

Yardley VOICE



Yardley Walks in Unity!

The Yardley Borough walking team joins the Carry the Load relay to honor the fallen. In the back row from left are Rep. Perry Warren and Barret Cohen, Coldwell Banker Hearthsides, standing behind (from left) Kait Leonard, Mayor Chris Harding's wife; Caroline Thompson, President of Yardley Borough Council; Rico Rodriguez, Coldwell Banker Hearthsides; Mayor Chris Harding; and Jared Stump, Yardley Borough Councilman. See story on page 3.

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Now that the snowbirds have returned to Canada to find respite from the heat, what we have around us are year-round residents like Blue Jays and Cardinals, and summer residents like Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Indigo Buntings, and a number of other birds that are potential visitors to your feeders.

We are often asked at the store, "Should I stop feeding birds in the summer?" Our usual response is, "Do you like seeing birds at your feeder?" If the answer is yes, then while some birds might be less active or busy catering to juvenile birds, you can still yield the rewards by keeping seeds



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Yardley Borough honors heroes in Annual Carry The Load Rally



Hundreds of Johnson & Johnson employees from NJ participate in the relay.

by June Portnoy

On April 30, the streets of Yardley Borough were once again filled with reverence, gratitude, and a powerful sense of unity as hundreds joined the Carry The Load Memorial May relay, an annual tradition that continues to grow in both participation and meaning.

This year, the relay's East Coast route made its traditional stop in Yardley as part of the nationwide initiative to restore

the true meaning of Memorial Day. What began at West Point on April 28 will span over 20,000 miles and 48 states before culminating in Dallas, Texas, on May 26. Participants walk in honor of the military, veterans, first responders, and their families, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice or lived with its lasting consequences.

"We want to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice," said Mia McGurl, a

photographer and East Coast route liaison for Carry The Load. "Their families walk with us, tell us their stories, and that helps them heal, and helps all of us better understand the true meaning of Memorial Day."

McGurl and her fellow relay members live on the Carry the Load bus for the entirety of the month-long journey, walking multiple legs of the route in rotating pairs. On average, each walker covers seven to nine miles a day. The East Coast leg



(from left) Mia McGurl, photographer and East Coast route liaison for Carry the Load; Reagan Voight, Carry the Load East Coast videographer; and Hunter Lovelace, Carry the Load East Coast Event Coordinator, arrive in Washington Crossing Historic Park.

passed from Pennington, NJ, over the Washington Crossing Bridge, where walkers were met by hundreds of supporters as they made their way into Yardley.

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A legacy of creativity at Pennsbury School District's 70th 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

Scenes of Yardley students at art show (clockwise from top left) Jude Dionna gives his sister Nora Dionne a lift to her 3D plane artwork. Matthew Deem participates in the live art demonstration with his oil painting. Jessica Naumenko of Yardley with her digital bokeh photo. Beau Borowsky exhibits her shading of ice cream. Photos by Mimi Black

tunnel, visitors were immersed in a glowing wonderland of colorful creations illuminating the walls and ceilings.

Meanwhile, students in grades 6 through 8 contributed

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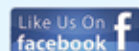
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Spring brings sunshine, fresh air, and for many of us, sniffles and sneezes. While you may be quick to blame blooming trees and high pollen counts, your indoor air could be part of the problem. If your AC filter hasn't been changed or cleaned recently,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

Your HVAC system works hard to maintain a comfortable temperature, but it also plays a big role in your home's air quality. A dirty or clogged filter can't trap dust, pollen, and pet dander effectively, which means those particles stay in the air you breathe.

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How often should you check your AC filter? It depends on your filter type:

- **Disposable filters:** Swap them out every 1-3 months. Households with pets or allergy sufferers should lean toward the monthly mark.
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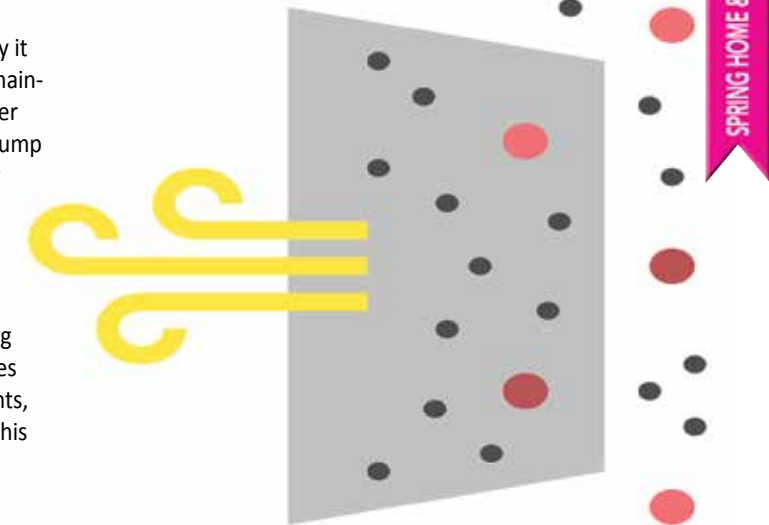
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Flea, Tick and Mosquito Suppression: It's flea and tick season, and mosquitos will be around in large numbers this year. Let us help you enjoy your time outdoors with monthly visits to treat your property for these pests. Applications are made by fogging the perimeter of the property and spraying nesting areas, using organic control with peppermint and rosemary oils. Plant material around the house (patio, deck, pool, swing set wood lines if applicable) will also be treated.

Turf Care: We are finishing our second round of crabgrass preventer and weed control. It's not too late to get you on our program! Mowing height is the most frequent question we receive. The shorter the turf, the more stress on the plant. Height should be in the 3.75" to 4.25" range. Change the mowing direction so you don't create a 'pattern' in your lawn. Sharp mower blades will prevent your turf from getting a fuzzy brown look.

Plant Health Care: Are your plants protected from insects? Our technicians are applying foliar insect, mite, and fungicide sprays now. This is crucial due to current plant stress as well as rising temperatures coming in the next few weeks. Continued watering of trees and shrubs would be advised until soil moisture levels improve.



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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

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Anton & Sons Pool, LLC has been installing custom pools of all sizes in the Doylestown area for over 30 years. Many people have recently chosen to invest the money that they would have previously spent on vacations and entertainment on improving their own homes.

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Here are some things to consider when contemplating a pool:

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

Realistic evaluation of the backyard space must also be consid-



ered when determining the size of pool that can be accommodated.

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

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

Are you looking for your pool to provide a beautiful backdrop for your yard? Maybe one or

several waterfalls are on your wish list.

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which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors. Past Washington Crossing Chapter President and Veteran Com-

mittee 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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Decorative Accents: There are many different closed cell foam accent pieces that can provide a decorative touch to your home such as corbels, window headers, porch post columns or gable louvers. There

are many more options.

Color Change: Choosing a contrasting color on the front of your house also attracts the eye.

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Gene and Michele Rice established Plant a Seed Inspire a Dream Foundation, based

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2025 Bucks County Sports Hall of Fame Inductees



(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).

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); Victo-

ria 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 Kalasz (Quakertown, athlete, coach, athletic director).

Kopack was a top wrestler for Bristol and for Millersville

State Teachers' College (now 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," 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) 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

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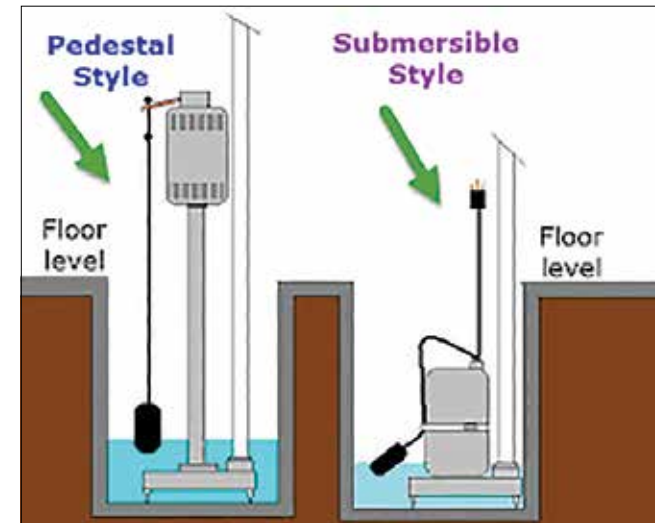
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efforts, and making sure things stay balanced.

The organization, Home-grown National Park (home-grownnationalpark.org), encourages homeowners across the country to plant native plants in however much of their property they're able and willing to do. Whether it's planting a container on your deck with plants that attract pollinators, creating a small native garden, planting a single tree, or converting acres to meadow, it all counts. You can scale your efforts based on what is manageable for you, and no effort is too small.

Why Native Plants Matter for Our Environment and Future

Native plants are a big deal when it comes to keeping ecosystems healthy and thriving. These plants have been here for ages, adapting to the local environment and working hand-in-hand with native animals and bugs. They're not just pretty to look at—they're essential for the environment, conservation

"If all insects on Earth disappeared, within 50 years all life on Earth would end. If all human beings disappeared from the Earth, within 50 years all forms of life would flourish."
— Jonas Salk

Why Native Plants Are Awesome

Native plants are like the backbone of ecosystems. They give food and shelter to local wildlife, like bees, butterflies, and birds. Since they're perfectly suited for the local soil and weather, they don't need tons of fertilizers or pesticides that can mess up the environment. Also, one of the coolest things about native plants is how little water they need.

Helping Biodiversity: Native plants bring life to an area by supporting all kinds of species. Planting them in your garden or community is a great way to fight back against problems like habitat loss and climate change.



Replacing lawn with native plants can create a beautiful and welcoming landscape for people and wildlife alike.

Photo credit: David Mizejewski

Boosting Soil Health: The roots of native plants dig deep into the soil, helping prevent erosion and letting water soak in better. They also encourage microbes to do their thing, which makes the soil healthier and full of nutrients.

Beautiful and Meaningful

Native plants aren't just practical—they're beautiful too! They've been used by Indigenous peoples for food, medicine, and traditions, making them culturally important. On top of that, their colors, textures, and how they change with the seasons make gardens and landscapes come alive. Plants like Wild Blue Phlox, Blue False Indigo and Foam Flower produce beautiful flowers. See Homegrown National Park for lists of native plants best for our area.

Stopping Invasive Plants from Taking Over

Non-native invasive plants can be a real pain, crowding out native plants and messing up ecosystems. Native plants help keep things balanced and give local species a fighting chance to thrive.

Easy Landscaping with Native Plants

If you're planning a garden or looking for ways to spruce

up public spaces, native plants are a no-brainer. They're super low-maintenance, don't need a ton of water, and can resist bugs better than non-native plants. Plus, they're great for pollinators like bees, which are crucial for keeping ecosystems and food production going.

Pollinator-Friendly Spaces: By planting native species, you're giving pollinators a safe place to do their job. And let's be honest, a garden buzzing with life is so much more enjoyable.

Shrink your Lawn

The idea is to reduce the area of lawn and do it in an attractive way so you're not thrown out of your neighborhood!

Lawns demand significant resources, negatively affect the environment, and do little (and often nothing) to support wildlife such as bees, butterflies, and birds,

You'll rely less on synthetic fertilizers and herbicides, cutting down on potential health risks.

Going for a more sustainable route not only saves you a load of time and effort on lawn upkeep but also cuts down on the amount of yard waste you need to deal with.

Again, Homegrown National

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

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

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

Directions can be found on the website, www.DrDavidTucker.com.

Carry the Load rally

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Yardley has become a significant rallying point on the East Coast route, thanks to years of enthusiastic community involvement and strategic planning by local officials and organizations.

Mayor Chris Harding, who participated in the Yardley Borough walking team from Washington Crossing Historic Park to the Yardley Veterans Memorial, marked his final year participating as mayor. Reflecting on the growth of the event, he said, "I've been here for 12 years, and the first year there was just one walker in Yardley. Now we have hundreds. This rally has grown into one of Yardley's most meaningful traditions, a day when we come together, shoulder to shoulder, to restore the true spirit of

Memorial Day."

"This year feels especially emotional for me," Harding continued. "It's not just the last time I'll walk as mayor; it's a reminder of the incredible people we've honored over the years, and the unity this event brings out in our community. You look around and see neighbors, veterans, kids, and local leaders all walking together. That's what Carry The Load is all about."

He also emphasized the simplicity of the gesture. "Who doesn't want to support our military veterans and emergency service providers? That's what our nation is founded on, and these people are willing to risk their lives for us. All we have to do is walk for a few hours. That's easy to support."

Harding urged the public to

"show up big to cheer on the Carry The Load walkers as they passed through Yardley on their way to Texas! Bring your flags, bring your signs, and bring your spirit." And that's exactly what the community did, turning out in force to line the streets, participate in the walk, and attend the ceremony at the Yardley Veterans Memorial.

Caroline Thompson, President of Yardley Borough Council, also highlighted the rally's importance. "Outside of getting a day off from work, I think it's hard for kids and families to understand the purpose of Memorial Day. Carry The Load helps folks take a more active role in remembering why we have Memorial Day and who we are remembering."

This year's event saw strong corporate support, most notably from Johnson & Johnson. Machly Destin, a second-year organizer who works at Johnson & Johnson, brought four buses and several carloads filled with about 260 employees from the company's Titusville, NJ location. "Every year our numbers have been growing," he said. "Different people tell me they're walking because a family member served. It's a feel-good moment and a powerful way to support a great cause."

The walk from Washington Crossing Historic Park to the Yardley Veterans Memorial spanned a little over four miles

and was followed by a moving ceremony. Participants had the chance to sign the Carry The Load flag, listen to speakers share the mission behind the movement, and reflect on stories of sacrifice.

"Whether you come out for five minutes or walk for five miles, it's a great way to show your thanks," said McGurl. "We've been coming to Yardley for years, and it's always one of our favorite stops."

Carry The Load began in 2011 as a grassroots effort by former Navy SEALs Clint Bruce and Stephen Holley. What started as a single Memorial Day walk in Dallas has grown into a cross-country campaign with four relay routes converging in Dallas for a closing ceremony on Memorial Day. The organization's mission is clear: to connect Americans with the meaning of Memorial Day through remembrance, storytelling, and action.

As the Carry The Load flag passed through Yardley once again, so did the collective spirit of a grateful community, walking together to honor those who carried the load for all.

"I couldn't be prouder of how our community has embraced this mission over the years," said Harding. "It's a small step for each of us, but a big show of unity and gratitude for those who gave everything."

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Conservation

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Park has many resources that can help you shrink any size on any lawn.

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a trendsetter. It also helps bring concerns for issues such as loss of biodiversity into everyday conversations. The more we talk about these issues and share ideas with friends and family the better. So, chat it up!

Let's Take Action

Native plants are vital for keeping nature healthy and dealing with big issues like climate change and water shortages. By choosing native plants, we can make a difference and help the environment bounce back. Consider becoming a

part of the Homegrown National Park (homegrownnationalpark.org) movement. There you will find many resources for native plants—what species are invasives? how to shrink my lawn?

"Join us and plant native to rebuild the ecosystems that support all life, and restore the vital connections between plants and animals for a healthier, thriving planet."
Doug Tallamy, Co-founder, HNP

Wrapping It Up

With all the environmental challenges we're facing, planting native species, removing invasives and shrinking your lawn are small steps that can make a big impact.

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Bucks Learning Cooperative

Choosing more than school can offer

As more families encounter challenges with traditional schooling—ranging from anxiety and burnout to a lack of engagement—the question arises: what alternatives exist when school isn't working?

Bucks Learning Cooperative (BLC) is a full-time educational program for teens ages 13-18 who want to re-engage with learning on their own terms. 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



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

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.

Achieve More with a Healthy Pelvic Floor



Thursday, June 5, 2025 | 6 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting

Are you experiencing pain in your pelvic area during sex, personal care, or urination/bowel movements? It's time to advocate for yourself! Join **KATHIE OLSON**, nurse practitioner and program director for Capital Health's Center for Incontinence and Pelvic Health, to learn strategies for living your life without pelvic pain. Kathie will be joined by **RACHEL HANNUM-GRINSTEAD**, a licensed pelvic health therapist, who will discuss the benefits of pelvic floor physical therapy. All genders are welcome!

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



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.

“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



Photo: Pennsbury Manor

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.

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Newtown Arts Company

A fresh twist on a timeless classic: Newtown Arts Company brings Kate Hamill’s “Pride and Prejudice” to the stage

Get ready for a bold, witty, and delightfully offbeat take on a literary favorite. From June 19 to 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 Street, Newtown. Tickets are on sale now at newtownac.booktix.com.

Hamill, known for her inventive and irreverent spins on classic literature, reimagines Jane Austen’s beloved novel with a contemporary sensibility and comedic punch. In this version, the social pressures of Regency-era England collide with a modern feminist lens, delivering a show that’s fast-paced, full of surprises, and fiercely funny.

At the heart of the story is Elizabeth Bennet—sharp-tongued, fiercely independent, and totally uninterested in marrying for status. That is, until she crosses paths with the enigmatic (and awkward) Mr.

Darcy. What follows is a clever and chaotic journey through pride, prejudice, and unexpected connection. The play turns tradition on its head while staying true to Austen’s signature wit and insight.

Directed by Tammy Tuckey, this vibrant production promises lively performances, inventive staging, and a fresh voice that will captivate longtime Austen fans and newcomers alike.

Presented through special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection (www.dramatists.com), this production captures the essence of classic romance while infusing it with

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Andrew Donnie as Mr. Darcy, Kashfara Saba as Elizabeth “Lizzy” Bennet. Photo: Joe Cutalo Photography

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tinguished architect Rick Jacobson, who created a challenging and fair layout utilizing the natural beauty of the surrounding landscape. Equipped with the transformative Top Tracer Technology, the state-of-the-art practice facility is home to Spirit Golf Academy, led by a team of expert PGA of America Golf Pro-



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Complementing the golf experience, accomplished Chef Mark Miller brings culinary excellence to the on-site restaurant, Makefield's Public House, which is open to the public seven days a week, while presenting imaginative menus, all seasonally inspired, that appeal to golfers and members of the surrounding community.

With breathtaking views of the majestic grounds of the golf course, Makefield Highlands Golf Club serves as the perfect venue to host parties and special events for all occasions, including weddings, anniversaries, graduations, Bar/Bat Mitzvah's, charitable golf outings, and more.

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Riverside Symphonia *Presenting Concert Under the Stars at Tinicum Park*

The Riverside Symphonia is thrilled to bring back its annual Concert Under the Stars on Saturday, June 28, at Tinicum Park in Bucks County, along the picturesque Delaware River. A long-standing summer tradition, this open-air concert is a festive evening of live orchestral music, community celebration, and a brilliant fireworks finale that lights up the night sky.

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. Many guests come early to set up themed tables, share meals with friends and family, and enjoy the scenic surroundings.

At 8 pm, the Riverside Symphonia will perform a vibrant program of patriotic favorites, popular classics, and American standards, all leading up to the highly anticipated fireworks spectacular—a highlight of the region's Independence Day festivities.

New this year are fun contests for attendees, including awards for the Most Outstanding Table Decoration, Most Patriotic Hat, and Most Spectacular Independence Day Attire for both youth and adults. Guests are encouraged to get creative and festive.

Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the gate, \$10 for children ages 7 to 18, and free for children 6 and under. General parking is free, and the event will take place rain or shine.

Tickets are available at www.riversidesymphonia.org, by phone at 609-397-7300, or at local outlets including Thompson Organization (Doylestown), Siren Records, Angels Cards and Gifts (New Hope), Frenchtown Home & Hardware, Holland Liquor (Milford), and Holland Floor Covering (35 Swamp Rd.).

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Bucks County Opportunity Council Celebrates Economic Self-Sufficiency Graduation 2025

The Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) hosted the 2025 Economic Self-Sufficiency (ES) Graduation on April 30 at The Warrington Country Club. This year's celebration honored 18 graduates, bringing the program's total to 1131 people in 420 households.

Bucks County Commissioner Bob Harvie kicked off the evening by welcoming all the guests and commending



BCOC 2025 ES Graduates

the BCOC ES Program for many years of contributing to the improvement of the lives of Bucks County residents. BCOC's CEO Erin Lukoss then presented the annual Champion of Self-Sufficiency award to Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick. The award honors a business, partner, or community member for their role in the success of the ES program. Kyle Melander, Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick's representative, accepted the Self-Sufficiency Champion award on behalf of the congressman and shared a video of Fitzpatrick congratulating the graduates on their accomplishments. He spoke about the importance of the ES program and its impact within Bucks County, which was why they were driven to help BCOC receive congressionally directed funding.

The ES Program is a highly successful program that provides one-on-one coaching and resources to those living in poverty who commit to working toward economic self-sufficiency. The graduates have worked, mostly for several years, on an intense, structured plan to become financially self-sufficient.

Nearly every graduate reflected on the program as a life-changing experience. Each of their coaches provided help and support, and gratitude was a consistent theme throughout the event. The coaches and the program break the stigma often associated with asking for help. One graduate shared that through a difficult life, full of more downs than ups, her mantra was always "everything is temporary." She got through, one moment at a time, convinced that things could be better. Being a part of the ES program, she was able to break the cycle of generational poverty that she had experienced. Her words, "I know my kids will have a better life" had an incredibly emotional impact on the over 200 guests.

The 2025 class began the program with an average starting income of \$19,687. In the 31 months' time it took for the group to graduate, they increased their income to an average of \$65,948, that is an increase of \$46,261. The key to success has been acquiring the additional education and training necessary to earn a living wage. All 18 graduates have

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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.

Graduation

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improved their position within their company or gained new employment since beginning the program.

In her closing remarks, Lukoss said, "At BCOC, we know that economic mobility starts with stability. You can't dream about the future when you're worried about getting through the week. That's why our programs are designed to meet people where they are, with the resources they need to move forward. What does economic

mobility really mean here? It means having the choice to live where you want to live. It means freedom to leave a job that isn't working for you to pursue something better. And it means dignity, the kind that comes from knowing you can care for yourself and your family without fear. That's the heart of what we're working toward every day."

Graduation is based on ten benchmarks recognized nationally as standards of self-sufficiency: Full employment; free of all subsidies (food stamps, cash assistance, housing sub-

sidies); balanced household budget; resides in safe, affordable housing; reliable transportation; health insurance coverage for all family members; checking and savings account; acceptable credit rating or approved Credit Repair Plan; completed education/training program (if needed); and basic employment skills such as interviewing and resume preparation.

To learn more about all the BCOC does, visit our website bcoc.org

BCOC is the leading economic mobility non-profit organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, dedicated to ending poverty by connecting people with the resources they need to thrive.

BCOC has five major program areas: Housing, Food, Weatherization, Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA) and the

Economic Self-Sufficiency (ES) Program. Housing includes street outreach, rental and move in aid, and utility shut-off prevention. Food services supply food directly to families through a network of 75 food pantries and distribution sites. Weatherization services help families in reducing their energy costs. VITA provides free income tax preparation assistance. The ES Program assists individuals and families to leave poverty permanently through case management, education, and employment.

For 60 years, the Opportunity Council has served low-income families in Bucks County by helping them to stabilize when in crisis, garner resources to achieve a livable wage, gain additional education and training, and work towards economic self-sufficiency.

proud to create a space where creativity thrives and all are welcome—on stage, backstage, and in the audience. For details on tickets, memberships, volunteering, and ways to support the arts, visit newtownartscompany.com or connect with us on social media.

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you're revisiting a favorite story or discovering it for the first time, "Pride and Prejudice" at Newtown Arts Company is a must-see theatrical event.

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

During National Military Appreciation Month and beyond, SCORE mentors offer resources for veterans to start and grow their entrepreneurial enterprises.

Veterans' training, resolve and fortitude to overcome challenges make them the ideal entrepreneur.

They soar as small business owners. According to research, 80 percent of the 1.7 million veteran-owned business owners consider themselves successful. The small business 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 mil-

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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 *SuperNova*, 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. *SuperNova* 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 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



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.

victim helpline, forensic exams in area hospitals, forensic interviews for children who have been sexually or physically 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."

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SCORE

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itary 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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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 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 shut-outs (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.



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.



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

Gusto Ristorante Italiano BYOB

Chef Andrea Esposito inducted into the prestigious Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry

Chef Esposito is the esteemed owner and chef of Gusto Ristorante Italiano BYOB. Since establishing his restaurant in 2022, he has remained dedicated to providing an authentic Italian dining experience.

His commitment to authenticity encompasses using ingredients imported directly from Italy to ensure that each dish served is a true reflection of Italian culinary traditions. Moreover, he consistently explores new recipes to enhance his restaurant's offerings and makes each dish with care.

Alongside his attention to detail in the kitchen, Chef Esposito takes on the responsibilities in front of the house as well, answering phone calls and taking reservations to oversee all operations of his business.

Prior to opening Gusto Ristorante, he honed his skills as a chef and pizzaiolo.

Growing up in Italy, Chef Esposito was exposed to the culinary world early on, with his father owning various pizza restaurants, and this early exposure to the restaurant industry laid the foundation for his passion and instilled in him

the desire to bring real Italian cuisine to the US.

Over the years, his expertise in Italian cuisine has been recognized by patrons and peers alike.

In recognition of his contributions to the cuisine in the US, Chef Esposito has received several recognitions, including being named best Italian restaurant by "5 Reasons to Visit."

Moreover, Chef Esposito has been nominated for various awards with the culinary community, honors that reflect not only his skill as a chef but also his commitment to maintaining the integrity of traditional Italian cooking.

In all he has achieved, he attributes his accomplishments to hard work, perseverance, and a deep love for the culinary industry.

Chef Esposito remains committed to changing the way Italian cuisine is perceived and prepared in the US.

Gusto Ristorante Italiano is located at



Chef Andrea Esposito pictured with his Marquis Who's Who in America award.

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Art Show

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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.

“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.”

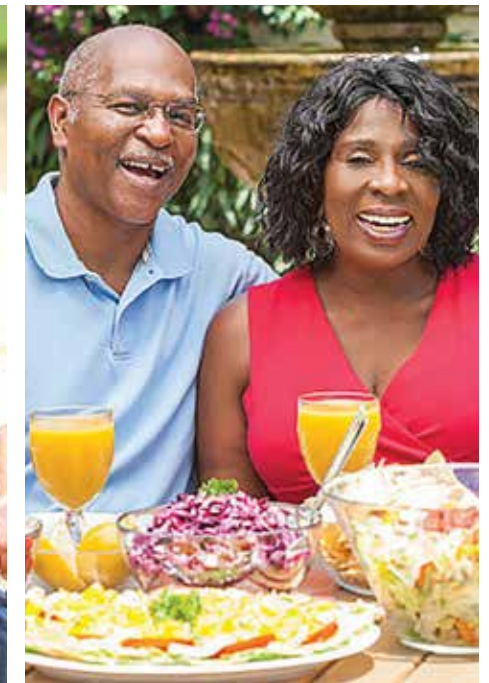
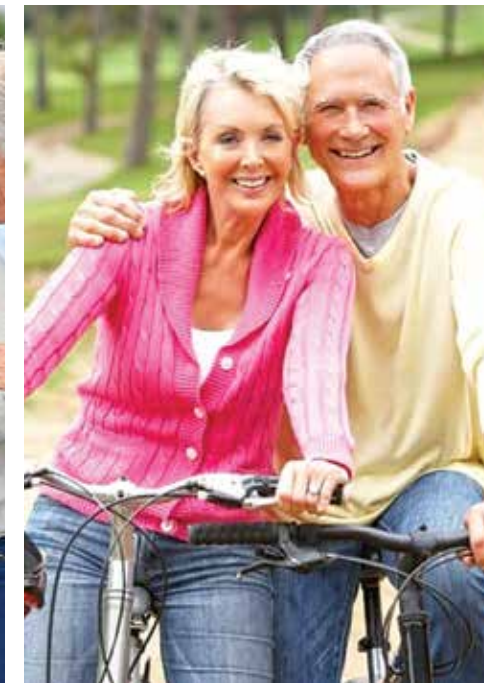
Each evening, families from across the district flocked to the show, filling the gym with excitement and pride. Parents snapped photos, pointed to their child’s artwork, and created lasting memories together. Commemorative 70th-anniversary t-shirts were available for purchase, adding to the celebratory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



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Blank Space fosters authentic connection through programs that celebrate creativity, self-expression, and community engagement. Whether you’re exploring a new hobby, meeting like-minded people, or seeking a supportive space, Blank Space has something for you.

Weekly highlights include:

- **Community Craft Night:** Mondays, 6–8 pm.
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- **May 20:** School is Out! (Ages 5–15), 1–4 pm.
- **May 28:** Watercolor Workshop (Ages 12+), 6:30–8:30 pm.
- **June 1:** Psychic Medium Night (Adults), 6–8 pm.
- **June 20, July 18, August 22:** Good Moves for Parkinson’s Disease, 11am–1pm.
- **June 21:** Fairy Festival (All ages), 1–4 pm.
- **June 29:** Wooden Flower Arrangement (Ages 12+), 2–4 pm.

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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.



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submitted by Maria Di Donato DEd, BCN, PA
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Paul, not his real name, a high school student from Bensalem, was diagnosed with depression and anxiety. He was treated with several psychotropic medications which resulted in multiple negative

side effects. These medications became a type of toxicity for Paul, which caused concern for Paul and his parents. He also reported multiple head injuries from falls over the years and a concussion from sports in 8th grade. A friend recommended neurofeedback, a drug free approach for anxiety and depression to address his issues.

On the intake, Paul reported

multiple problems including difficulty concentrating, being fidgety, stomach problems, nausea, irritability and difficulty sleeping. He also remarked that he had poor sleep patterns at night.

Some of Paul's difficulties include inattention, depression, forgetfulness, tearfulness, lack of motivation, agitation, feelings of aggression, and self-harm.

As part of the intake, a Quantitative electroencephalogram (QEEG) provided information about the brainwave imbalances driving his many behavioral and emotional difficulties.

Soon after beginning treatment, which included neurofeedback and counseling, Paul reported sleeping better, being less hyper, feeling more awake and alert. He was beginning to enjoy his life more and reporting engaging in more positive activities. School work was also improving.

Many emotional issues were calming down as anxiety and depression were decreasing. Agitation, impulsivity, and aggression were all reduced considerably. He was smiling more. Over time, Paul will be able to enjoy a more positive lifestyle and have a happier future.

A QEEG provides important information about the specific areas of the brain that are dysregulated and is used to guide treatment. Neurofeedback, a form of biofeedback, is used to reward and train positive brainwaves that result in more positive behavioral, emotional and cognitive outcomes. As a result, individuals can enjoy a more balanced lifestyle and a happier future.

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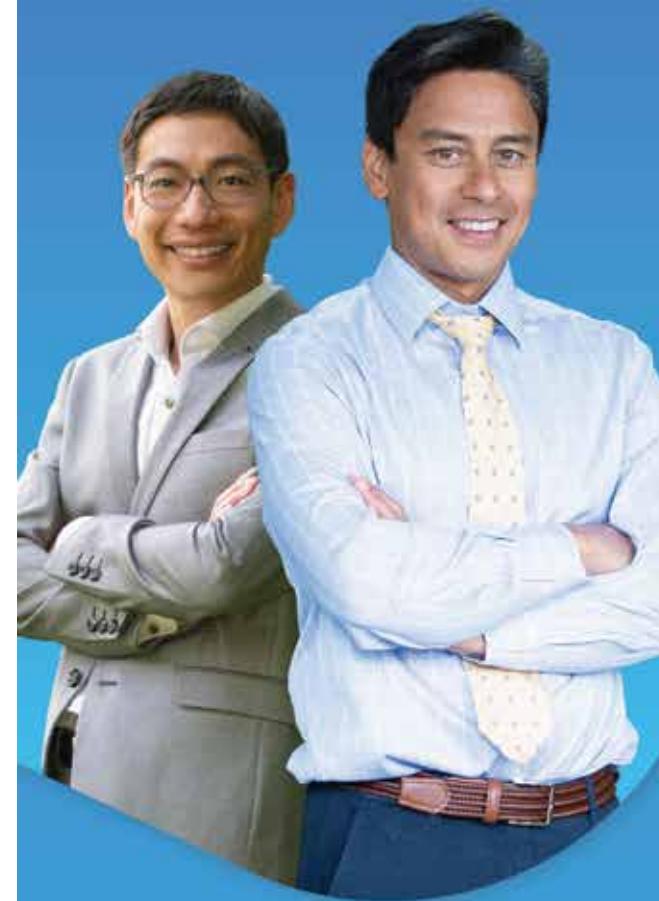
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Bucks County Community College receives \$400,000

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 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 over-

whelming 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-apprenticeships in manufacturing and

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Capital Health

Capital Health first in Mercer and Bucks Counties to offer minimally invasive treatment option for stress urinary incontinence

Capital Health Center for Incontinence and Pelvic Health is the first and only practice in Mercer County, New Jersey and Bucks County, Pennsylvania to offer Bulkamid, a safe and effective minimally invasive option for treating stress urinary incontinence (SUI).

Capital Health has been designated as a Bulkamid Center of Excellence in recognition of their staff's experience,

expertise with the procedure, the quality of positive patient outcomes, and their commitment to improving the patient experience.

Bulkamid is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

To help alleviate SUI symptoms, Dr. Donald DeBrakeleer, director of Urogynecology at Capital Health, and his team at Capital Health Center for incontinence and pelvic health inject a soft, water-based gel into the urethral wall to support the urethra's closing mechanism and provide better control of urination. Administering the gel is a simple process involving just three to four small injections that take about 15 minutes to complete under local anesthesia or light sedation. Bulkamid is clinically proven to provide safe and effective symptom relief for at least seven years.



Donald DeBrakeleer, DO

Capital Health Center for Incontinence and Pelvic Health follows national guidelines and best practices to accurately diagnose and treat conditions and help patients experiencing bladder, bowel, pelvic pain or sexual health issues.

To learn more, visit capital-health.org/pelvichealth or call 609-303-4474 to schedule an appointment.

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ipalities to host public garden or tree plantings. The grant award is a 50/50 cash match up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year. Funds may be used for the purchase of annuals, perennials, bulbs, shrubs, trees, mulch and garden related materials. We highly encourage the use of native plant materials whenever possible. Please request an application by emailing info@bucksbeautiful.org. While submissions are accepted anytime, the deadline for fall is August 31, 2025 and for spring is March 31, 2026.

Generous donations, community partnerships and our growing membership program allow us to coordinate events, projects and educational programs to continue enhancing Bucks County. To become a member, or contribute to our cause, please visit www.bucksbeautiful.org or call 215-340-3639. Thank you for helping us grow!

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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 conversations 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-ef-



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

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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

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Pickering Manor

Celebrating community and compassion on the green

For 35 years, the Newtown Rotary Golf Outing has brought together local leaders, businesses, and golf enthusiasts for more than just a day on the green—it's been a celebration of community, service, and support.

Last year's outing raised over \$25,000 for Pickering Manor, Newtown's nonprofit Life Plan Community. But beyond the dollars raised, the event highlights the deep bond shared



Newtown Rotary Golf Committee presenting the 2024 Golf Outing fundraising check to Pickering Manor.

between two mission-driven organizations dedicated to service.

"The Rotary has been

nothing short of incredible," said David Woodhead, CEO of Pickering Manor. "Their continued support over the decades has directly enhanced the lives of our residents. Thanks to their 2024 contributions, we were able to purchase new Hoyer lifts, which improve both resident safety and caregiver support in our Skilled Nursing neighborhood."

Woodhead adds, "Their motto, 'service above self,' is more than a phrase—it's something they live out with every gesture, every donation, every moment spent advocating for us and our surrounding community. We are honored to

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.

Hit to be Fit

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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,

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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.trevoisegardeners.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, 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. 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.

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.

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. 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 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.bucks-beautiful.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 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.

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.

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 4th 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.

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, 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.

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. For details or to register visit 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.

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Smoked Cheese Platter

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Panko-Coconut Shrimp

Shown above. Jumbo shrimp butterflied, then hand breaded with crispy panko breadcrumbs and sweetened coconut flakes, and fried to a golden Brown. Served with cocktail sauce for dipping. Serves 8.

Chicken Française

Lightly battered chicken breasts sautéed in a buttery lemon and white wine sauce. Serves 8.

HEAT & SERVE

Mediterranean Grilled Chicken Sandwiches

Shown above. Lemon chicken, pesto, romaine lettuce and roasted red peppers on a sub roll. Serves 8.

Signature Salad

Shown above. Field greens, crumbled Gorgonzola cheese, pecans and sun-dried cranberries, served with raspberry vinaigrette. Serves 8.

Penne Vodka

Penne pasta tossed in a vodka-laced tomato cream sauce. Serves 8. **HEAT & SERVE**

Gourmet Chocolate-Dipped Cookie Platter

Shown at right. Chocolate chunk cookies made with real butter, half-dipped in a scrumptious chocolate. Serves 12 (24 count).



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Graduation Bundle

Includes all items listed on this sign—Smoked Cheese Platter, Panko-Coconut Shrimp, Chicken Française, Mediterranean Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Signature Salad, Penne Vodka and Gourmet Chocolate-Dipped Cookie Platter.

SERVES 15