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## *Neshaminy Senior Earns Recognition!*



Feasterville Rotary Club recognizes Neshaminy High School senior, Melanie Molina, (third from left) as its most recent Student of the Month. Pictured with Melanie are: (from left) Mrs. Bobbi Chimoski, Neshaminy High School's Grade Level Assistant Principal; Deb Kaplan, Feasterville Rotary Club President; Melanie's brother; Melanie's mother, Michele Molina; and Melanie's father, Marcello Molina. See story on page 2.

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# Feasterville Rotary Club Honors Student of the Month

The Feasterville Rotary Club recognized Melanie Molina as its March Student of the Month during its meeting on March 27 at Erwin's Country Kitchen. Mrs. Bobbi Chimoski, grade level assistant principal at Neshaminy High School, introduced Melanie to the Rotary Club during the meeting.

Melanie lives in Feasterville with her parents and 9-year-old brother, who all attended the Rotary's recognition meeting.

While attending Neshaminy School District for the past 13 years, Melanie has earned a GPA of 4.48.

Her senior courses include AP Psychology, AP Calculus BC, Honors Spanish 3, Honors English 12, AP Biology, AVID, Honors Chemistry 2, and Physical Education.

Melanie is a member of the FBLA, Future Medical Professionals Club, Interact, and Science Club. In addition, she

was inducted into the National Honor Society, and she consistently is on the Distinguished Honor Roll.

In her free time, Melanie enjoys volunteering at the library's help desk, reading, and traveling.

After high school, she plans to major in biology at the University of Pittsburgh. She then plans to attend medical school to pursue a career in the medical field.

# 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 [wj davidson2@msn.com](mailto:wj davidson2@msn.com).

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Hummingbirds can fly up to 60 miles an hour, but typically about 30-45 mph. Did you know they are the only birds that can fly backwards and upside down? They lay the smallest bird egg in the world in a golf ball size nest, usually producing two broods a year.

Hummingbirds eat about every 10 minutes. They drink nectar from plants and sugar



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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

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# Trevoze Horticultural Society Presents May Program

"Meeting the Mushrooms: An Intro to the Fascinating World of Fungi" will be the featured program at the monthly meeting of the Trevoze Horticultural Society on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850

Byberry Rd in Bensalem. 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. Humans

have used mushrooms throughout history and Kustra will explore their potential uses for the future. A group discussion with wild collected specimens as visual aids will be provided. Kustra is a Mechanical Engineer and volunteer with the Phila-

delphia Mycology Club. All meetings are open to the public; all are welcome, \$5 to observe. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163, visit [www.trevoze-gardeners.org](http://www.trevoze-gardeners.org) or follow us on Facebook.

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## Township Library of Lower Southampton presents scheduled programs for Late April/May

### Scheduled programs for May 2025

#### New Programs this month

- Spring Garden Storytime:** Wednesday, April 30 at 5 pm. Come hear Ms. Dawn read "The Extraordinary Gardener" and plant your own seeds to take home!
- Colored Pencil Cherry Drawing (Online):** Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 am. Create your own masterpiece with Anita Thompson
- History's Mysteries: Duels, Fools and Scoundrels:** Monday, May 5 at 6:30 pm. Join Herb Kaufmann to hear about the extraordinary events that happened during the American Civil War.
- Digital Decluttering' (Online):** Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm.

Bestselling author Jamie Novak will share her secrets for decluttering your devices

- Stress Less for Teens – Thrifted Painting for Teen/Tweens:** Wednesday May 7 at 5:30 pm. Participants will take a thrifted painting supplied by the library and make it their own.
- New Beginnings: Preparing for a Move as a Senior:** Friday, May 16 at 2:30 pm. Olga and Rich St. Pierre will present this live workshop highlighting the various aspects of the process and preparation of making a move as a Baby Boomer.
- Sunset Penguin Colored Pencil Drawing (Online):** Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 pm. Participants will use

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Current Board member, Former School Board, MBA In Education.



**Nick Bordner**  
SUPERVISOR

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**Debbie Doneker**  
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Current tax collector, 30 year resident.



**Erin Brosious**  
SCHOOL BOARD

Current Board Member, Neshaminy Alum, 20 years education sector.



**Tara Kolaris**  
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One of the primary drivers behind this robust market is our exceptional school districts—an important factor for many buyers currently planning for the next academic year. Our team understands the intricacies of timing, pricing, and positioning, and we consistently deliver top-dollar results for our clients. With the right strategy and resources in place, we are proud to have achieved record-breaking sales for those we represent.

At the core of our service is a commitment to seeing the bigger picture—ensuring peace of mind and a smooth, rewarding experience from start to finish. Buying or selling a home can be complex, but

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## Lower Southampton Republican Committee

One of the greatest privileges in America is the right to vote. This year's Primary Election is on May 20, and only 20% of residents will "elect" our future leaders.

The leadership of Lower Southampton Township is composed of community members just like you. Here are our candidates:

As Supervisor, **CYNDIE BOWMAN** provides great insight from her extensive experience. Cyndie holds an MBA in education and an undergraduate degree in accounting. She is a former Neshaminy School Board member, the former President of Feasterville Fire Company, and an advocate for the underprivileged.

**NICK BORDER** is also running for Supervisor. Nick is a veteran of our armed forces, and serves as chair of the Township's Veterans Advisory Committee. He has served on the Zoning Board and Planning Commission. Nick is a 50-year resident, and has managed the Travis Manion Run at REMP

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## WTB Woodworking

### New product lines, Giveaway and Festool Fridays!

We are excited to announce some additional new product lines that we are now carrying at the store - Daniel Dunlap Woodworks, Kreg, Mafell, Wagner Meters, and Whiteside Router Bits. Be sure to come in on a regular basis as we continue to expand our offerings.

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You can register at [wtbwoodworking.com/giveaway](http://wtbwoodworking.com/giveaway) now through June 20. The winner will be pulled at 10 am EST live on Instagram!

Interested in learning more about the Festool line of power tools and accessories? Join for Festool Watch Parties every



Friday from 11:45 am – 12:45 pm to view Sedge and Festool team on YouTube. Hotdogs will be served! It's a great time to learn something new and exchange ideas with fellow woodworkers.

Not sure what to buy for Father's Day? eGift Cards are

available for purchase online and physical gift cards available in-store!

WTB Woodworking is located at 390 Pike Road, Unit 2 in Huntingdon Valley. For more information, call 215-768-1117 or visit [www.WTBWoodworking.com](http://www.WTBWoodworking.com).

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for several years now.

**DEBBIE DONEKER** is our current tax collector. Debbie is a 30-year resident and an advocate for senior citizens. She brings professionalism and honesty to each resident.

**ERIN BROSIOUS** is a current school board member and seeks a new four year term. She has been in the education sector for 20 years. Her husband is a Philadelphia Police Captain, and Erin volunteers as an advocate for officers' families who are sick and in distress. She is a Neshaminy alumni, and has two children in the district.

**TARA KOLARIS** is a 48-year resident of Lower Southampton. She is the former PTA president of her children's former school (Assumption-St. Katherine Drexel), volunteers at her local church, and holds a BS from Millersville University.

**JUDGE DANIEL BARANOSKI** is our current local Magisterial District Judge seeking re-election and has served the community since 2008. He had a distinguished career in law enforcement prior to becoming a judge. He has been a proponent for our Veterans Court, the County Drug Court, worked with Neshaminy School District on truancy and served the

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

**Know Your Filter Type**

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

Washable filters should be removed and cleaned every three months. After vacuuming the filter rack, rinse the filter

thoroughly and let it dry completely before putting it back in place.

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**Township Library**

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colored pencils to create a penguin in a vibrant sunset landscape.

**Join us for these Patron Favorites!**

- **Brickheads:** Thursday, May 22 at 5 pm.
- **Tai-Chi with Matt:** Monday, May 5, 12, 19 at 10:30 am.
- **Mini Yogis with Yalla Yoga:** Wednesday, May 7 and 14 at 10:30 am.
- **Pokémon Club:** Thursday, May 1 and 15 at 5 pm.
- **First Thursday Book Club:** Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 pm.

This month's book is "Circe" by Madeline Miller

- **Dungeons and Dragons:** Friday, May 2 at 7 pm.
- **Bored? Game Night at the Library:** Friday, May 2 at 7 pm
- **Friends of the Library:** Tuesday, May 13 at 6:15 pm.
- **Teen Community Board:** Thursday May 15 at 6:30 pm.
- **Free Play: Nintendo™ Switch Club:** Thursday May 17 at 1 pm and Saturday, May 29 at 5 pm.
- **Adult Coloring Club:** Monday, May 19 at 1 pm. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of coloring!
- **Check -Out Our Regular Weekly Programs**
- **Family Storytime:** Every Monday at 10:30 am. No classes May 25.
- **Baby Storytime:** Tuesdays at 10:30 am.
- **Hybrid Chair Yoga:** Tuesdays at noon and Fridays at 1 pm in May.
- **Stitch Witches:** Wednesdays at 1 pm.
- **Thursday Movie Club:** Thursdays at 10:15 am.
- Check our website for scheduled films.
- **Barks and Books:** Every Saturday at 11 am. To register, call the library at 215-355-1183 or visit our website at [www.lowersouthamptonlibrary.org](http://www.lowersouthamptonlibrary.org)

We are closed for Memorial Day, Saturday May 24 and Monday May 26.

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# Andrew's Lawn Ranger

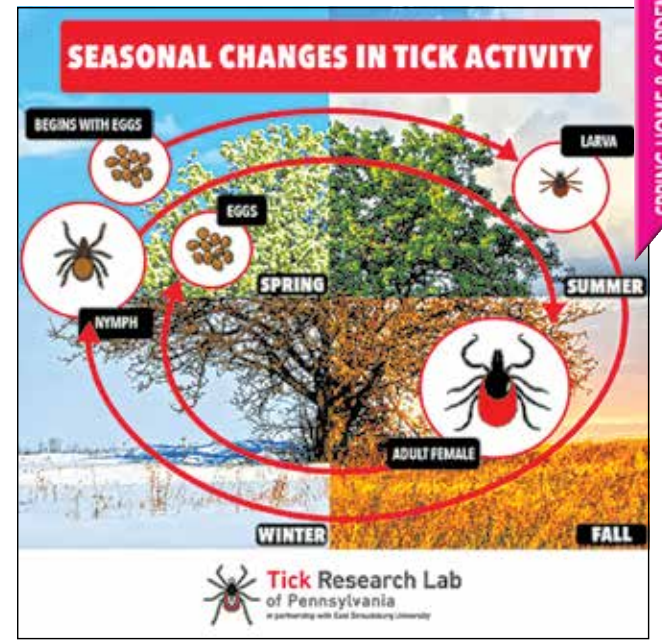
**Turf Care:** We are currently applying our second round of crabgrass control. This is crucial for pre/post emergent suppression. This round includes broadleaf weed control, micro-nutrients as well as a balanced slow-release fertilizer.

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

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

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

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



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



As spring arrives in full bloom and the days get warmer, now is the ideal time to prepare your HVAC system for the season ahead. At ECI Comfort, we know that early spring maintenance not only improves comfort and air quality but also helps you avoid unexpected breakdowns when

summer hits. Here's your go-to checklist to freshen up your HVAC system and breathe easier all season long:

**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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Happy Spring from all of us at ECI Comfort!

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



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

Penn State Master Gardeners of Bucks County will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 1 pm at

the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds located at 576 Penns Park Rd. in Newtown.

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**Master Gardener**

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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.

Please note: No dogs are allowed. This event will be held rain or shine. Shoppers are encouraged to bring wagons or

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across the community. For more information, call 215-244-3993 or visit [rosenelloswindows.com](http://rosenelloswindows.com).

## Feasterville Rotary Club hosts Annual Designer Handbag Bingo

Written by Kathy Doran, Bingo Committee Chairperson

Feasterville Rotary Club will be holding its 15th Annual Designer Handbag Bingo on Friday, May 9 at Twining Hall, 4900 Street Rd. in Trevoese. 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 the drinks at the bar. During intermission a build-your-own sundae bar will be set up; it's a huge hit year after year.

Thanks to those individuals and businesses that support the event with sponsorships and donations, this event has become the largest fundraiser for the Feasterville Rotary. As a result of this fundraiser, the club has been able to assist the Neshaminy Senior Center with a stairlift, support EMTs with an underwater camera, assist the local police department, and provide financial assistance to other non-profits for their



David (left) and Gail Chamberlain, both Rotarians, at last year's Annual Bingo event.

worthwhile causes. The Rotary Club also collects non-perishable food items to distribute to two food pantries at local churches. For tickets, please contact Kathy Doran at 215-593-4656 or email [katherine.a.doran@gmail.com](mailto:katherine.a.doran@gmail.com). The event is the Friday before Mother's Day; a nice event for moms, daughters, grandmothers, and granddaughters. Dads, sons, and grandsons are also welcome.

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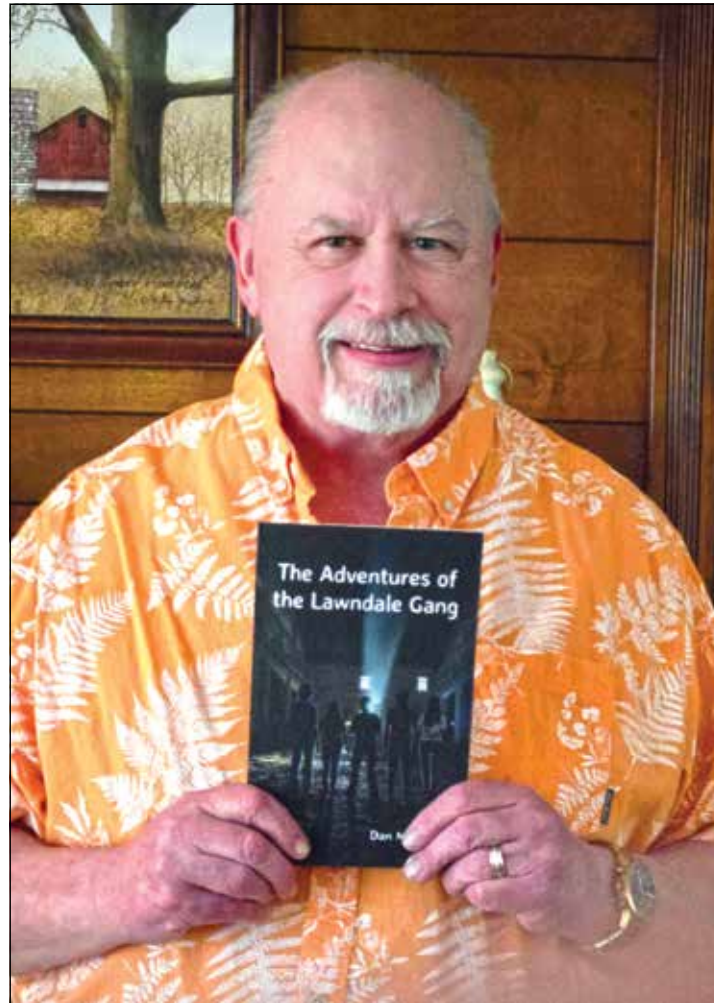
# Local healer Dan McMeans launches debut novel

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 insepa-

ble." From late-night conversations to shared prom experiences, the Lawndale Gang grew up together, and McMeans captures that nostalgia 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 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 medicine 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](mailto:dan_mcmeans@yahoo.com) or 267-570-9042.

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# PA Cyber Charter School

## Elementary student inspires family to start flavored ice business

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

A few summers ago, the Wilson family test-tasted a lot of shaved ice while on vacation. It was an easy choice for dessert because gluten and dairy-containing foods make Everette sick. Once back home in Ellwood City, they researched ice-shaving machines and flavorings. They opened Ellwood Ice in early 2023 and have since expanded the shop to accom-



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

modate 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 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 flexibil-

ity of taking classes from home. "Our schedule has a million things in a week," he says. "We go somewhere every day." He belongs to Cub Scouts and plays soccer and piano. As a gifted student, he is able to accelerate his learning. He aims to be an engineer when he is older.

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

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## 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

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In response to this growing need, Sauers Cares has evolved into Drive and Thrive, a non-

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# Bucks County Community College's Kids on Campus

## Summer camp program

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fied 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](http://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



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Enrollment is limited, and registration remains open until each camp reaches capacity.

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profit 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 other vital services.

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

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

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## 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 children ages 9 to 12 that focused on everyday manners, including greetings, dining etiquette, and social courtesies. After earning

her Girl Scout Silver Award, Claire expanded her program across multiple Pennsylvania counties, teaching over 120 children and equipping them with essential life skills. Claire 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 tai-

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

The students received their



Editor-in-chief Cassandra 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.

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](http://www.bucks.edu/journalism). The website for the award-winning Centurion is at [www.bucks-news.com](http://www.bucks-news.com).

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lored 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.



*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.*

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

The final award of the evening—the Woman of Distinction Award—went to Melissa Robison, a Middletown Township police officer and the township’s community relations officer. Melissa oversees several community projects that link the community with the Department. She leads the county’s largest Shop With A Cop program, National Night Out, Back-to-School supply collection and distribution, Coffee with a Cop, and assists college students in securing internships. Melissa was the school resource for Neshaminy school district offering a parent presentation on “Navigating Internet Safety: Guardians of

the Digital Realm.” She is certified by the National Association of School Resource Officers, teaches and trains active shooter protocols, runs the Fresh Start Pantry and Closet at seven district schools that provides food and clothing to kids in need, and presents the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in schools. She is the vice-president of the Middletown Community Foundation which supports all these projects and many scholarship opportunities for community service-minded students.

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

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Dogs are highly social animals with a wide range of behaviors that reflect their pack-oriented ancestry. Whether living with humans or among other dogs, their actions are deeply rooted in communication, hierarchy, and cooperation.

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Play is a central part of social development in dogs. This helps them to learn boundaries and appropriate social cues. It often involves chasing, wrestling, and mock-biting, with dogs taking turns in dominant and submissive roles, reinforcing bonds and learning impulse control.

One of the most recognizable social behaviors in dogs is their ability to form strong bonds. Dogs seek companionship not only with their human caretakers, but also with other dogs. They use body language, vocalizations, and scent to communicate affection, stress, playfulness, or submission. For instance, a wagging tail typically signals friendliness, while a lowered body and tucked tail often indicate submission or fear.

Dominance and submission are natural aspects of dog social structures. While the idea of a strict “alpha dog” has been challenged, dogs do establish social hierarchies, particularly in multi-dog households. These hierarchies help reduce conflict by creating predictable roles.

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Cinco de Mayo commemorates Mexico's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. While this isn't Mexico's Independence Day, it symbolizes resistance and resilience.

In the United States, it has grown into a broader celebration of Mexican culture and heritage and honors Mexican identity and pride. Be sure to come out and celebrate on this special holiday!

Pepe's Mexican Grill is located at 3501 Brownsville Rd. in Trevoese. You can call the restaurant at 215-357-3773 to place an order or to make a reservation. For more information, visit [www.peppesmexicangrill.com](http://www.peppesmexicangrill.com) online.



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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



SCORE mentor meets with a client.

achieving new levels of success, and ultimately creating jobs and strengthening the local economy.

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

"SCORE is the most effective source of small business mentoring in the U.S.," said Charlie Morris, SCORE Bucks County co-chair. "We are proud to be making a positive difference right here in our local commu-

nity."

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

"We are grateful to the more than 10,000 SCORE volunteers nationwide who selflessly dedicate their time and business

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# Warminster Food Bank ribbon cutting for new location

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

as accept of donations of non-perishable 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



*Images (Courtesy of Warminster Food Bank) 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.*

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

### About Warminster Food Bank

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

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Following a thorough examination, Dr. Chiu determined that having cataract surgery would greatly increase Rick's quality of life. Given the outstanding glaucoma care he received and the recommendation from his trusted optometrist, Dr. Eldredge, Rick was excited to take the next step and undergo cataract surgery.

Together, Rick and Dr. Chiu went over all the options and decided on a monofocal lens, which made the most sense based on Rick's glaucoma, his recent emergency, and what he hoped to get out of the surgery. According to Rick, Dr. Chiu explained everything



*Dr. Bing Chiu, Comprehensive Ophthalmology, Cataracts, Glaucoma*

clearly, made him feel completely comfortable, and the staff was just as great. The whole process was seamless, making scheduling the surgery a breeze.

Rick noted that all went extremely well from the initial consultation to the post-surgery care. He described Dr. Chiu as an incredibly skilled, compassionate, and dedicated professional. When asked for his closing thoughts Rick said, "Dr. Chiu is easily the best surgeon in Bucks County."

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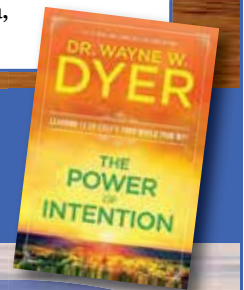
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Make scheduling **regular preventative wellness visits** a priority. These check-ups help detect health issues early when they are easier to treat and manage. Annual physical exams and blood tests can reveal signs of heart conditions, dental problems, diabetes, and kidney disease that may not be obvious. It's also a good time to discuss the best vaccinations and parasite-prevention medications for your pet.

Unaddressed **dental issues** can lead to painful infections and other health problems. Brushing your pet's teeth may sound challenging, but special pet toothbrushes and toothpaste are available to make the process easier. Your pet should also receive regular professional veterinary dental cleanings to remove plaque and tartar from under the gum line where the most damage occurs.

Your pet's **mental health** is as important as their physical



Arlo and Izzy keeping active in our play yard at VCA Neshaminy.

health. Mental stimulation is necessary for dogs and cats to stay happy and avoid destructive behaviors and can also help prevent cognitive issues as

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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](mailto:eacbucks@gmail.com).

**Sunday, May 4, 1:30–4 pm (with speaker at 2 pm), to be held at the Strassburger Farmstead, 407 Keystone Dr. in Sellersville, The Historical Society of Hilltown Township presents "History Lives On: Celebrating Plumstead Township's 300th Anniversary."** Tom Upton of the Plumstead Historical Society, will show his documentary "History Lives On" with historical facts and photos of Plumstead Township, including the Quaker Meetinghouse, Plumsteadville Inn, carriage maker Aaron Kratz, the Doan Gang, the canal, the trolley line and much more. The event is free; Donations appreciated. For more information, visit [www.hilltownhistory.org](http://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](http://www.boroughofnewtown.com/contact-us).

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

**Saturday, May 10, 1 pm, Middletown Senior Citizens Association holds its Cash Bingo fundraiser at Middletown Senior Center, 2142 Trenton Rd. in Levittown.** Doors open at noon. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door if available. Limited to 100 players. Fee includes 10 games

of Bingo (3 cards per sheet) and 4 specials. Extra cards on sale. Cash prizes, raffle baskets, 50/50 tickets, and beverages and snacks will also be available. Tickets on sale now. For more information, call 215-945-2920.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Saturday, May 17, 4:30–7:30 pm, The Episcopal Church Women will sponsor A County Buffet at Grace Episcopal Church, 313 Main St. in Hulmeville,** featuring baked ham, roast chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, scalloped potatoes, pineapple stuffing, a salad bar, and homemade desserts. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$6 for children six to ten; and children under five are free. A raffle will be held for two

tickets to Sight and Sound Theaters' production of "NOAH", which runs through December 31. For more information, call 215-757-6025.

**Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd in Bensalem, the Trevoze Horticultural Society will present "Meeting the Mushrooms: An Intro to the Fascinating World of Fungi" during its monthly meeting.** Guest speaker, Christian Kustra will cover the basics of mycology, the study of fungi. He will explain how mushrooms grow, how to identify wild mushrooms and what purpose they serve in nature. All meetings are open to the public; all are welcome, \$5 to observe. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163, visit [www.trevozegardeners.org](http://www.trevozegardeners.org) or follow us on Facebook.

**Saturday, May 31, 10 am, at the LMT Administrative building, 1100 Edgewood Rd. in Yardley, Mike Weilbacher, noted naturalist, environmentalist, educator and author will present "Microplastics, The Invisible Pollutant".** He will discuss microplastics, found everywhere from the bottom of the sea to our blood. Learn the surprising ways they spread through our environment and what we can do about it. This free FREE event is sponsored by the LMT

Environmental Advisory Council with the participation of the Yardley Refillery. For more information, contact: Dominique Mitchell at [eacbucks@gmail.com](mailto:eacbucks@gmail.com).

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

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

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volunteers and is an opportunity to join the impact of volunteerism and encourage more people to get involved in their communities.

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## Tucker Chiropractic Center hosting free workshop

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

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

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Visit the link: [www.DrDavidTucker.com/TriggerPointWorkshop](http://www.DrDavidTucker.com/TriggerPointWorkshop).

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

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

Directions can be found on the website, [www.DrDavidTucker.com](http://www.DrDavidTucker.com).

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