

# Morrisville TIMES



## District Art Show Highlights Talent

During this year's 70th Annual Pennsbury District Art Show, Morrisville's Izzie Miller participates in the live art demonstrations, showcasing her acrylic painting. See story on page 2.

Photo by Mimi Black



# A legacy of creativity at Pennsbury School District's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show

by June Portnoy

The Pennsbury School District marked a major milestone this May with its 70th Annual Pennsbury District Art Show at the PHS East Gymnasium. Held from May 6 through May 8, the show celebrated seven decades of student artistry with thousands of artworks from kindergarten through 12th grade, dazzling installations, and new interactive experiences that captivated students and families.

"This year's show is extra special," said Blair Greiner, Art Coordinator for Pennsbury School District and veteran art educator of 26 years. "We're celebrating our 70th anniversary, and it's been incredible to watch this event grow. What started as an 'art fair' has evolved into a comprehensive showcase of both 2D and 3D works, including drawings, paintings, sculptures, mixed media, photography, digital art, and even stained glass."

One of the most talked-about features of this year's show was the K-5 Celebration Tunnel, a glowing black-light installation featuring artwork from every student in kindergarten through 5th grade. Inside the darkened tunnel, visitors were immersed in a glowing wonderland of colorful creations illuminating the walls and ceilings.

Meanwhile, students in grades 6 through 8 contributed to a stunning installation overhead with hand-drawn outlines of their hands and names arranged to form a giant "70" on the gym's ceiling.

Another highlight was the introduction of live art demonstrations, a new initiative led by members of the National Art Honor Society. High school students painted, sculpted, and threw pottery on wheels in the center of the gym while attendees observed the creative process firsthand.

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*Scenes of Morrisville students at art show (from top): Laveena D'Costa presents her tree landscape. Madeline Greif stands by her study of observational illusions and acrylic painting. Renee Szymanski exhibits her study of lines/shapes.*

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# SCORE's small business mentoring, resources help military veterans succeed

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## Morrisville resident is one of two BCCC students named to All-PA Academic Team

Two Bucks County Community College students have been named to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team by the Pennsylvania Association for Community Colleges. Adrian Tyrk, a chemistry major from Morrisville, along with Jessica Waterstradt, a social science major from Quakertown, were congratulated by Dr. Patrick M. Jones, President & CEO of the College. The members of the Class of 2025 were selected for their high academic achievements – each has a GPA of 3.5 or higher – and their service to the College and the community. The recognition includes a two-year tuition waiver at any one of the 10 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Adrian, a Morrisville resident who is graduating in May with an associate degree in chemistry, plans to transfer to an Ivy League university to study biochemistry and molecular biology.



Adrian Tyrk is congratulated by Dr. Patrick M. Jones, President & CEO of Bucks County Community College, after he was named to the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team by the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges.

## Airforce JROTC Cadet honored by the Washington Crossing Chapter SAR

On April 24, the Pennsbury High School Airforce Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) Unit PA-20171, held its annual awards ceremony. The AFJROTC program at Pennsbury High School was the first unit of its kind established in Pennsylvania in 2017. Cadet Kema Brown was recognized by the Washington Crossing Chapter Sons of the American Revolution

(SAR) with the SAR Bronze JROTC medal, certificate and SAR challenge coin. This cadet was chosen by Aerospace Science Instructor, Retired Airforce Technical Sergeant Chauncey Ivey, as the recipient of this award based on her superior leadership abilities, military bearing and academic excellence. Cadet Brown was selected to serve in a leadership role in the Company.

This outstanding Cadet exemplifies the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. Past Washington Crossing Chapter President and Veteran Committee Chairman Bill Hampton processed the award package. Chapter Veteran's Committee member Kevin Treiber presented the award to Cadet Brown.



From left: Kevin Treiber, Chapter Veteran's Committee, and Cadet Kema Brown. Photo taken by SAR member Shane Treiber.

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## Kenderdine's Heating Oil & HVAC

*Spring allergies got you down? Your AC filter might be to blame*

Spring brings sunshine, fresh air, and for many of us, sniffles and sneezes. While you may be quick to blame blooming trees and high pollen counts, your indoor air could be part of the problem. If your AC filter hasn't been changed or cleaned recently, it might be circulating allergens instead of keeping them out.

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ness five-year survival rate for veterans is double that of the non-veteran population.

Data from the U.S. Small Business Administration has shown that small business owners with an established mentor have twice the success rate – 70 percent versus 35 percent – as those who do not have a mentor.

In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month in May, SCORE, a national non-profit organization that assists small businesses, has developed specific resources for use by its 10,000 mentors nationally in mentoring veterans.

The SCORE Veterans Small Business Resource Guide features veterans-specific resources to offer insight on developing a business plan, securing funding, starting a business, buying an existing business, buying a franchise, connecting with one of SCORE's volunteer mentors, and gaining a better understanding of business through webinars and workshops.

"Volunteering at SCORE is my way of showing appreciation to those who helped and guided me during my career while sharing my background and experience to help entrepreneurs succeed," said SCORE Mid-Atlantic Regional Vice President Ed Coleman.

"While I enjoy working with all SCORE clients, as a U.S. Army veteran, I particularly enjoy working with veterans to translate their military experience into entrepreneurship. Helping clients realize their dreams is very gratifying and the essence of the SCORE mission."

SCORE Bucks County Chapter Co-Chair Leah Cianfrani said mentors continually expand their knowledge base to better assist veterans on their entrepreneurial journey.

"Military transitioning from active duty have different needs than civilians in terms of starting a business," said Cianfrani. "It's wonderful to have veterans' resources at our volunteers' fingertips to aid in

mentoring our service men and women."

Veterans account for about 10 percent of SCORE's client base. Veterans own 10 percent of small businesses and 14 percent of franchises. Since franchisors have a defined plan of what the business should entail, veterans represent the perfect franchisee given their ability to effectively execute plans as intended.

Nationally, veterans own nearly 2 million businesses, employing more than 5 million Americans, and generating more than \$1 trillion in annual income. Of those, 40 percent of veteran-owned businesses generate more than \$500,000 in annual revenue.

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## Choosing more than school can offer

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Many arrive after feeling frustrated or disconnected from school and find relief, encouragement, and a fresh start. Fueled by curiosity and supported by experienced mentors and a caring peer community, teens design their own educational paths. At BLC, teens take classes and join workshops in subjects that interest them, go on excursions into the wider world and participate in internships that connect learning to

life. With support from staff and their families, alumni have gone on to colleges like Temple, Penn State, and Bard, while others launch businesses, learn trades, or enter professions like aviation and medicine.

Community engagement is a cornerstone of BLC's model. Students participate in monthly service projects, such as volunteering at the United Way Help Center in

Bristol, creating care packages at the Uplift Center for Grieving Children in Philadelphia, and helping preserve local landmarks like Historic Fallsington and Slate Hill Cemetery.

For the past 10 years, local therapists and educational experts have recommended BLC as a place for teens who may be frustrated with traditional school, including the bright but bored, the school avoidant, kids who may be socially isolated, and more. Such kids have found that BLC's personalized education plans let them thrive.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, BLC is committed to access and equity. Financial assistance is available, and families are encouraged to schedule a visit or trial day to see the model in action.

Learn more at [www.buckslearningcooperative.org](http://www.buckslearningcooperative.org).

*Bucks Learning Cooperative teens clean up Burlington Island as part of Spearhead Project Earth™*

# Pennsbury Manor adopts new rescue horse: Norway

## Norway, a former racing horse, joins Pennsbury from a Colorado "kill pen"

Pennsbury Manor, William Penn's reconstructed estate on the Delaware River in Bucks County, welcomes Norway, a recently rescued racing horse, to its educational barnyard.

Norway Hanover, is a retired Trotter for the Standardbred harness racing industry, who raced across the US and Canada. These horses often end up in cramped and unhealthy "kill pens" until they can be auctioned for slaughter. Norway was rescued by the Standardbred Retirement Foundation from a kill pen in Colorado.

Norway has now found

a forever home at Pennsbury Manor. After a period of rehabilitation to improve his physical condition, he joined Pennsbury in late March. At 16 years old, Norway is a handsome horse who brings a calm and gentle demeanor, making him an ideal addition to the historic site's educational programs centered around historical animal husbandry, which represent farm life during William Penn's time on the property. Many local children will have the chance to interact with Norway during his life at Pennsbury.

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"Norway joins Pennsbury's existing herd, which includes Arnie the horse, the oxen team, sheep, and geese," said Carole Cunliffe, Animal Curator at Pennsbury Manor. "Under the care of our dedicated team, he is already getting along famously with all his barnyard companions, including the barn cat. Norway will play a crucial role in teaching visiting students and families about the types of animals that historically would have been at Pennsbury Manor during the 17th century—a

perfect representative of the estate's historical authenticity."

Pennsbury recently said farewell to TC, a beloved 31-year-old mare, who recently passed away.

Considered a senior horse, Norway's care comes with costs, including hoof care, targeted nutrition, and regular veterinary check-ups. Pennsbury is currently seeking financial support for Norway's care to ensure that he enjoys a long healthy life on the estate.

Learn more at: [www.pennsburymanor.org/support/sponsor-an-animal](http://www.pennsburymanor.org/support/sponsor-an-animal).



Photo: Pennsbury Manor

# Ivins Outreach Center

After twenty-one years of dedicated service as a volunteer and community outreach coordinator at the Ivins Outreach Center, Mildred "Milli" Kerner will retire on May 30. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely express our appreciation for her hard work and commitment.

Milli began volunteering in 2004 and later joined as a community outreach coordinator.

For many years, she has assisted members of our Staying Put program by facilitating social outings, providing transportation to doctor's visits, and more. Staying Put in Lower Bucks is a membership-based program designed for adults 55 and older. It offers much-needed services that help members stay in their homes longer and remain actively engaged in their local communities.



Milli played a vital role in developing relationships with local businesses and organizations that generously donated

food and supplies to Lower Bucks County's underserved population. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Milli delivered countless bags of groceries, meals, and supplies to the homes of individuals at high risk of developing severe complications from the virus. Members of our community have greatly benefited from her unwavering positivity and helpfulness. Please join us in wishing her a fulfilling and enjoyable retirement.

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# 2025 Bucks County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

by Karen Sangillo

The Bucks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame inducted its Class of 2025 on Thursday, April 24 at Brookside Manor in Feasterville.

Inductees included Lindsay Krasna (Pennsbury, basketball, volleyball); Donna Nicholson (Pennsbury, athlete, coach, PIAA official); Joseph Paluszek (Conwell-Egan, bowling); Victoria Worthen Lang (Council Rock South, track and field); Megan Schafer Miller (Neshaminy, soccer); Carl Poff (Council Rock, wrestling); Allison Nemeth Wunsch (Neshaminy, field hockey, softball); John Kopack (Bristol, wrestling); Jesse Hellyer (Bensalem, basketball); and Sylvia Kalazs (Quakertown, athlete, coach, athletic director).

Kopack was a top wrestler for Bristol and for Millersville State Teachers' College (now



Lindsay Krasna (Pennsbury, basketball, volleyball) poses with Donna Nicholson (Pennsbury, athlete, coach, PIAA official).

Millersville University) before becoming the longtime wrestling coach at Pennsbury.

His daughter, Kelly Kopack Kauffman, was inducted in 2022 for her stellar field hockey

career at Neshaminy and Duke. They join Pancho Micir (2016) and Addie Micir (2022) as the only father-daughter pairs in the Hall of Fame.

"This is very, very special,"



Kelly Kopack Kauffman, inducted in 2022 for her field hockey career at Neshaminy, is with her father John Kopack, longtime wrestling coach at Pennsbury, inducted this year.

Kopack said. "I'm thrilled to be in the same Hall of Fame as my daughter, Kelly. That's something really special for me." Krasna set the all-time scoring record at Pennsbury with 1,292 points. She went on to play at Cornell, then professionally in Israel.

"It's such an honor to be here," she said. "The players I played with in high school sports and beyond are a big part of who I am, and to be here and connected to my roots is really special."

Lang was a pole vaulter, winning the PIAA indoor title in 2009 for the Golden Hawks. She competed at Princeton, winning numerous Ivy League titles.

"It's really amazing that people are recognizing me for things I did in high school and college," she said. "I'm very thankful to the committee for that recognition and the opportunity to relive the good old days and also to remember all the growth I had from sports."

Miller set the Neshaminy record for career goals (102)

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# NOVA's gala was out of this world

NOVA, Bucks County's comprehensive crime victim services agency, hosted more than 250 guests for its *Super-Nova*, an out-of-this-world gala on Thursday, April 3, at The Fuge in Warminster. The gala raised over \$200,000 to support NOVA's free and confidential victim services for children and adults and the continuum of violence prevention programs that NOVA brings to the community each year.

The event is NOVA's largest fundraiser of the year in support of the organization's programs and services. *Super-Nova* Gala guests were treated to a beer and wine bar, a four-course dinner, curated live and silent auctions, as well as entertainment by the Perkasio Jazz Band and DJ Juhas, and tours

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Penny Ettinger (rear), Executive Director, NOVA, assists auctioneer Cate Smit (front) with the auctioning of a Nakashima table at NOVA's SuperNOVA gala. Photo: BWAGS Photography. Captions: NOVA.

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and assists (78) and was the Gatorade Pennsylvania Player of the Year in 2014. She was a member of Penn State's first-ever NCAA championship team (2015).

"It was an experience of a lifetime," Miller said. "Everyone asks me if I liked high school or college better, but they were so different; it's hard to choose. But I loved both and I'm very happy to be here."

Donna Nicholson excelled in field hockey, basketball and softball at Pennsbury. She returned to her alma mater to coach girls basketball and track. She was a PIAA field hockey official for 38 years and was named the Field Hockey Official of the Year in 1995.

"Being a graduate of Pennsbury and being able to come back to Pennsbury as a teacher meant the world to me," she



(l to r): Carl Poff, Lindsay Krazna, Megan Schafer Miller, Syliva Kalasz, John Kopack, Joseph Paluszek, Victoria Worthen Lang, Allison Nemeth Wunsch, Donna Nicholson, Jesse Hellyer (behind Nicholson).

said. "It was such an amazing opportunity to give back and to impart some of the values that I learned at Pennsbury to student-athletes at Pennsbury."

Paluszek set the Philadelphia Catholic League record in 1998 with a 218.6 average. After graduating from Wichita State, he joined the Professional Bowlers Association in 2005, winning five PBA titles.

"This is an ultimate gratification for many years of dedication," said Paluszek, who owns Bowlero and Joe's Pro Shop in Feasterville. "It's a testament to the people who supported me and gave me the confidence to go on for so long."

Poff was another three-sport athlete, competing in wrestling, soccer and cross country at Council Rock. He was the

head coach at Lock Haven from 1990-2002 and is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

"It's a tremendous honor to be recognized by your local community," he said. "I have nothing but good memories about my experience in Bucks County and Council Rock. It's a special night for me."

Wunsch was the goaltender for Neshaminy's field hockey team, starting for three seasons and setting a program record for shutouts (35). She was all-state first team in field hockey and softball.

She played both sports at Princeton.

"They were all wonderful years, both at Neshaminy and Princeton," she said. "I was so fortunate to have fantastic people around me; so many great coaches, so many great teammates."

For more information about the Bucks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame or to make a nomination, go to [www.buckscountysportshof.com](http://www.buckscountysportshof.com).

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# "Hit To Be Fit" Day was a real hit

A day of celebrating the great sport of tennis during "May Is National Tennis Month" was a real hit. The special event, "Hit To Be Fit" Day, was held on May 10 in conjunction with more than 300 other tennis facilities and sites across the country that were playing tennis simultaneously, showcased the ease and fun of learning tennis while benefiting from a great cardio workout.

Twenty-four tennis enthusiasts, from very beginners to accomplished players, gathered at Council Rock North High School's tennis courts to participate in Red Ball—short-court rallying that provides a great way to learn and practice the game—as well as Cardio Triples—

heart-pumping match play that keeps everyone moving.

BCTA (Bucks County Tennis Association) coaches Craig Batten and Cielo Orjuela led the group through various warmup and play activities. In addition to learning and improving their tennis games, participants enjoyed camaraderie, laughter, and giveaways at the end of the match. Kudos to Tom Engler for receiving the "Most Enthusiastic" award, which was challenging to select given all the on-court spirit.

The BCTA, which hosted the event, thanks its coaches, the USTA, and USTA Middle States for their support. And, of

course, it thanks the great group of tennis enthusiasts who came out to enjoy the fun (and battle the wind).

The BCTA offers public park programs in communities throughout Bucks County with multiple five-week offerings from May through October. Don't miss the fun! To register for a program near you, visit [playtennis.usta.com/buckscounty](http://playtennis.usta.com/buckscounty).



## Bucks County Opportunity Council celebrates Community Action Month

The Community Action Network is a robust state and local force that helps empower hardworking families to achieve economic independence rather than keeping them reliant on government assistance. There are nearly 1,000 agencies across the country working every day to create economic opportunities, strengthen local communities, and help families find pathways to prosperity. This year, Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC), a proud member of the Community Action Network, commemorates 60 years helping families throughout Bucks County.

Community Action Agencies ensure that hard-working American families have access to the opportunities they need to thrive, while also promoting local economic growth and reducing government dependency. All agencies are locally controlled with boards

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- **Community Craft Night:** Mondays, 6–8 pm.
- **Storytime & Craft (Ages 4–6):** Thursdays, 9–10 am.
- **Family Game Night:** Fridays, 7:30–9 pm.
- **Parent's Night Out (Ages 4–12):** Saturdays, 6–9 pm.

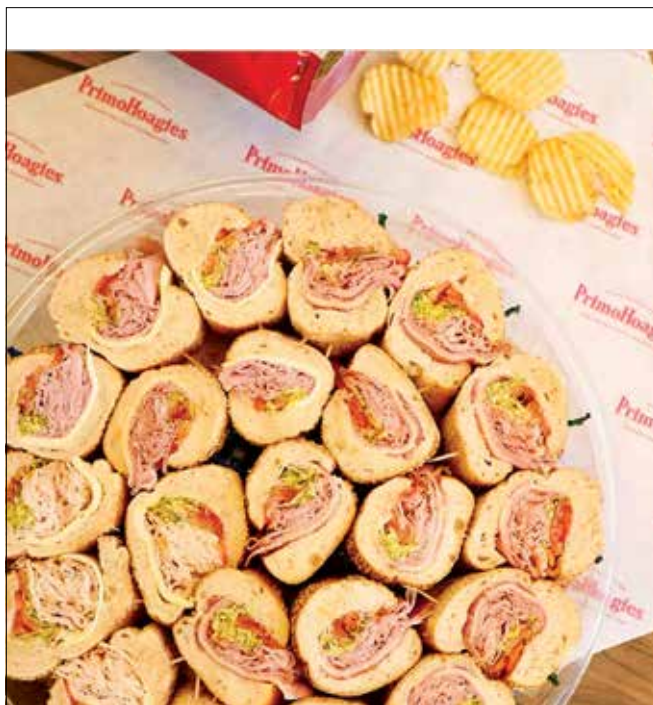
In May and June, enjoy **Young Rembrandts Art Classes** on Saturdays (1–4 p.m.) and Sundays (9–12 p.m.), plus special events:

- **May 20:** School is Out! (Ages 5–15), 1–4 p.m.
- **May 28:** Watercolor Workshop (Ages 12+), 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- **June 1:** Psychic Medium Night (Adults), 6–8 p.m.
- **June 20, July 18, August 22:** Good Moves for Parkinson's Disease, 11am–1pm
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## Art Show

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"These demonstrations have been incredibly engaging," Greiner shared. "Elementary school students were fascinated watching high schoolers throw clay on the pottery wheel or work on oil paintings; it was magical. It's really meaningful for younger students to see older peers in action. They start to imagine themselves in those shoes."

Throughout the gymnasium, artwork was thoughtfully selected and displayed by Pennsbury's team of art teachers. Each piece represents the best of what students created over the school year, from early elementary drawings to Advanced Placement portfolios. For AP art students, dedicated panels featured multiple pieces of their artwork, presented under personalized, laser-cut nameplates, a professional touch that showcased their yearlong artistic endeavors.

"It's hard to quantify the number of pieces in the show; there are thousands," said Greiner, "but each one is meaningful. Some high school students may have multiple pieces displayed, and every single one

was selected to represent their strongest work."

Greiner emphasized that the show isn't just about showcasing talent; it's also about empowering students. "This is a confidence booster. Every student whose work is on display walks away with pride. They feel seen and validated for their creative or innovative strengths, which sometimes don't get highlighted in other areas."

Each evening, families from across the district flocked to the show, filling the gym with excitement and pride. Parents snapped photos, pointed to their child's artwork, and created lasting memories together. Commemorative 70th-anniversary t-shirts were available for purchase, adding to the celebratory spirit.

"This is one of the only K-12 events in our district that brings everyone together like this," said Greiner. "So, it's not just an art show; it's a community experience. We're proud that this tradition unifies our students, staff, and families in such a meaningful way."

The future of the Pennsbury Art Show is as bright as the glow-in-the-dark tunnel it

presented this year. Plans are already underway to expand the district's unique stained glass program with the addition of fused glass next year, a rare offering among local schools.

Reflecting on the event's success, Greiner noted, "All the

feedback we've received has been overwhelmingly positive. People leave smiling. Kids feel proud. Families are inspired. These are core memories being made, and that's what makes it all worthwhile."

## Plant a Seed gives local student a chance to pursue cheerleading



*Mya poses between Gene and Michele Rice*

Mya, a talented 12-year-old cheerleader, is part of the Lower Southampton Cheer team, and she is gearing up for nationals this year. She is not only excelling in cheer, she is also a straight "A" student and a caring older sister.

Gene and Michele Rice established Plant a Seed Inspire a Dream Foundation, based in Yardley, in 2008, a charity that has supported more than 850 children in pursuing their passions.

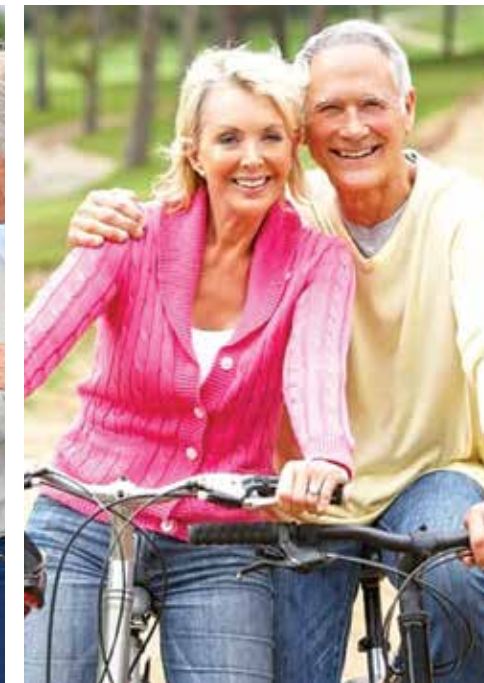
If you know a child who has a passion, and their family is facing financial challenges, please encourage them to visit [www.plantaseedfoundation.org](http://www.plantaseedfoundation.org) to apply for a scholarship.

Together, we can make a difference in a child's life.

### Opportunity Council

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of directors composed of local elected officials, private and public sector representatives, and engaged community residents. To celebrate the continued success of Community Action and raise awareness throughout Bucks County, follow BCOC on social media, visit their website at [www.bcoc.org](http://www.bcoc.org), donate, and get involved by volunteering.



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### Jerk Marinated Turkey Legs with Mango-Glazed Sweet Potatoes

Prep: 15 minutes plus marinating | Roast: 1 hour | Serves: 8

- 1 cup mango nectar, divided
- ½ cup less sodium soy sauce
- ¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons avocado oil, divided
- ¼ cup mild jerk seasoning
- 8 turkey legs
- 4 large sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon ground cayenne pepper

1. In a medium bowl; whisk ½ cup mango nectar, soy sauce, ¼ cup oil and seasoning; divide into 2 large zip-top plastic bags. Add 4 turkey legs to each bag; seal bags, pressing out excess air. Massage turkey in bags to coat and refrigerate at least 2 or up to 4 hours.
2. Preheat the oven to 375°; line 3 rimmed baking pans with parchment paper. Remove turkey from marinade; discard marinade. Place turkey on 2 prepared pans; roast 30 minutes.
3. In a large bowl, toss potatoes, thyme, paprika, pepper, ½ teaspoon kosher salt, and remaining ¼ cup mango nectar and 2 tablespoons oil; spread onto remaining prepared pan. Turn turkey legs; roast turkey legs and potato mixture 30 minutes or until internal temperature of turkey legs reaches 165° and potatoes are golden brown and tender, stirring once. Makes about 4 cups.



4. Serve turkey legs with potato mixture.

Approximate nutritional values per serving (1 turkey leg, ½ cup potato mixture): 1039 Calories, 49g Fat, 14g Saturated Fat, 371mg Cholesterol, 724mg Sodium, 18g Carbohydrates, 2g Fiber, 6g Sugars, 3g Added Sugars, 123g Protein

Chef Tip(s): To make this recipe keto-friendly, omit the sweet potatoes.

## Bucks County Community College receives \$400,000

*to build Healthcare Pipeline through new Pre-Apprenticeship Program*

Officials at Bucks County Community College are proud to announce that the college has been awarded \$400,000 through the PA Department of Labor and Industry to develop and implement a new Healthcare Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Bucks will partner with Drexel University, District 1199C, Bucks County Workforce and Economic Development Board, regional hospitals, and local medical practices to create a career-aligned registered pre-apprenticeship program. Bucks will provide free training and job placement services for two inaugural cohorts, graduating 24 pre-apprentices over the next

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## FYZICAL Therapy & Balance Centers

*The “what,” “how,” and “why” of dizziness*

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

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

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

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

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## Home Hope Fundraiser for LEV27

LEV27 will hold its Home Hope Fundraiser at the Newtown Brewing Company on June 11 from 6 pm to 9 pm at 103 Penns Trail in Newtown to help families in Bucks and Montgomery counties recover from unforeseen economic hardship and to remain in their homes.

The Home Hope Fundraiser invites the community to come together for an evening of fun and fundraising at a standout venue while promoting safe and secure homes for those in need. Guests can enjoy great food, 50/50 raffles and prizes. The event is free to attend, but guests are welcome to make a

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

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# Friends Village

As we approach the halfway point of 2025, there's no slowing down at Friends Village! With the arrival of warmer days, residents have been embracing the outdoors—most recently by gathering to plant and share joy in the garden. The coming weeks promise even more opportunities to connect and celebrate, from our table at the Senior Games Kickoff on May 28 at Bucks County Community College to Welcome Day on June 8, where we'll be sharing small gifts and big smiles with our community.

As we continue to celebrate Older Americans Month this May, we proudly embrace this year's theme: Flip the Script on Aging. This theme challenges outdated narratives and encourages a fresh perspective on what it means to grow older. Rather than seeing aging as a time of decline, we highlight the strength, wisdom, and valuable contributions that older adults bring to our families, communities, and society. Throughout the month, we are engaging in events and conver-

sations that honor the diverse experiences of older Americans. By flipping the script, we aim to reshape attitudes and celebrate aging as a dynamic, enriching, and purposeful stage of life.

And speaking of milestones—our Friends For All Time Gala on October 11 is fast approaching! This special event will celebrate 125 years since Paxson Hall first opened its doors. Built in 1900 by Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Edward Paxson and gifted to the Bucks Quarterly Meeting of Quakers, Paxson Hall has provided a warm, welcoming home for older adults ever since.

In preparation for its next century, we're embarking on an important renovation to replace Paxson Hall's aging heating and cooling systems and install a fire suppression system for added safety. These upgrades not only improve comfort and security but will also make the building more energy-efficient



and environmentally friendly. At Friends Village, we're committed to being an active part of the community and a valuable resource to those around us. After all, Friends Village isn't just part of the neighborhood—

it is a neighbor.

For more information on Friends Village, or to take a tour, contact Barbara Heverly at 215-968-3346 extension 108 or by email at [info@friends-village.org](mailto:info@friends-village.org)

## LEV27

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donation to LEV27.

LEV27 Founder and Chairman/CEO Lawrence Steinhouse said, "We recognize that the health and prosperity of our community are a reflection of the well-being of its families. By raising funds in support

of LEV27, we can remove the trauma of eviction and ensure secure housing to promote the true healing and advancement of deserving families."

Families and individuals served by LEV27 receive rental assistance and access to supportive services to prevent housing displacement, homelessness, poverty, mental and physical health issues, and family separation, while ensuring the health and stability of the community.

Steinhouse said, "Secure housing and economic stability are the foundations which support all other conditions and goals of the family. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to partner with the Newtown Brewing Company for this fundraising event and to dedicate our resources to the healthy future of our families and our community."

For more information on LEV27 or to RSVP for this event, visit [www.lev27.org](http://www.lev27.org) or call (215) 378-9190.

# Empower Wheels Car Clinic provides free car maintenance

## Services to families in need

On Saturday, May 3, Drive And Thrive hosted its most recent Empower Wheels Car Clinic at Koller Automotive in Bensalem, providing free vehicle maintenance to individuals and families facing financial and personal hardship. Thanks to the generous partnership of Koller Automotive, 15 vehicles received vital services including oil changes, fluid top-offs, and other general maintenance completely free of charge.

Throughout the event, participants enjoyed a festive Cinco de Mayo-themed nacho bar while their vehicles were being serviced. Once maintenance was complete, each car received a complimentary hand wash, courtesy of dedicated volunteers.

Drive And Thrive exists to serve those whose transportation needs are critical to their wellbeing, and this clinic was no exception. Attendees included women and their children who recently fled domestic violence, grandparents raising grandchildren on fixed incomes, and individuals managing serious medical challenges.

One participant, Maryanne of North Wales, shared, "I am a single parent of two children with multiple disabilities. Drive and Thrive is the only resource I have found to help with car repairs. I take my children to so many doctor appointments and therapies at CHOP and Nemours that having a car is essential to help them get the care they need to flourish. Thank you so much Drive and Thrive for making sure my car is safe so I can keep my focus on helping my children and supporting them. I am so grateful you saw a need and took action caring for the community."

While applications for the Empower Wheels Car Clinic are currently closed for this quarter, individuals in need of urgent assistance may still apply for our Critical Repair Program or Fuel/Lift Assistance Program by visiting [www.comedriveandthrive.org](http://www.comedriveandthrive.org).

Together, we're driving change—one vehicle, one family, one story at a time.

Maryanne, a single parent of two children with multiple disabilities, is grateful to Drive and Thrive, the only resource she found to help with car repairs so she can take her children to their many doctor appointments.



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**Tuesday, May 27 at 7 pm, “Meeting the Mushrooms: An Intro to the Fascinating World of Fungi” will be the featured program at the monthly meeting of the Trevoise Horticultural Society at the Bensalem Senior Center, 1850 Byberry Rd in Bensalem. This program was originally scheduled for May 20.** Guest speaker, Christian Kustra will cover the basics of mycology, the study of fungi. He will explain how mushrooms grow, how to identify wild mushrooms and what purpose they serve in nature. All meetings are open to the public; all are welcome. \$5 to observe. For further information, please contact 856-866-9163, visit [www.trevosegardeners.org](http://www.trevosegardeners.org) or follow us on Facebook.

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

**Saturday, May 31, noon–4 PM, Langhorne Council for the Arts will host The Arts in the Garden Tour.** Artists and musicians will add to the enjoyment of natural beauty in five private and public gardens in Langhorne Borough and Langhorne Manor. Several stops on this self-guided tour also include open artist studios! Artwork on display (and some for purchase) will include photography, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, tiles, jewelry, and quilts. Musicians will include harpists, blues, folk, indie, jazz, and pop. A full schedule, and tickets to purchase, will be posted on [www.LanghorneArts.org](http://www.LanghorneArts.org). Tickets (cash or check) are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, free for children under 6 years old, and can also be purchased at all the garden locations.

**Tuesday, June 3, 6 pm, the Free Library of Northampton Township, 25 Upper Holland Rd. in Richboro,** welcomes the renowned author of “Ghost Soldiers”, Hampton Sides, as he discusses his new book, “Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact, and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook”. Register at [newtownbookshop.com](http://newtownbookshop.com).

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**Saturday, June 7, 10 am–2 pm, Tour the beautiful mansion at Summerseat’s Traditional Patriot’s Day Event, 130 Legion Ave. in Morrisville.** Fun for all the family! Raffle baskets, flea market, Summerseat hot dogs, baked goods and children’s games. For more information, call 215-801-0753. Also, visit the Facebook page for updated information at: [www.facebook.com/summerseatbuckscounty](http://www.facebook.com/summerseatbuckscounty).

**Saturday, June 7, 1 to 2 pm, The Friends of the Doylestown Library presents “Past & Present Voices: Oboe and Violin in Concert” in The Backyard—the outdoor extension of the Doylestown Library, 150 S. Pine St. in Doylestown.** This event is free. Arianna Kalian and Anna Majcherczyk will perform a program of duets by composers from the eighteenth century to present day including Bennett, Boismortier, Casal, Fine and Ginastera. Please preregister for the event by emailing [friendsofdoylestownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdoylestownlibrary@gmail.com). Chairs will be provided while available, or feel free to bring your own fold-up. In case of rain, the event will take place in the Pearl Buck room.

**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](http://www.centennialsingerswarminster.com) and on Facebook @centennialsingerswarminster.

**Sunday, June 8, 11 am–4 pm (rain or shine), the 30th Annual Bucks Beautiful Kitchen & Garden Tour is taking place.** Explore stunning homes and lush gardens in Doylestown, Richboro, and New Hope. Early bird tickets are just \$45 through May 31! Proceeds support community greening projects across Bucks County. For tickets and information, visit [www.bucksbeautiful.org](http://www.bucksbeautiful.org).

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

**Friday, June 13, 5 pm–8 pm, the 2nd Friday Food Truck Rally will take place at Playwicki Farm, 2350 Bridgetown Pike, Feasterville-Trevoise.** Enjoy food trucks, children’s activities, vendors, a DJ, and a beer/cocktail garden. For more information, visit [www.playwickifarm.org](http://www.playwickifarm.org).

**Thursday, June 19 to Sunday, June 22, Newtown Arts Company presents Kate Hamill’s acclaimed adaptation of “Pride and Prejudice” at the historic Newtown Theatre, located at 120 North State St. in Newtown.** Get ready for a bold, witty, and delightfully offbeat take on a literary favorite. Tickets are on sale now at [newtownac.booktix.com](http://newtownac.booktix.com).

**Saturday June 21, 1–6 pm, Four Lanes End Garden Club proudly presents its Flower Show, “A Cavalcade of America” at the Richardson House (Langhorne Community Memorial Association Building), 102 West Maple Ave. in Langhorne.** The theme and design classes reflect the dreams, courage, initiative, and achievements of those that shaped our American history. Visitors will have the opportunity to see judged floral designs as well as horticulture specimens of numerous types. It is open and free to the public, A raffle table will also be on display. For additional information, contact Chris Foster at 215-350-6038.

**Saturday, June 28, 11 am to 3 pm, Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve, 1635 River Road in New Hope, is hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Preserve @ Play family day.** This year’s theme, Wee Wonders, celebrates the smallest creatures and the big impact they have on our thriving ecosystem. Pre-registration for Preserve @ Play is strongly encouraged. Registration is \$10 per group up to 6 guests with free admission for Preserve members and ACCESS Card holders. Guest passes are not usable for Preserve @ Play. Register today and learn more at [www.bhwp.org](http://www.bhwp.org).

**Saturday, June 28, the Riverside Symphonia hosts its annual Concert Under the Stars at Tinicum Park in Bucks County, along the picturesque Delaware River.** Gates open at 6 pm, inviting

attendees to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets to enjoy a relaxing evening on the expansive park lawn. At 8 pm, the Riverside Symphonia will perform patriotic favorites, popular classics, and American standards, all leading up to the highly anticipated fireworks spectacular. Tickets are available at [www.riversidesymphonia.org](http://www.riversidesymphonia.org), by phone at 609-397-7300, or at select local outlets. For more information, contact Vickie Lupisella at Riverside Symphonia, 4 South Union St., Lambertville, NJ 08530, call 609-397-7300, or email [info@riversidesymphonia.org](mailto:info@riversidesymphonia.org).

**Monday, July 14, beginning at 10 am, the Feasterville Business Association’s 34th Charity Golf Outing will be held at the Spring Mill Country Club, located at 80 Jacksonville Road in Ivyland.** The public is invited to participate, and entries are now being accepted. For additional information about participating as a golfer and/or sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Wielehowski, golf committee chairperson at [info@feastervillebiz.org](mailto:info@feastervillebiz.org). For details or to register visit [www.feastervillebiz.org](http://www.feastervillebiz.org).

**Saturday, October 4, 2025, The Central Bucks High School Class of 1958 from Doylestown will be holding its 67th Reunion at the Plumsteadville Inn.** For more information contact [drsmith524@verizon.net](mailto:drsmith524@verizon.net).

#### NOVA

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of the centrifuge and the control room. In addition, Jacqueline DeLeon, the founder of Bucks County Mama™, LLC, was in attendance as the *SuperNova* Social Chair.

Always on the cutting edge of service delivery, NOVA provides a continuum of programs to meet individual needs, including but not limited to: a 24-7 victim

helpline, forensic exams in area hospitals, forensic interviews for children who have been sexually or physical abused, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy provided in office, home or schools, legal advocacy and support through the criminal justice system. In addition, NOVA provides prevention education and professional training in schools, the community and through continuing education conferences.

“This year’s gala was truly an ‘out of this world’ experience,” said Penelope Ettinger, Executive Director of NOVA. “It was a wonderful evening and an opportunity to thank everyone who supports our mission to help victims of crime and prevent violence through education and advocacy. We are deeply grateful to our business sponsors and individual donors for making this event possible.”

#### College

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year and a half. Graduates of the 12-week pre-apprenticeship program will receive recognized certifications in EKG tech, certified phlebotomy technician, CPR for healthcare providers, mental health first aid for fire/EMS, and child abuse recognition and reporting training, as well as a college certificate of completion and a pre-apprenticeship certificate.

“We have received overwhelming support from the healthcare industry for this pre-apprenticeship program,” said Bucks President & CEO

Patrick M. Jones. “Given the success of our pre-apprenticeships in other sectors, we are thrilled to be able to offer the education and training necessary for area residents to launch their allied health careers with jobs that are in high demand and pay family-sustaining wages.”

The PA Department of Labor and Industry grant will afford Bucks’ Center for Workforce Development the opportunity to venture further into the healthcare sector and build upon the success Bucks has had in building pre-appren-

ticeships in manufacturing and the building trades. The state funding will enable the college to have a greater reach in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region resulting in providing increased enrollment and pathways to high-paying jobs and apprenticeships that are in high demand.

The free 12-week career training programs will likely begin in early 2026 and be held Monday-Friday, 8:30 am–3 pm in the college’s Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT) on the Epstein Campus at Lower Bucks in Bristol. The CAT

is a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility offering job seekers access to high-quality career training programs. Students will also have the opportunity to work with Drexel University, District 1199C, regional hospitals, employers, and apprenticeship programs in the industry.

For more information about this program, contact Associate Vice President for Workforce Development Susan Herring at 267-685-4827 or [susan.herring@bucks.edu](mailto:susan.herring@bucks.edu).



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