real-life characters into fictional scenarios where they solve mysteries reminiscent of the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew. McMeans instills each story with spirituality and life lessons, drawing from his own healing practices. "There are some life lessons in the adventure stories, and that's where I incorporate the spirituality," he notes. "One story, "The Lawndale Gang and the Law of Attraction," explores how the mind is infinite when you tap into a level of spirituality. When you believe in a life with no limits, you are capable of incredible things." The final story, "Trotter Street", brings readers back to reality. It's a personal account of McMeans' transition into adulthood as a young father raising his family on Trotter Street, also in Northeast Philadelphia. For

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Bucks County Dental Design

Very early in my career as a dentist, I came across this saying: "Beware of bargains in parachutes, brain surgery and dentistry". While I agree that a bargain in dental work is less likely to lead to catastrophic results than a parachute or brain surgery, there is definitely truth to the sentiment.

Sometimes a bargain isn't really a bargain. Sometimes the value isn't apparent until you view it in the rearview mirror. Is a bargain crown that lasts three years better than a more expensive crown that lasts twenty? Many factors play into your decision about spending discretionary dollars for dental health.

Some factors to consider are the experience of the dental team, the cleanliness and appearance of the office, the responsiveness and communication skill of the team, the number of years that the dentist will "warranty" or stand behind his work, and, finally, the cost.

Making dentistry affordable has always been a challenge, even more so for senior citizens. They retire, lose their work dental insurance benefit, move to a fixed income, and live longer! But affordable and achievable dental work is usually an option.

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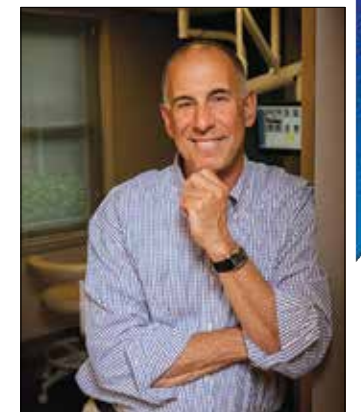
outside financing that will allow interest free payments for a specific period of time (usually 12-18 months). The interest is paid by the dentist. Credit cards can work well if the patient is anticipating future income (RMD's from pension plans, for instance).

Another option is increasingly more prevalent throughout the dental industry. In-house savings plans offer the patient an option to prepay (at a discount, usually for a year) for his routine care and

emergency appointments, while providing a discount for restorative and other dental work.

If you trust your dentist and feel comfortable with his office and team, don't rush out to look for bargains. Ask them how they can help to make your dental work affordable. You may find that your best dental bargain is right in front of you!

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Holland Village

Holland Village hosts Senior Health & Wellness Expo

Holland Village will host a Senior Wellness Expo on Thursday, May 29 from 1 pm – 3 p.m. All are welcome to come out and join the fun!

Activities will include a variety of health screenings including blood pressure screenings, exercise demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, senior/community resources, door prizes, and a Philly pretzel truck.

The event is being sponsored by BrightStar Home Care and Ennoble Care.

Holland Village is an exceptional Senior Living Community offering independent living, personal care, and rehabilitation.

Please RSVP to 215-396-7217.

Holland Village is located at 280 Middle Holland Road in Holland.



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?

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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.

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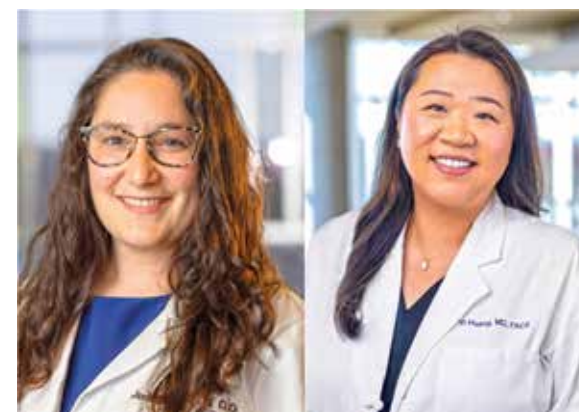
Dr. Yi Huang and Dr. Jenna Mancinelli, fellowship trained breast surgeons who specialize in surgical care for benign and malignant breast diseases, have joined Capital Health as part of its Cancer Center and Center for Comprehensive Breast Care. As part of Capital Health Cancer Center and Capital Health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



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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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dation 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.

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Senior Care Authority *Don't let loneliness impact the senior you love*

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Joe was 86 years old when his wife passed away. Joe felt isolated in his home and his social circle had diminished significantly.

cantly when his daughter and son-in-law offered for him to move into their home. It worked well in the beginning, but since both adults worked, his days were spent in front of the TV. His daughter noticed that he was withdrawing and becoming less communicative. He was seated in the same chair as when they left and many times had not eaten his lunch.

After working with a Senior Care Authority specialist Joe moved into an assisted living

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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.



SCORE mentor meets with a client.

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

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Pickering Manor *Looking to make a difference in your community? Do you have a special skill or talent you'd love to share?*

Volunteers play an invaluable role in every community, bringing joy, kindness, and support to those in need. Whether it's sharing your talents through music, art, or dance, or simply offering time and conversation, volunteers create meaningful connections that touch lives. Pet therapy, especially, is a favorite among our residents, and we're always excited to welcome new furry friends!

At Pickering Manor, volunteers do more than brighten our residents' days—they help create a sense of belonging and warmth that enriches our community. Whether you're looking to gain experience, develop new skills, or make new friends, volunteering here is an opportunity for personal growth and fulfillment. Many of our volunteers say hearing the life stories of our residents is one of the most rewarding parts of their time with us.

Located in the heart of historic Newtown, Pickering Manor is home to a

variety of living neighborhoods—from independent living cottages and apartments to personal care, memory care, and skilled nursing and rehabilitation. It's a place where everyone finds a sense of family, friendship, and connection.

We are proud to hold a 5-star overall quality rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—an honor we've received for over a decade.

April was Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to extend our deepest thanks to volunteers everywhere. Your kindness, generosity, and time have a profound impact on communities around the world. A special thank you to our Pickering volunteers for your continued dedication. Your efforts bring so

much joy to our residents, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do!

Interested in joining us?

Call Volunteer Coordinator Tamar Morad at 215-968-3878 to learn more and become part of something meaningful. For more information, visit www.pickeringmanor.org.



Bringing Generations Together! 5th grader Charlotte Carver from Quarry Hill Elementary School joined our residents for a joyful afternoon of flower arranging—spreading smiles, creativity, and spring cheer one bloom at a time

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community. Joe spent the first week in his apartment and didn't venture out for meals or any of the activities. His neighbor was successful in inviting him to breakfast, though Joe went to the dining room in sweatpants and tee shirt.

During breakfast he spotted a piano in the lounge and walked over and began playing. Soon one of the female residents came over and stood by him as he played and complimented him on his skills. Joe played for the next hour, and several other residents came to listen.

The next day Joe came down in dress slacks and a button-down shirt. The lady who had joined Joe yesterday brought several of her friends along. Joe played until lunch time, engaging the residents to join in by singing along. The following days Joe exited his apartment in a sport

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

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.hilltown-history.org.

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

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

Friday, May 9, at Twining Hall, 4900 Street Rd. in Trevoise, 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/reclblmtd/page/home.

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

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

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

Critical Repair Program: A program providing essential vehicle repairs and inspections

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

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

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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offers a wealth of resources to guide entrepreneurs in every phase of their small business journey.

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