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Handcrafted Artistry Unveiled!



Yardley resident, Basia Andrusko, displays her Pysanky eggs and eggshell jewelry at the The Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen Members' Showcase at the AOY Art Center in Yardley. See story on page 3.

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Flowers by Jennie Lynne

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

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

Designers were selected through Certified American Grown, an organization dedicated to promoting U.S.-grown flowers and foliage. Every bloom used in the event was donated by flower farms across



all 50 states, making it a true reflection of national beauty and collaboration. A proud advocate of supporting local and American growers, Heather designed with Certified American Grown Flowers for the luncheon, emphasizing her commitment to sustainability and homegrown beauty, bringing national recognition to Flowers by Jennie Lynne.

The accolades don't stop there. Two of the shop's talented designers, Linda Bogarde and Lisa McDermott, have recently achieved CFD (Certified Floral Designer) status, a significant milestone in the floral design profession. This certification, awarded by the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD), recognizes their technical skills, creativity, and professionalism.

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

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

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, reflecting on the venue choice. She shared, "I am a member at AOY, so I've done workshops there and

exhibited there. Since I know the people there, we thought it would be a good venue for this show, which it was."

The showcase 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, a Yardley resident, said. "We had pottery, wood, and furniture. One of our members makes rocking chairs, some sculptural

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Yardley residents and Bucks County Guild of Craftsmen members display their artwork at the Members' Showcase.

1. Lara Ginzberg displays her metal and enamel jewelry (located on the top shelf).
2. Joyce Inderbitzin stands beside her ceramic display.
3. Nancy Allen exhibits her ceramics.

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Martha Washington Garden Club Celebrates 90th Anniversary

story and photos by June Portnoy

The Martha Washington Garden Club (MWGC) recently marked its 90th anniversary with a gala held on March 26 at the Newtown American Legion Hall. One of the many highlights of the day was when Martha Washington (portrayed by Alisa Dupuy) along with her husband, George Washington, presented a special program that delighted the audience with stories about their lives.



Standing is Arlene Gordon, MWGC Program Chairperson and Acting Vice President; with (from left) MWGC member Ann Eidson; and luncheon guests Barbara O'Brien with Renee Ifkovitz.

The gala was a beautiful blend of tradition, creativity, and community spirit, celebrating the club's rich history while reinforcing its commitment to education, horticulture, and civic engagement.

MWGC President Anne Edwards warmly welcomed the more than 100 members and guests in attendance, expressing her gratitude for the overwhelming participation of club members and the stunning display of 30 raffle baskets.

The gala's theme, "Black and White," was interpreted uniquely at each of the 15 tables, where garden club members created elaborate tablescapes. They were permitted to include one accent color to these floral displays, resulting in a dazzling variety of artistic expressions.

Arlene Gordon, MWGC Acting Vice President and Program Chairperson, shared her excitement about this tradition: "Since I started coming to the Martha Washington Garden Club, this gala has really become one of my favorite events, and one of my favorite parts (of this gala) is the table decorations; it gives everyone the opportunity to use their imagination. We all follow the same theme, yet each table is so different, showcasing the creativity of our members."

MWGC member, Jeremy Parry, was instrumental in planning and organizing the gala, which also provided an opportunity to reflect on the club's

evolution over the decades. Gordon highlighted the contrast between the club's early years and today's more relaxed atmosphere. "It used to be much more formal. Life in general was more formal back then. Members would wear hats and gloves, and meetings included coffee and tea service presented on silver trays," she recounted. "To become a member, you had to be nominated and have two letters of recommendation. But while some things have changed, our love for gardening, houseplants, and the outdoors has remained strong."

Long-time members were recognized for their dedication, with bouquets of flowers presented to those who had been part of the club ranging from 26 years all the way up to 52 years. Scrapbooks and memorabilia showcased the club's history, allowing attendees to reminisce about past events and initiatives.

Ruth Logan, a long-time MWGC member, reflected on the club's transformation. "It started with just eight women near Doylestown who displayed what they grew, so the club's emphasis was initially on horticulture. Over the years, we've grown significantly, now with nearly 90 members throughout Bucks County. She noted that for a long time, their meetings took place in Yardley before recently moving to the Newtown American Legion Hall where they continue to be held today.

Regina McHugh, a 26-year member, reminisced about the elegant silver tea set that could be over a century old, which has become a cherished piece of MWGC's history. The tea set remains a symbol of the club's longstanding traditions.

"It's incredible to think that the same teapot and serving pieces that our founding members used are still part of our events today," Edwards remarked. "Every time we bring it out, it feels

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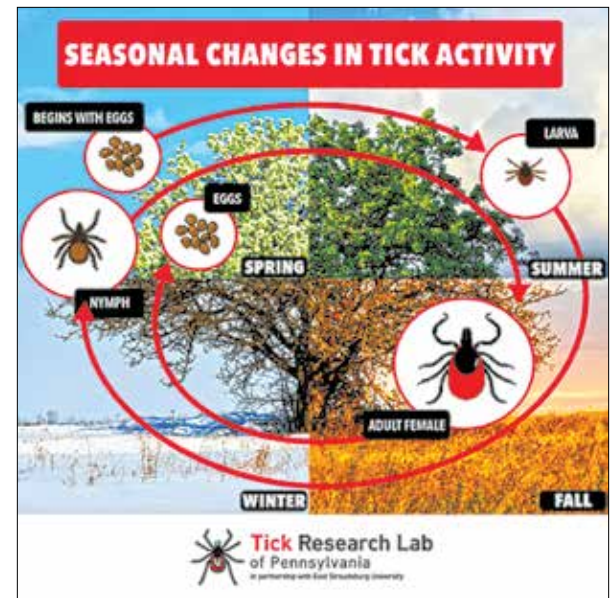
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Makefield Women's Association awards \$24,000 to local non-profit organizations

by Karen Sangillo

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



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

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

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

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

Bucks County Housing Group: Pennel Community Food Pantry serves our most vulnerable population. "We want to thank the association for this generous donation," said Steven Keller, who represented the organization. "Without organizations like this one, without private donations, we would never be able to do what we do. "It's a very humbling experience to be working here and I'm very happy and grateful to be serving the community.

He added, "We have two

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like we're connecting with the generations of women who came before us." The tea set continues to be used at special occasions, bridging past and present in a way that honors MWGC's legacy

One of the most significant aspects of the gala was its role in supporting MWGC's scholarship fund. Cindy Singh, Scholarship Chair, emphasized the impact of these scholarships. "The funds raised from our raffle baskets and gala go directly towards our scholarship fund. Over the next few months, our committee will be reviewing applications and selecting recipients," she explained. "Reading these applications is always inspiring. We see young people passionate about making a positive impact on the environment."

Barbara Heisler, a long-time MWGC member, read a testimonial from her granddaughter, a past scholarship recipient. "Thanks to the Jane Parr and Martha Washington Garden Club scholarships, I am nearing graduation from Temple University with a degree in landscape architecture," the testimonial read. "These funds have made a significant difference in my journey, covering the high costs of materials, books, and printing. The award allowed me to focus on my studies



From left: Betsy Satterthwaite, MWGC member; Dawn Getz, guest and co-tabletop designer; and Anne Edwards, MWGC President and co-tabletop designer host for this table, enjoy lunch together.



From left: Long-term MWGC member Regina McHugh; MWGC member, Lisa Tenney; and Regina's daughter, Ellen McHugh

and creative projects."

The Jane Parr Scholarships, named in honor of a beloved former MWGC member, have been a crucial part of the club's mission to support aspiring horticulturists and environmental scientists. "Jane was an incredibly passionate and knowledgeable gardener," Singh noted. "She inspired so many of us, and we are proud to continue her legacy through these scholarships." Her husband gave this club a generous monetary gift in perpetuity to provide scholarships in Jane Parr's name for the young people in this area.

Beyond scholarships, MWGC has expanded its community outreach through its Chandler Hall Garden Therapy Program. Cindy Singh, who co-chairs the program, shared how it began. "I was volunteering at Chandler Hall as a hospice volunteer, and I mentioned my love for gardening to the activities director. That conversation sparked the idea of bringing garden therapy to the residents."

Now in its second year, the program has flourished, providing meaningful engagement for Chandler Hall residents. "Last year, we ran a ten-week pilot program, and it was a huge success," Singh said. "Residents loved it. Many of them used to garden, but can no longer do so on their own. Bringing gardening back into their lives has been incredibly fulfilling."

Singh described the variety of activities they offer. "We work with sensory elements, using fragrant plants like lavender and marigolds. We've made dried flower arrangements, planted seeds in milk jugs, and even created bird feeders using peanut butter and pine cones."

Rami Cobb, co-chair of the program, highlighted the therapeutic benefits of these activities. "There's a wealth of medical literature that supports the connection between nature and well-being. Engaging with plants stimulates the senses, improves mental and physical health, and fosters social interaction," she explained. "When residents see the plants on the table, their eyes light up. It's truly heartwarming to witness."

The program operates weekly from April through June, with volunteers working one-on-one with residents. "We have about 17 volunteers from MWGC," Singh noted. "Chandler Hall rotates groups so more residents get a chance to participate."

In addition to the gala and community outreach efforts, MWGC

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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.

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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

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

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

When it gets hot outside, particularly if moisture has made its way into your chimney, the deposits in the liner can emit a sour odor, which makes its way into your home's interior. Your home will smell fresher when you have a clean fireplace and chimney.

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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! OMGLocalLife.com—your new home for local news!



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Ahhh, some homeowners say, "...I need a computer-generated drawing!"

But, where does the design come from?

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Many elements together create an opinion of the space, especially how it is to be used, which is custom, and uniquely specific to the homeowner's needs and wants.

A skilled designer will learn about the homeowner, learn about the family's

requirements for the space, and combined with acquired experience of materials and market availability, apply learned particulars keeping in mind the homeowner's budget.

The skilled designer will capture all of this information to form an opinion about space for the best use to the homeowner.

A design perspective is created in the

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mind's eye first! How will the designer bring the perspective to life for the homeowner's understanding?

The details are usually hand-sketched-to-scale first, then can be computer-generated for a 2D vision. A 3D relief sculpture is rarely ever required.

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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

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

In response to this growing need, Sauers Cares has evolved into Drive and Thrive, a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to providing transportation programs that empower individuals to achieve independence and stability. Through

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Here in our area, the risk of flooding is more real than many realize. Heavy spring rains combined with saturated soil and rising rivers can turn a peaceful yard into a costly mess overnight. And sadly, standard home-

owners insurance doesn't cover flood damage. That's why now, at the start of this rainy season, is the perfect time to ask yourself: Do I have flood insurance?

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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.

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As Rosenello's Windows, Siding and Roofing celebrates 40 years in business, the company continues to lead the way in exterior home improvements throughout the region. Known for top-tier service and lasting results, Rosenello's is proud to spotlight one of the most transformative services they offer: siding replacement.

While many know Rosenello's for their expert window installations, siding has become one of the most impactful ways the team helps homeowners refresh and protect their homes. Offering a wide range of high-performance siding options—from classic vinyl to beautiful cedar impressions—Rosenello's combines curb appeal with long-term durabil-



ity. Their experienced installers ensure every panel is placed with precision, enhancing energy efficiency, moisture protection, and the overall value of the home.

"Siding is more than just an exterior finish," says the Rosenello's team. "It's your home's first defense against the elements, and one of the biggest ways to boost its appearance." Whether it's a full-home replacement or a customized update, Rosenello's works with each client to find

the perfect style and material for their needs and budget.

Although windows may be what brought many homeowners through their doors, siding has become a standout service that perfectly reflects the company's dedication to quality, innovation, and cus-

tomers satisfaction.

After 40 years, Rosenello's remains a family-run business built on strong values, skilled craftsmanship, and a genuine passion for improving homes across the community.

For more information, call 215-244-3993 or visit rosenelloswindows.com.

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 pro-

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Tyler Park Center for the Arts

Celebrate creativity

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

Among this year's featured artists is Barbara Neale, who has spent the past 17 years working with fused glass. Also known as warm glass, this art form involves cutting and layering pieces of glass that are then melted in a kiln to create a unified piece. Barbara has attended many workshops of warm glass artists and is a



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

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.

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

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A clean filter is essential for maintaining good indoor air quality, especially during spring when allergens like pollen are at their peak. Depending on the type of filter

your system uses, upkeep can be simple but impactful.

Know Your Filter Type

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

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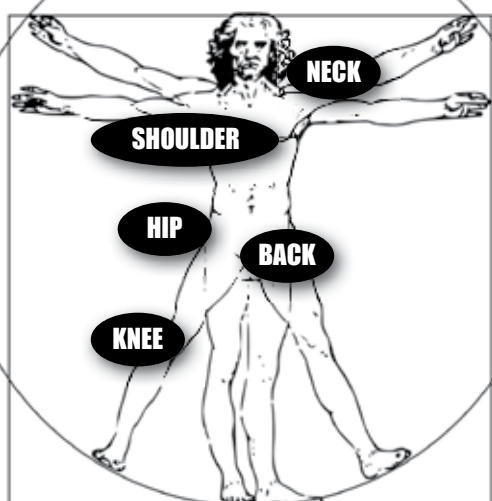
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enabling them to access employment, medical care, and other vital services.

"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 commu-



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

nity partners.

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

Garden Club

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continues to offer engaging monthly programs for its members. Gordon shared insights into the club's upcoming plans. "We always aim to provide diverse and educational programming. Our monthly meetings feature guest speakers, hands-on workshops, and seasonal gardening activities," she said.

Monthly programs, usually presented by local guest speakers, are varied ranging from flower arrangements, elderberry products, composting, and even learning about bats. The May meeting will feature a local farmer who will talk about gardening and planting seeds.

Gordon emphasized that MWGC welcomes all levels of gardening enthusiasts.

"Some members are seasoned gardeners, while others are just starting out. Our goal is to create a space where everyone can learn, share, and be inspired," Gordon added. "It's about more than just plants; it's about building a community around a shared passion."

Whether through scholarships, garden therapy, or educational programming, MWGC continues to cultivate a love for gardening in the community.

For more information about MWGC and its programs, visit their Facebook page or email mwgc@ymail.com. Scholarship applications are open until May 1, with awards to be presented in June.

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PA Cyber Charter School

Elementary student inspires family to start flavored ice business

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

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

“We have 30 flavors,” says

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



Everette’s goal for Ellwood Ice is to “make people happy.”

“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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food pantries in Bucks County; one is in Pennel and one in Doylestown. We serve about 300 families, which translates into about 1,000 people. We also have low income housing all over Bucks County.”

The Yardley-Makefield Fire Company is the sole provider of fire protection for the businesses and residents of Lower Makefield and Yardley Borough and is completely composed of volunteers. The company was represented by president Larry Newman and firefighter/EMT Lt. MacKenzie Crain. “This organization has been so good to us, and we are very grateful,” Newman said.

The fire company recently acquired a high water rescue truck which is capable of driving in standing water up to four feet high. “The money that we receive is going to help us equip

this rescue truck,” Newman said. “This will help us to save lives and we just can’t thank you enough.”

Scholarship recipient, Gauri Barot, will be attending Rutgers University next year and plans to pursue a PharmD degree. She is the co-founder of Falcons for Homeless, organizing fundraisers and essential care packages for the homeless in Philadelphia. She has also been involved in helping Pennsbury students obtain prom attire through Cinderella’s Closet; participating in Falcons for Orphans, a club that brings care to orphans; and through Futures for Families she has helped families find homes.

In addition, during COVID, she co-founded the All Smiles Club, a program that provided activities to entertain youth. Since that time, they have shifted to in-person activities such as swim lessons and

tennis. “I love helping the community and I’m very honored to receive this scholarship, and very grateful,” she said.

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

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

Volunteer-Run W DVR Radio Station expands with new frequency

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

In conjunction with its 35 th anniversary on the air, W DVR community public radio station is expanding its listener base with the addition of a new frequency. WPNJ-FM 90.7 in Harmony Township, NJ has gone live, serving to “improve and increase our on-air signal reach in southern and central Warren County, New Jersey and also in the eastern Pennsylvania communities along the river,” according to W DVR board member Chris Poh, who hosts

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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.

SSAAM announces Juneteenth 2025: Stories of Freedom



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

Event Highlights:

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

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- Guided tours of Mt. Zion AME Church and SSAAM's Heritage Garden
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by Tom Carroll Sr

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John's experience goes far beyond the borders of Upper Makefield. As an internationally certified fire and explosion investigator, he has investigated over 1,000 fires, including multi-million-dollar losses, fire fatalities, and post-blast explosions. His work has taken him across the United States and internationally to Canada, Great Britain, Bahrain, and Kuwait.

Yet, despite his global experience, he has remained committed to protecting his neighbors of Upper Makefield.

Beyond his fire marshal duties, John has played a critical role in fire safety education, emergency management, and forensic investigations. He has trained professionals worldwide, advised on fire code regulations, and contributed to fire science programs in the US and abroad. His expertise has been recognized at the highest levels, including a special commendation from the Fire Department of New York for his volunteer efforts at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

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AOY Art Center

"Paint Our River Towns" exhibition opens May 17

The AOY Art Center/Art Gallery is delighted to announce the opening of the highly anticipated 2025 Plein Air Exhibition, featuring outdoor artworks created by some 50 talented artists from the greater Bucks County region and within a 35-mile radius of Yardley.

For the past two weeks, local artists have been "painting the towns" as part of the "Paint Our River Towns" Plein Air Open. Artists have captured scenes throughout the Delaware Valley including Tyler State Park, Lake Anton, Core Creek, Washington Crossing State Park, Historic Newtown, Yardley, Historic Fallsington, Langhorne, and many other picturesque locations throughout the area. The results of their work will be on exhibition at AOY Art Center beginning Saturday, May 17 from 12 - 5 pm and then Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through June 1. Interested individuals can also view and purchase artwork at the online gallery 24/7 at aoyarts.org.

Plein air painting, a French term meaning "in the open," refers to the practice of creating art outdoors, capturing the essence and beauty of natural landscapes. This exhibition celebrates the tradition and artistry of plein air painting, showcasing a diverse range of styles and techniques that highlight the artists' connection to the environment.

Each artist can submit up to three of their best works to the exhibition. Those works will be judged and awarded prizes by renowned and award-winning plein air artist Beth Bathe of Lancaster. Ms. Bathe has primarily been painting in oil en plein air since 2013. She participates in high profile competitions from Maine to Washington state, including Plein Air Easton, Door County WI, Cape Ann MA, Lighthouse Art Center FL, Paint Annapolis, MD, and others.

The exhibition features over 120 original artworks that will inspire and engage art enthusiasts of all ages. From picturesque landscapes to scenes of our communities, boroughs, and parks,



the collection captures the splendor of nature, architecture, and human interaction with the surroundings.

AOY Art Center is located at 949 Mirror Lake Rd. in Lower Makefield on the Patterson Farm. The gallery is open to the public at no cost and is hosted by the participating artists.

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

by June Portnoy

As National Foster Care Month approaches this May, the dedicated volunteers of Fostering Hope Lower Bucks are

working tirelessly to support children and families impacted by the foster care system. With a mission to provide essential resources and restore dignity to children in foster care, Fos-

tering Hope has expanded to 11 chapters, with Lower Bucks being the 9th, established in 2023.

Jenae Travia, Chapter Coordinator, explains, "Our main goal is to serve any of the youth whether they are experiencing foster care or kinship placement. We also help children being reunited with their biological families, children aging out of the system—anyone who

has been touched by foster care—to relieve the burden of being able to get what they need and to give children the dignity they deserve."

Fostering Hope Lower Bucks was born from a simple act of generosity. Administrator Sarah Burstein recalls, "Jenae and I go way back. One day, I had a basement full of little kids' clothes and baby gear


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



(top row, from left) Brian Bovasso, Volunteer Consultant; Sarah Burstein, Administrator; Jenae Travia, Chapter Coordinator; Anne Munoz-Furlong, Volunteer Consultant; and (bottom row, from left) Amanda Collier, Program Support Coordinator; and Sandy Lee, Fundraising Coordinator, gather at the Lower Bucks Foster-Share Closet in Newtown.



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Soroptimists present Annual Community Service Awards

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

The evening's program began with the presentation of the Violet Richardson Award to Claire Titus. Claire is a sopho-

more 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



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.

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

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- ¾ cup granulated sugar
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- 1 package (16 ounces) refrigerated jumbo biscuits, each biscuit sliced ½" thick crosswise
- 1 cup raspberry preserves
- 2 teaspoons orange zest



1. Preheat 3-quart or larger air fryer to 400° for 5 minutes. In wide, shallow dish, whisk sugar and cinnamon; place butter in second wide, shallow dish.
2. Spray both sides of biscuit pieces with cooking spray. In 3 batches, air fry biscuit pieces 5 minutes or until golden brown, carefully turning once; carefully dip in

butter to coat, then in sugar mixture to coat and place on serving platter. Makes about 48 fries.

3. In small bowl, whisk preserves and zest. Makes about 1 cup.
4. Serve fries with preserves mixture for dipping.

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

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

The evening's next award—the Women Helping Women Award—was presented to Kristin McElroy, the Deputy District Attorney for Bucks County. Kristin joined the District Attorney's office in 2012 and is the 2018 Rosner Award recipient for exceptional public service, professionalism, and integrity. She has been a member of the Bucks County Special Victims Division since joining the office, and currently is the Chief of Adult Sex Crimes. In addition, she serves on the Bucks Coalition Against Trafficking (BCAT),

a NOVA project whose mission is to eradicate human trafficking in Bucks County through victim identification, community education, enhancement of arrests and prosecution of traffickers, legislative advocacy, and a coordinated response of survivor services.

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

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

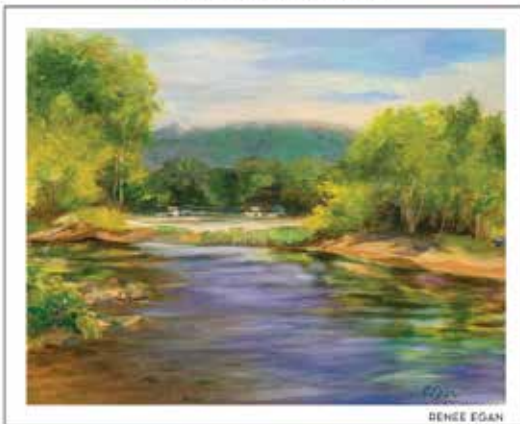
shooter protocols, runs the Fresh Start Pantry and Closet at seven district schools that provides food and clothing to kids in need, and presents the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in schools. She is the vice-president of the Middletown Community Foundation which supports all these projects 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

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Kona Compost

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

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

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

Why should you compost? The answer is quite simple, food waste doesn't belong in the landfill. It's a resource that can be turned into a nutrient

dense amendment for gardens helping to build soil and reduce the need to use fertilizer. When food waste is thrown out, it does not break down and instead creates the greenhouse gas, methane, which is harmful to the environment.

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

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Pearl S. Buck International names Cheryl Castro as new president & CEO

The Board of Directors of Pearl S. Buck International has named Cheryl Castro as its new President & CEO. Castro, who has a long history with the organization, most recently served as Interim President & CEO, a role she was appointed to by the Board in May 2024. Prior to that, she served as Vice Chair of the Pearl S. Buck International Board of Directors.

Castro joined the Pearl S. Buck International Board of Directors in March 2021. She is the owner and former president of The Up Agency, a Perkasie-based marketing agency dedicated to helping businesses that are making the world better. She was previously Vice President of Parlee & Co. Marketing and co-owner of Aaron Mitchell Photography. Castro has been an avid ambassador for Pearl S. Buck International for more than 15 years, and active member of the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce since 2007. Castro holds a BS in Psychology from Temple University.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my distinct honor

to welcome Cheryl as our new President and Chief Executive Officer," said Pearl S. Buck International Board Chair Falesha Grasty in a statement. "We are confident that her extensive experience and visionary leadership will propel our organization to unprecedented levels of success and innovation. Under her stewardship, we are committed to remaining a steadfast community pillar in our ever-evolving environment while faithfully upholding the mission of Pearl S. Buck International. We eagerly anticipate supporting her as she guides us into a promising future, achieving remarkable milestones together."

Castro stated, "It is an honor to be chosen to lead this fantastic organization, and to not only further Pearl's mission but also incorporate in new visions to help create a more compassionate and understanding world, needed today more than ever. By educating the community about different cultures, offering educational field trips and tours, and providing families and businesses the opportunity



to sponsor humanitarian aid for children around the world, we are already making a difference. Now we need to expand our reach even more. It's an ambitious mission, but to quote Pearl S. Buck herself, 'All things are possible until they are proved impossible - and even the impossible may only be so, as of now.'"

Pearl S. Buck International, whose headquarters are in Hilltown, Bucks County, is an international non-profit organization that carries out the cross-cultural, educational, and humanitarian legacy of its founder, Nobel and Pulitzer

Prize-winning writer Pearl S. Buck through humanitarian aid to children, families, and communities throughout seven countries in Asia and Africa; through collaboration with like-minded organizations to provide intercultural education, programming and activities to the local community; and through tours of Ms. Buck's former home, now the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark Museum.

Castro's appointment to this new role is effective March 17, 2025. For more information on Pearl S. Buck International, visit pearlsbuck.org.

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



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.

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

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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, their collaborative painting "Camelback Bridge Over the Delaware Canal" will be on display for silent auction, as well as a second group painting, "Limes for Lyme". The highest bidder will be notified at the end of June. Posters and note cards of other student collaborative paintings, "Springtime at Tyler Park" and "Sunset over Schofield Ford Covered Bridge," will also be on sale.



Young artists add finishing touches to "Camelback Bridge Over the Delaware Canal" on silent auction for PaLyme.org. (Note: The artists are from Newtown, and the bridge in the painting is located in Yardley).

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

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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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that I wanted to donate. Jenae helped me clean it out, and we stumbled upon the Upper Bucks Chapter of Fostering Hope. They mentioned how families and caseworkers in Lower Bucks needed more accessible support. And just like that, our chapter was born."

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

Fostering Hope Lower Bucks operates through four primary initiatives:

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

2. Dignity Duffles. Far too often, children in foster care are handed a trash bag to carry their belongings when moving between homes. Fostering Hope seeks to change that by providing duffle bags instead. "These kids deserve dignity," Travia states. "Instead of carrying their possessions in a trash bag, they have something sturdy and reliable."

3. Bags of Hope. Each child entering foster care receives a string bag filled with full-size toiletries, personal hygiene products, and comforting items. "Imagine being removed from your home with no time to grab essentials," says Anne Munoz-Furlong, Volunteer Consultant. "We take for granted things like shampoo, toothbrushes,

and deodorant, but these kids need them."

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

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

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

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

For Burstein, the impact of their work is personal. "This experience has opened up a whole new world of incredible,

generous people in our community. Seeing how much people are willing to give—whether it's time, donations, or support—has been truly inspiring."

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

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- **Microchipping:** To enhance the chances of reuniting lost pets with their owners, the clinic provides microchipping services, ensuring your pet's safety and your peace of mind.

Clients commend Pets Furst for their compassionate care and efficient service. One pet owner shared, "From start to finish, everybody was exceptional."

For more information or to inquire about services, contact Pets Furst Urgent Care at 215-755-1000. No appointment is necessary; walk-ins are welcome during operating hours.

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pieces. I write Pysanky Ukrainian eggs. We have five or six jewelers who work in different media. We had one woman who does sculptural wood, which was amazing. We had some watercolor paintings. We had someone who does inkwork. So, we had quite a variety of works on display."

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

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

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

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

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 exhibit was promoted primarily through social media and local advertising, including yard signs and outreach by the AOY Art Center. "AOY usually has a very good following of people who come to all the events held there, so they advertised it on their email and on their social media," Andrusko explained. 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 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.

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

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

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

Dr. Lindsey Rutherford Sides, Bucks IU Supervisor of STEAM Education, stated, "Investments in the Fab Lab are making a real, tangible difference in the lives of students and educators across our community. Support is not just an investment in the Fab Lab—it's an investment in the next generation of

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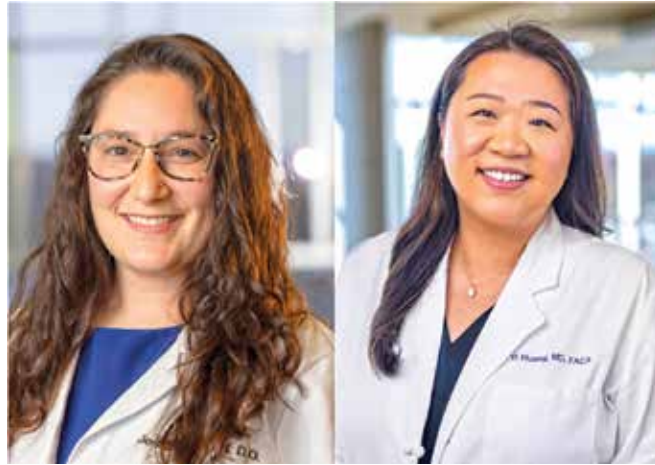
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Before joining Capital Health, Dr. Huang was a breast surgeon and director of the breast program at Jefferson Health – Northeast in Philadelphia. After finishing her general surgery residency at Northwell North Shore – Long Island Jewish Medical Center 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.

spot light

Eye Associates Of Bucks County

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

Following a thorough examination, Dr. Chiu determined that having cataract surgery

would greatly increase Rick's quality of life. Given the outstanding glaucoma care he received and the 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 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."

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

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quality of life, EABC looks forward to hearing from you. Call Eye Associates of Bucks County at 833-921-6200 or visit www.centerforeyes.com to schedule an appointment.

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two music programs.

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

doo wop and blues tunes.

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

The station broadcasts throughout Hunterdon, Mercer,

Somerset and Warren counties in New Jersey; and Bucks, Montgomery, Northampton and Lehigh counties in Pennsylvania and streaming globally via WDVRFM.org and many popular radio apps.

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

"We're moving that station to a mountaintop in Warren County, New Jersey," Poh

said, adding that between the new station and existing W294BQ-FM 106.7, the station will continue to "blanket" Easton. "We have good listener-ship in Easton."

Having grown from the original 500-watt standalone terrestrial station to an operation that now includes internet broadcasting along with several

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DEd, BCN, PA Licensed Psychol-
ogist, PA/NJ Certified School
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with ADHD throughout his
school career. He was taking

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having poor sleep onset.
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having poor organizational
skills, experiencing memory
problems, forgetting to do his
homework, and where he put
his homework.

Other issues being reported
included being easily distracted,
forgetful, not completing tasks,
and having difficulty learning.
He also wanted "a more effi-

cient brain," to focus better and
be better organized. Being in
high school, he also wanted to
have better social skills. He felt
very discouraged about making
any progress in his life because
of the struggles he was going
through.

As part of his intake, Nicky
took a continuous performance
test which identified audi-
tory and visual attention and
impulsivity. These results were
consistent with what he was
reporting about his attention
and impulsivity issues.

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session Nicky reported that he
slept better, felt less hyper, and
had better concentration. He
indicated he had a feeling of
well-being. He also reported
feeling like he was moving in
slow motion.

Nicky continues with neuro-
feedback and counseling at our

office. He is smiling more and is
earning better grades at school,
which is very encouraging to
him. He is excited about com-
pleting high school and thinking
positively about college and a
future career.

As Nicky continues with neu-
rofeedback and counseling, he
is experiencing more consistent
progress. He is also extremely
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United Way's HELP Center celebrates 5 years of serving Bucks County

United Way of Bucks Coun-
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its 5th anniversary, marking five
years of providing brand-new
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in need. This milestone coin-
cides with National Volunteer
Month, making it the perfect
time for community members
and businesses to get involved.

The HELP Center (a Healthy
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ration between United Way of
Bucks County, Bucks County
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lifeline for thousands of Bucks
County residents and over 120
community partners – including

schools, faith-based groups,
and nonprofits – by providing
essential items like hygiene
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ing, and food.

Many of the HELP Center's
shoppers are ALICE (Asset
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Employed), meaning they work,
but still struggle to afford the
basics. Among these shoppers,
58% work in essential, front-line
sectors like healthcare, educa-
tion, and human services.

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

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Dr. Mike Wojton

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ing resources reach those who
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"We are incredibly proud of
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over the past five years," says
Sheri Ratner, Impact Director for
the HELP Center. "What started
as a response to a clear need in
our community has become a
vital resource for thousands of
Bucks County residents. But we
can't do it alone – volunteers
and community partners make
this work possible."

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resident who has been volun-
teering since 2021, shares,
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nity. In uncertain times, it is
important to be there for our
neighbors who are struggling,
and the HELP Center does so
much."

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For more information on Vitahealth Infusions, located at 45 E Afton Ave. in Yardley, visit vitahealthinfusions.com.

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satellite-FM transmitters in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania, the costs to run the community-funded station and off-site infrastructure have continued to spiral.

In response, WDVR is kicking off a fundraising drive on May 5, which will continue through May 18. Sometime following the drive, two open houses are planned to allow community members to tour the station and pick up swag in exchange for their donations. The open houses are tentatively planned for late spring or early summer, Poh said.

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

To learn more or contribute to WDVR's fundraising drive, please visit wdvrfm.org/donate-2025

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problem-solvers, creators, and innovators. When students are in this space, they are not just learning—they're becoming engineers, designers, and innovators right before our eyes."

The Fab Lab makes STEAM learning interactive, engaging, and hands-on. Through immersive experiences and cutting-edge tools, students develop creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills that prepare them for success.

During the event, current and future partners experienced the Fab Lab's latest technology, including the new Immersive Reality (IR) room where they piloted a fighter jet, explored

the ocean depths, and marveled at the northern lights. Others tested their skills flying drones—learning firsthand that it's harder than it looks!

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

Lindsay Pikovsky attended the event to express how much the Fab Lab programs can make a difference. Her child is a regular participant at the Fab Lab Center, loves STEAM activ-

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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 volun-

teers 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

Tucker Chiropractic Center hosting free workshop

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

Online attendees will learn how to apply these techniques in

the comfort of their own home.

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

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

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

The Center is located right

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

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Friends Village

Celebrating the month of May: Honoring our older Americans

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

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

"Flip the Script on Aging" encourages everyone to reconsider what it means to age in today's world. Older adults are business owners, volunteers, caregivers, mentors, and community leaders. By embracing their talents, experience, and potential, we can reshape societal perceptions and create more inclusive, supportive communities for people of all ages. Throughout May, Friends Village will choose an activity and participate in events and activities that celebrate older Americans. From senior games to storytelling events, these activities foster meaningful connections and honor the diverse experiences of older adults.

This May, Friends Village will continue with our Yoga for Seniors classes that run twice

a week, along with our Senior Planet classes that will be covering everything from Cloud Storage, Google Workspace, Google Drive, Google photos, and Smartphone Photography. On May 13 we are also running a very special presentation by Linda Polgar that explores the unique beauty, craftsmanship, and cultural appreciation of Japanese Textiles.

As we celebrate Older Americans Month this May, let's remember that aging is not just about adding years to life — it's about adding life to years. By honoring the wisdom, resilience, and contributions of older adults, we affirm the vital role they play in shaping our communities, families, and futures. Together, let's flip the



script on aging, embrace new perspectives, and continue creating spaces where people of all ages feel valued, connected, and empowered.

Here's to a month of celebration, meaningful connection, and gratitude for the incredible older adults who enrich our

lives in countless ways. For more information about Friends Village, please visit www.friends-village.org, call 215-968-3346 or attend our upcoming open house on May 21 from 2-4pm at Friends Village, Styer Campus, 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown.

Pennsbury senior wins BCCC short fiction contest

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

for her story "The Lake."

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

Sophia Ogden, a junior at Pennridge High School in

Perkasie, took third place for "On the Corner of Turpin and Thistledown."

Dr. Cecile Kandl Anderson of the College's School of Language and Literature, which runs the contest, made the

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Juniper Village at Bucks County

A vibrant community for active seniors

In the heart of Bucks County, Juniper Village offers a warm and welcoming environment designed to nurture the spirit of life. This senior living community provides a range of lifestyle options, including independent living, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing.

Juniper Communities is

known for its award-winning care, fostering an atmosphere where residents thrive throughout all seasons of life. Juniper's *Connect4Life* program integrates on-site services of primary care, therapy, pharmacy, and personal assistance to streamline healthcare and enhance quality of life.

Residents enjoy a rich calendar of events, from fitness classes and art workshops to social outings and lifelong learning opportunities. The

vibrant programs encourage connection and engagement, while the beautifully landscaped grounds and cozy shared spaces make it easy to relax or catch up with friends and family.

Juniper Village at Bucks County offers multiple dining venues. With fresh, chef-prepared meals served daily, residents can savor nutritious and delicious food in a restaurant-style setting that caters to individual preferences and

dietary needs.

Whether you or a loved one is looking for an active, worry-free lifestyle or specialized care support, Juniper Village at Bucks County stands out as a trusted choice for senior living.

For more information or to schedule a tour, visit JuniperVillage.com or call their local Bucks County location at 215-752-2370.

Pennsbury senior

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final selections. The winners will receive certificates and awards of \$200, \$100, and \$50, respectively.

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

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

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

"Well-crafted details create an experience wherein the reader feels like they, too, are trapped in the snow. Rich imagery and memorable characterization demonstrate the author's

ability to spin a tale that is certainly worthy of recognition."

Ogden's story "On the Corner of Turpin and Thistledown" is about a magical building that a woman returns to throughout her life. "We see how beautifully elevated language, which recalls Austen, addresses the reader rather formally," Anderson noted. "The author demonstrates a deft ability to

move the character throughout her life, from young womanhood, to newlywed, to mother, to widow. Additionally, the story brilliantly considers how a neighborhood evolves over a generation—or more."

Bucks County Community College's School of Language and Literature runs two short fiction contests each spring: one for high school students,

and one for Bucks County residents 18 and older. For more information, contact the contest coordinator Professor Elizabeth Luciano at Elizabeth.Luciano@bucks.edu.

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JUNIPER

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.hilltownhistory.org.

Thursday, May 8, 7–9 pm at the Chancellor Center, 30 N Chancellor St. in Newtown, Newtown Borough and Newtown Township will sponsor, “Native Plants, Thriving Habitats: How You Can Help.” Krista McCook from Homegrown National Park will share how anyone—whether they have acres of land or just a few potted plants—can contribute to ecological restoration. (Krista will be joining via Zoom.). Also, Diane Smith from Bucks County Audubon Society at Honey Hollow will speak in person about native flowers that you can grow and protect to keep pollinators happy and healthy. Plus, Gino’s Native Nursery will be raffling off a \$50 gift certificate! Reserve your spot at www.boroughofnewtown.com/contact-us.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Fab Lab

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ities, and benefits from access to equipment that supports diverse interests and advancing skills. They even celebrated the child’s 10th birthday at the Fab Lab. Pikovsky shared, “The kids absolutely loved it! They had so much fun immersed in the activities that they didn’t even realize they were learning STEAM skills.”

Deanna Boyer and Meghan Leinhauser, representatives from Dow, attended the event to reinforce the company’s commitment to the Fab Lab and to developing a skilled future workforce. “Dow is dedicated to creating educational pipelines for highly trained professionals. Supporting the Fab Lab aligns perfectly with our mission—we hope to inspire and educate future Dow employees,” they stated.

Become a partner with the Fab Lab and help shape the future of STEAM education in Bucks County! Individuals and families are invited to donate to the Fab Lab, and businesses are encouraged to join the new



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

Corporate Partners Program. No contribution is too small—every dollar helps fund vital programs, provide hands-on learning experiences, and empower the next generation of innovators, creators, and STEAM leaders. Learn more or donate at: www.BucksIU.org/FabLab/Get-Involved.

ABOUT THE BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT FAB LAB: Launched in 2019, the Mobile Fab Lab program began

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

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