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## Earth Day preview

Dressed for the outdoors, eager visitors wait for Bucks County Audubon Society's Earth Day Festival to open Saturday at Honey Hollow in Solebury Township. The sixth annual event featured artisan vendors, environmental programs and nature walks. Earth Day this year, April 22, is 51 years old.

## Palisades plans prom, graduation in person

High school to install weather station

Cliff Lebowitz

With rave reviews already in hand from school board members and their constituents, the Palisades School District will be holding two pandemic-adjusted, in-person senior student milestone events this spring.

At the April 7 dial-in public school board meeting, Student Representative Drew Camp announced that the prom for senior class students would be held on Friday, May 21, under a large tent in the high school stadium.

After the meeting, Superintendent Bridget O'Connell elaborated that masking, social distancing, and other health and safety guidelines will be in place for the two-hour outdoor event. Students will be seated at tables in "pods" to maintain contact tracing, and the group will be able to move through stations, such as posed pictures, dessert trucks, and games, with high school personnel supervising the event.

"As juniors last year, these students were not able to experience a prom," she added. "Of course, even though we have had both face to face and on-line educational opportunities for our students,

"Covid has impacted many aspects of the school year. We hope that our students in the Class of 2021 enjoy their end-of-year milestones responsibly, and we are happy to afford them these opportunities."

Graduation for the Class of 2021 is scheduled for Friday, June 11, with

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## Central Bucks superintendent has resigned

Dr. John J. Kopicki resigned from his position as superintendent of schools for the Central Bucks School District on April 2.

During the regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, the Central Bucks School District's (CBSD) Board of School Directors will consider the appointment of CBSD Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education Dr. Abram Lucabaugh as Central Bucks' interim superintendent of schools, effective April 2.

Lucabaugh has 17 years of service to the Central Bucks School District, having served as principal of Central Bucks High School East for 11 years before his appointment as assistant superintendent of secondary education in June of 2018. He began his career in education as a classroom teacher at Hatboro Horsham High School.

For a letter from Lucabaugh on the district's website, visit cbsd.org.

The board is grateful to Kopicki for his five years of service to the students, faculty and staff of the Central Bucks School District and wishes him well as he pursues other professional opportunities. He will continue to serve in a consulting capacity for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

The timeline and details of the search process are forthcoming.

As the district and the entire community continue to emerge from the

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## Quakertown makes start on bigger and better playground

Joe Ferry

For 27 years, Panther Playground provided thousands of kids in the Quakertown area and beyond with a fun place to burn off their youthful energy.

But with the passage of time, the massive, mostly wooden structure built by hundreds of volunteers over five days in May 1993 deteriorated to the point where it became a safety hazard, forcing the borough to demolish it last year.

Even as the playground was nearing the end of its useful life, however, borough officials were making plans for an even bigger and better playground to provide youngsters of all ages and abilities with another place to slay imaginary dragons and track down all sorts of evildoers.

Last week, those plans took a major step toward reality with a ceremonial groundbreaking and an official name: QuiNBy's Playground at Memorial Park, thanks to a \$250,000 naming rights sponsorship from QNB Bank.

To meet the \$1 million estimated total cost, the borough kicked in \$500,000, the state provided a \$250,000 grant, and St. Luke's

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Health Network added \$10,000 to sponsor the swing set. Robert Ganter Contractors Inc, Nexus Financial, Maye Dental Associates, and Calvary Church have all committed to this project.

The rest of the money is expected to come from individual donations, including a "Buy a Brick" program, although some equipment sponsorships are still available.

"This type of collaboration between pri-



QuiNBy's Playground will provide updated facilities for all ages.

## Comment period open for Dublin Post Office relocation

The U.S. Postal Service has notified Dublin residents and businesses that it is moving because it lost its lease with a new building project in Dublin Town Center.

"We were unable to conduct our ongoing operations and suspended them," USPS notified the Herald.

Customers can still retrieve their mail in the box lobby of 123 N. Main St. in Dublin.

The USPS proposes moving to a space of approximately 1,800 square feet with the

use of public parking and town center parking within the borough limits. The proposed new facility will maintain the same level of service.

If the reestablishment is approved, postal retail services will remain in the community at a different physical location within the same geographical ZIP code area. There will be no changes to mail delivery, customers' addresses or post office boxes because of the reestablishment. Retail services will continue at the

current site until all necessary preparations are completed at the new location.

"Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, instead of a public meeting, we are inviting you to send your comments on the proposal to the following address within the next 30 days: Attn: Borough of Dublin PA, United States Postal Service, P.O. Box 27497, Greensboro, NC. 27498-1103," the postal service announced.

The postal service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses.

## Demoted Bucks County prosecutor submits resignation

Jodi Spiegel Arthur

Former First Assistant District Attorney Gregg Shore, who was demoted last month to deputy district attorney for making Door Dash deliveries during county work hours, has resigned.

The former second-in-command reportedly turned in his resignation Tuesday. A spokes-

man said the DA's office would not comment further because it is a personnel matter.

Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub said last month that Shore had been making the Door Dash deliveries on county time. Weintraub expressed his disappointment in Shore but said he believed Shore deserved another chance to prove himself because of his more than 20 years

working in public service.

The DA said at the time that Shore had used his accrued vacation time to repay the county the money he earned working the side job during normal business hours.

Weintraub appointed Jennifer Schorn, who served as chief of Trials and chief of the Grand Jury Division, to replace Shore as first assistant district attorney.

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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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## New Hope-Solebury alumnus earns social worker license

Greg Rice, a case supervisor for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) in the Chester County program, recently became a licensed social worker.

Rice's excellence is seen in his one-on-one interactions with youth, in the way he trains and supports community volunteers, and in the court room where he provides a strong voice advocating for children to ensure their best interests are heard.

He has worked at CASA for two years, and brings his experience from his previous job as a juvenile probation officer for Chester County, where he was



GREG RICE

named the Probation Officer of the Year.

Rice is a graduate of New Hope-Solebury High School and received his undergraduate and master's degree in social work

from West Chester University. He is the son of Gretchen and Dudley Rice of Solebury.

Greg Rice said he got involved in social work because he was fortunate to have a family that was very positive and supportive.

"I met people who had very opposite backgrounds when I was a teenager and it opened my eyes to how different reality can be for many children," he said. "I recognized that I had the ability to help."

## MBIT recognizes William Yerkes for 54 years of service

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology recently honored William

H. Yerkes for 54 years as a member of the Middle Bucks Area Vocational Technical School Authority.

Yerkes first became associated with the school in April 1967 when the property now known as Middle Bucks Institute of Technology was a farm field. He was influential in overseeing the construction of the school, which first opened in 1969 and subsequent building projects as well.

Through his role as chairperson for the Authority, Yerkes has always been very conscientious to make fiscally responsible and reflective decisions on matters related to the school building and property. "His dedication as member of the school community is unprecedented and his commitment and association with Middle Bucks will long be remembered," the school said.



WILLIAM H. YERKES

## Camille Granito Mancuso: Chatterbox

Isn't it amazing how we carry on?

Though, sadly, to cover all the bases we must acknowledge that some people don't ... but for the most part, we do. We stare down the barrel of whatever comes our way and just keep on keeping on.

For example, we've all been set back on our heels by this virus in many ways. It gave us very little that was positive, but it did give us a time during which we had our mettle tested. So, how are we doing? Let's not just consider that answer as a nation or part of a world population, but as individuals too.

Our nation is mourning over a half million people who succumbed to the virus. The lucky among us carry on, including

those who doubt there even is a virus. We recognize the doubters make up some percentage of Americans who didn't take the precautions necessary, but most of us did our best with the limited knowledge we had in the beginning. Most are still fighting the good fight, but we were and never will be short on good fights to be fought, before, during, after, and with or without this virus.

How about aging? As it comes to us, or at us, we deal with it. If we don't, it will only get us worse or sooner, so we're either compromised or we perish. Our choices are completely limited. So, we carry on.

Many Chatterers will remember the dear friend I met when we were both 5 years old.

We went through school and life as friends. She dealt with cancer in seventh grade, and repeatedly throughout her life. She lost her first born, when he was 37, to an undetected heart ailment. She turned all her sorrow into working for the benefit of others ... talk about carrying on.

Many Chatterers will remember talking about a picture that hangs over my desk. It's of another beautiful young gal who fought cancer. She was not as lucky as my friend; when the American health insurance system kicked her to the curb with its corporate, profit-oriented form of care, her family paid for as much treatment as they could afford. When they had nothing left but their home and a mound

of debt, she closed up shop and waited to die. She was unwilling to buy a few more months by making her family homeless. She carried on, as long as she could, with grace.

As members of the human race, throughout subjugation and slavery around the world under conquering emperors and kings, through pestilence, plague, political unrest, and wars, we all carry on. Through personal crises, family woes, failing health, old age issues, emotional challenges and financial trouble, we carry on. Down through history, we can look back and see that all actions count, by us and others, for us and others. All steps forward are ways to carry on or enable others to carry on in our stead.

## Carrying on

Some nations' people face a life and death situation every day because of civil unrest. In many other nations around the world, including America, the challenges of daily life are far less deadly, but can still be difficult or even critical, especially for those who are ill or impoverished. Those fortunate enough to face less critical or temporary setbacks should make our blessings our constant reminders to share and to be as fair as possible, in ideology and altruism, locally and globally.

So, challenges and crises happen regularly for everyone. They're big and small, and hit on a moment to moment basis. We almost always have little choice but to grab the bull by the horns and fight. This epidemic ushered in grave health, emotional, psychological and economic crises but they're just some of the many setbacks we have always had to tackle throughout time. Before COVID, during it and after it, everyone, young and old, rich or impoverished, well or ill, every day, did, does, and will continue to fight issue after issue, big, small, trivial and deadly. It is the importance of society and every person's individual imperative to play a positive part in it.

Decades ago, in a moment of my crazed, hurried and harried life, a young and very frazzled "me" said to my dad, "... it all takes so much out of me."

"And ..." he responded without hesitation, in his perfect and constant gratitude for life, "... that is why God put so much in you."

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## Jack Rosen Photos opens online store, featuring photographer's work

In his lifetime, New Hope photographer laureate Jack Rosen (1923 - 2006) created somewhere between a half and three quarters of a million images.

The goal and mission of Jack Rosen, LLC, spearheaded by Rosen's son Rick, has been to catalog, digitize, and make a continually increasing number of images accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

Jack Rosen Photos has announced the next major step in the distribution of Rosen photos and products with the introduction of the Jack Rosen Online Store ([fineartamerica.com/profiles/jackrosen](http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/jackrosen)) in association with Fine Art America.

"My parents had a Jack Rosen store called 'The Photograph' in New Hope a few decades ago," noted Rosen. "It seems entirely appropriate to be re-introducing Rosen retail, utilizing everything the technology has to offer this time."

The online store makes it possible for shoppers to browse a wide variety of Rosen images, including many of the photographer's best-known photos. Rosen prints can be ordered from the store in a variety of configurations, including quality art prints, canvas prints, framed prints, metal prints, acrylic prints, or wood prints.

Additionally, decorating and lifestyle possibilities are greatly expanded because the same Jack Rosen images available in a variety of print styles can also be printed on jigsaw puzzles, stickers, mugs, phone cases, T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts, baby onesies, tapes, throw pillows, blankets, duvet covers, shower curtains, towels, tote bags, zip pouches, yoga mats,



"Columbus tree" on a coffee mug is a photograph by Jack Rosen.

notebooks, greeting cards, and face masks.

"We want my father's images to be seen and appreciated by as many people as possible, and we also

know that many people have their own Jack Rosen favorites," said Rosen. "With the online store, the possibilities are just about endless - customers will be able to look for

their favorites photos and find new favorites, we'll keep adding Jack Rosen images so there will always be something "new," and it'll be a cool place to hang out."

## NOVA honors survivors with online vigil

Freda R. Savana

With white candles and white carnations as a backdrop, Bucks County's Network of Victim Assistance held its annual vigil to honor trauma victims, survivors and their loved ones online this year.

Poems and remembrances were read by NOVA staff and those who have suffered through the trauma of domestic violence, rape and other crimes. A session of trauma-sensitive yoga was also offered to approximately 100 virtual participants.

"Trauma can lock you out of your body," said the instructor. "Yoga welcomes people home into their bodies."

One woman, who sat with her white Guinea pig on her lap, read a poem and spoke of the NOVA's support. "NOVA allowed me to not feel the isolation I felt all my life," she said.

Before COVID-19, the annual candlelight vigil was held on the grounds of the former Bucks County Courthouse.

The Doylestown-based nonprofit was founded in 1974. It supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes. It remains the only rape crisis center in the county.

## Spotted lantern fly program set

"In the Spotlight: The Spotted Lantern Fly" will be presented via Zoom at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 22, by Emelie Swackhamer, horticulture extension educator, Penn State Extension, hosted by The Tincum Conservancy.

The invasive pest, the spotted lanternfly (SLF) threatens many trees, plants and important agricultural crops and is a serious pest in the lo-

cal landscape. The presentation will focus on the biology and life cycle of SLF, describe management options and regulations that are in place to try to slow SLF from spreading, and summarize some of the research that is being done to understand this problem.

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# Bucks Beautiful kicks off annual daffodil photo contest

Bucks Beautiful's Bulbs for Bucks daffodils are blooming and the organization wants to see your photos.

Take in some fresh air, flowers and sunshine by visiting one of BB's Bulbs for Bucks planting sites (map at bucksbeautiful.org). Snap pictures with the BB daffodils and share your favorite on social media to enter.

Three random winners will receive two tickets to BB's June 13 Garden Tour plus a choice of BB's signature daffodil mug or canvas tote bag.

To enter: Post your daffodil pictures on Facebook or Instagram; Tag @BucksBeautiful plus the hashtag #BulbsforBucks; and Tag the location.

The second annual Bucks Beautiful Daffodil Photo Contest kicked off recently and runs through midnight April 30. Winners will be selected at random and contacted directly.

The Bulbs for Bucks Program was the inspiration of board member Chuck Gale, to beautify



Daffodils from the Bucks Beautiful Bulbs for Bucks Program adorn an area in front of the Mercer Museum in Doylestown.



CHIARA CHANDOHA

Daffodils are in full bloom at a stand in Stanton Station, just outside Flemington, N.J.

Bucks County at key locations with the first splendor of spring.

"I like the idea of planting daffodils because the bulbs multiply each year, and the project is long-lasting for future generations to enjoy," Gale said. "To my knowledge, this is the largest bulb-planting project in the state of Pennsylvania."

The program debuted in 2010, when 40,000 bulbs were planted along the Route 611 Bypass near Doylestown.

Additional plantings include those along the Delaware Canal State Park towpath, Washington Crossing Historic Park, Buckingham Green Shopping Center, the Michener Art Museum, Fonthill Castle, and several parks around Newtown, Sellersville and Perkasie, just to name a few.

To date over 1.6 million daffodil bulbs have been established throughout the county. With the support of the community, Bucks Beautiful hopes to continue to grow the program and surpass 2 million.

# Police charge juvenile for false reports and terroristic threats

A 14-year-old juvenile was charged Friday, April 9, with making several false threats through the "Safe2Say Something" app from January to March 2021.

The juvenile faces five counts each of terroristic threats, false re-

ports to law enforcement authorities, disorderly conduct and false reports to the Safe2Say program. The Terroristic Threats charges are graded as third-degree felonies and the other charges are third-degree misdemeanors. The juvenile has been secured in

the Bucks County Youth Center.

The Quakertown Police Department handled the investigation, finding that on several dates in January and February, the juvenile targeted three individuals in the false reports, claiming these individuals were either going to harm themselves or others prompting emergency response from local agencies.

In March, the juvenile used the app to make threats of violence towards staff, police and an individual at Strayer Middle School and Quakertown Community High School,

forcing schools to close as police investigated the validity of the tips.

The threats referred to explosives, prompting police to use an explosives detection dog to search the school. The threats were a disruption to the entire student body, employees of the Quakertown Community School District, and created panic in the community.

"Safe2Say Something" is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. Using a phone app, Safe2Say is used in all schools

throughout the state, so students can anonymously submit reports of unsafe activities or threats.

Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub said, "Safe2Say has led us to expose potential harms before they occur, and that's the whole goal. To keep our kids safe in school," he said. "I'm a huge proponent and believer in the Safe2Say program. It works, it saves lives and it's doing what it's designed to do."

Quakertown Borough Police Chief Scott McElree said he is "very proud of the officers, School Resource Officer (SRO), and Detectives of the Quakertown Borough Police Department for taking the lead in this investigation and dedicating hundreds of hours that led to the successful outcomes. I would like to acknowledge and thank the FBI Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory, Bucks County District Attorney's Office, Pennsylvania State Police, Richland Township Police Department, and the cooperation of the Quakertown Community School District."

SRO Lee said, "I am especially impressed with the willingness of the brave students who came forward to provide vital information that helped in the success of the investigation. The Safe2Say app is a great tool when used for legitimate purposes, but those who abuse it will be prosecuted."

## 11 Things You Need to Know to Pass a Home Inspection

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According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost your dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before your list your home. If you wait until the home inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective

buyers away altogether.

In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for. And knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help home sellers deal with this issue before their home is listed, a free report entitled, "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass a Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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# Del Val students visit Tinicum CSA

Chris Ruvo



Tinicum CSA farmer/owner John Croke, kneeling, with students from Delaware Valley University at Tinicum CSA.

For Wyatt Hoffman, a new perspective bloomed at Tinicum CSA.

The junior at Delaware Valley University is studying crop science and has ambitions of a career centered on making innovative advancements in that field.

"CSA's are still somewhat new to me, and it's interesting to see how one is run," Hoffman said. "It's helpful to see there are different ways to pursue what I want to do beyond just large commercial agricultural production."

Hoffman was among the Delaware Valley students from Dr. Sarah Dohle's commercial vegetable production class who, like Hoffman, said they enjoyed the perspective-broadening visit to Tinicum CSA on the sun-splashed spring afternoon of April 7.

John Croke, farmer/owner of Tinicum CSA, led the students on a tour of his farm operation, which is located on land leased from Schneiderwind Farm & Nursery on River Road (Route 32) in Tinicum, just across from the Frenchtown Bridge.

During the tour, Croke discussed everything from crop planning, pruning and irrigation, to adapting farming operations to the reality of climate change.

"We're essentially living on a different planet now than what existed in the 1970s, and farmers have to account for that," said Croke in commenting on climate change.

It's become something of an annual tradition for Croke to host agriculture students from Del Val at his farm near the onset of spring. The Peace Corps veteran, a Cornell University alum who co-managed a student farm at that Ivy League institution during his school days, enjoys helping to educate and, he hopes modestly, to motivate the next generation of farmers.

"It's great for the students to come to a farm like this and see what they're learning in textbooks applied in the real world," said Dohle. "It brings it all to life."

The assistant professor at Del Val said Croke's good example for students goes beyond his top-notch farming skills, extending to the role he plays in supporting his local community (through education outreach like the visit and more) and his emphasis on environmental stewardship.

"He lives those values and that's important for students to see as they consider their own careers in agriculture," said Dohle.

Farming is in Croke's DNA. The Bucks County native grew up sharing chores with his brothers on his parents' dairy farm. He's now in his



John Croke demonstrates crop planning.

### Photographs by Chris Ruvo

ninth season of operating Tinicum CSA, and he still lights up when he talks about what's new at the farm for the burgeoning season.

"We are excited for easier carrot harvesting with our new Bed Lifter," Croke said. "We also got a new Root Washer, which will help make washing root crops, such as carrots, way more efficient."

Through the course of a season, Tinicum CSA grows more than 45 different crops, including lettuce, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, watermelons, basil, beets, cantaloupes, garlic, kale, green beans and more. Croke does not use synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides or fertilizers. Everything he and his team of helpers grow is GMO-free.

CSA stands for "community supported agriculture," a system in which a farm operation is supported by shareholders within the community who receive regular packages of fruits and veggies through a growing



Del Val University students Larissa Li, Natasha Robertson and Lars Clavier visit Tinicum CSA.



Farm apprentice Joe Fernandez gets his hands dirty.

season.

Shares at Tinicum CSA are still available for the 2021 season. Learn

more at tinicumcsa.com/.

"Last season our CSA membership filled up early and we're on track to do

the same this year," Croke said. "It's been a good start to the spring. We're excited for the season ahead."

## The Craftery plans Perkasio outdoor arts and crafts market

Perkasie Borough is working with the The Craftery to host The Craftery Market, a modern and unique outdoor market with 60-plus vendors, featuring carefully curated, artisan handmade items, antique and vintage finds, original art and more.

The Craftery Market will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 8.

Perkasie will close a number of town center streets, and event organizers will offer timed ticket entry to allow a safe, spacious pedestrian environment for visitors. Food, music and town center store and restaurant specials will round the day in the town center.

"Perkasie Borough small businesses are amazingly resilient. While it has been a challenging period, our stores and restaurants have made it through the winter, and the spring shopping season will bring a much-needed boost," said Councilman Aaron Clark, chair of the borough's Economic Development Committee.

"We encourage our residents and

visitors to The Craftery Market to stop by our community's storefronts and eateries, enjoy our expansive park system, and take in everything 'America's Hometown' has to offer."

Linda Reid, the borough's Community Development and Event manager, said the event had been planned for December.

"Gathering limits created by the surge in COVID-19 cases meant that we had to make the difficult decision to postpone," she said. "The timed tickets will allow us to avoid large crowds by spreading visitor numbers over a five-hour period. We'll have plenty sanitizer on hand, and we expect that masks will be required by everyone at the event."

Timed tickets for the The Craftery Market can be obtained at thecraftery-pa.com/market-tickets.

Information about The Craftery is available at facebook.com/thecraftery-pa. Questions about the event should be directed to the Borough of Perkasio at events@perkasiaborough.org or 215-257-5065.



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### Party membership not needed to vote

Think you can't vote in the May 18 Primary Election because you are neither a Democrat nor a Republican? Think again.

There are at least three proposed Amendments to Pennsylvania Constitution that every registered voter in the state can and should vote on.

Don't think you know enough about the issues? Go to one of these websites for more information: VotesPA.com, Vote411.org, Ballotpedia.org.

Want to vote by mail? You can download an application on VotesPA.com and return it to the county Board of Elections before

the end of the day May 11. If you check that you'd like to vote by mail in all elections this year, you'll automatically receive a ballot in the mail for the November election.

Not registered to vote or have recently changed addresses? Go to VotesPA.com to register or change personal information. All citizens who will be 18 by May 18 can register to vote now.

Want information on the candidates running for local office? Go to Vote411.org.

It couldn't be easier.

Sue Houston, Doylestown

### Coal-tar based sealants hazardous

I am writing to Herald readers about the use of coal-tar-based pavement sealant – the black, shiny substance sprayed or painted over asphalt.

Pavement sealants are manufactured from a variety of materials many of which cause little known harm to the environment. The exception is a sealant made from coal tar, which the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has identified as a major source of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) contamination that introduces dangerous chemicals into the water supply especially and the air that we breathe.

I urge everyone to avoid the use of this type of sealant.

PAHs are toxic to aquatic life, and they can potentially affect animal and human development. Cancers linked to PAH exposure include lung, skin, bladder, and gastrointestinal cancers. Over time, the sealant begins to degrade and enters the water supply through stormwater runoff.

The dust created from sealcoat, mostly as a result from friction from vehicle tires and snow plows, is rich in PAHs and is blown by the wind, tracked indoors on the soles of shoes, inhaled, and absorbed by the skin. Many materials contain PAHs. It

is the amount of PAHs in coal-tar-based sealcoat that is of concern.

An asphalt driveway contains 1.5 milligrams of PAHs per kilogram of fresh asphalt. If you sealcoat the driveway with a coal-tar-based product, you just coated your driveway with 70,000 milligrams of PAHs per kilogram of sealcoat.

Sealcoats in general have not been recognized to improve the integrity of asphalt and are merely a temporary cosmetic application. Most sealcoat wears off quickly, prevents asphalt from properly breathing, causes asphalt cracks, and creates fine particulates that could potentially be ingested.

Chain retailers, like Home Depot and Ace Hardware, have banned the sale of coal-tar-based sealants. There are many alternative asphalt- or latex-based products available for use in residential areas. To help homeowners make environmentally-sensitive decisions, an article from the Virginia Coastal Policy Center that goes into greater depth on the problems with coal-tar-based sealants is available on the Solebury Township website homepage under News.

Joe Kubiak  
Solebury Township  
Environmental Advisory Council

### LETTERS TO THE HERALD

#### Senators can do their job if filibuster ends

The filibuster was created to undermine our voice as voters and slow progress on critical issues and it's time to put an end to this Jim Crow relic and make sure our government is working for us. The filibuster is a loophole, historically used to block civil rights legislation

The original Senate rules did not include the filibuster rule.

The modern day filibuster was put in place when racist Southern senators used it to delay passage of civil rights legislation. Now, the filibuster means that 60 out of 100 U.S. Senators have to vote on almost all legislation.

There are senators who came to Washington to get things done for us – their constituents – and these rules prevent any possibility of change. Senators no longer hold the floor, talking until they drop. It's now a stealth tool of obstruction. Any senator can signal an objection, and suddenly the Senate has to clear a 60-vote threshold.

If we reform Senate rules we have a real chance at voting rights and campaign finance reform, immigration reform, gun safe-

ty, raising the, minimum wage, action on climate change, police accountability and racial justice. Our senators must end the filibuster, and do the job that we, their constituents, sent them to Washington to do: Legislate.

Zach Smith, Langhorne

#### Caution advised after long pandemic winter

Yippee, it is finally spring, after a long, cold, snowy, pandemic, isolated winter of our discontents. Many people are already vaccinated, while others wait and anti-vacs people deny. Many people are making summer plans for fun and frolic for the holidays.

But the unseeable risks are still out there in the air and all around us. Beware, be brave, be masked, be safe and continue to be cautious ... for death does not take a holiday; it only takes it away.

J. Eisenberg, New Hope

#### Noni West is suited for Doylestown mayor

There is an especially important mayoral primary race going on in Doylestown Borough. Until recently, I lived in Doylestown

and served on borough council for seven years with Noni West.

Experience counts and her 12 years on council, culminating as vice president has given the community an outstanding advocate on the full range of issues important to both residents and businesses with the added skills to get the needed job done.

Mayors have no vote on council issues unless a stalemate occurs which is extremely rare. The mayor's primary responsibility is to oversee the police department. Noni has served as an alternate representative to the Regional Police Department representing the borough at its meetings and providing valuable input. No one could better serve all of the residents than Noni West.

Susan Madian, Doylestown

#### Palisades School Board candidates differ in philosophies

There are currently two candidates of record vying for the seat of longtime Palisades School Board member Robert Fumo, whose term ends this year.

One candidate – Jamie Davis – is energetic, ready, willing, and eager to serve the district where her son is enrolled.

The other – Cora Landis – appears to believe in vast conspiracies that have no basis in fact. On March 13, Ms. Landis created a Facebook page for her school board campaign where she wrote: "I believe in the Constitution and the great history of our nation, and I believe our youth need to be taught factual history from a non-partisan perspective."

Yet, her publicly viewable social media accounts speak volumes in direct contradiction to this. Our students do not need a board member who believes in – and perpetuates – conspiracies and demonstrable falsehoods.

The board needs a candidate who is ready and willing to work with parents and administrators – regardless of their political affiliations, race, gender, ethnicity, or religious views – for the betterment of our district. I thank Mr. Fumo for his many years of service. I urge Palisades Region III voters from both parties to pay close attention to your primary ballot in the upcoming election. Please cast your vote for Jamie Davis.

J. Daknis, Ottsville

#### Gratitude for support of historical society

As president and executive director of the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS), I want to express my sincerest gratitude to all who have spoken out in support of our organization's recommended next steps for the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works.

Given the results of the county commissioners' vote, BCHS is honored to continue its commitment to preserve not only Henry Mercer's legacy, but our shared sense of local and regional history for this community. Our board and staff celebrate the projects we've achieved across the Mercer Mile, with the community by our side.

We remain devoted to educate, engage, inspire, and connect audiences through the stories of the past that help us find meanings relevant to our lives.

Kyle McCoy  
Bucks County Historical Society



ANN MEREDITH

### Spring training

Sue Mester, left, Ann Trabachino and Maureen Eife of Doylestown were doing their morning running routine at the Central Bucks West High School track when they happened upon entertainer Justin Guarini this week. The women will be featured in next week's Herald special section Senior Living.

### "Condemned man" speaks out

This week's Tincum Township meeting was truly alarming. Our supervisors read a resolution they had drafted. Basically, it was a litany of "whereas's" affirming their solidarity with PennDOT's plan to destroy the historical (200+-year-old) Headquarters Road Bridge and build a two-lane concrete crossing.

It was the final paragraph of this document that was shocking. The supervisors "condemned" anyone who opposed their position, anyone who caused a delay by petitioning government agencies or contributed any funds to impede their goal.

It should be noted that any letters written to government agencies whether it be the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, the National Park Service or the Department of the Interior requesting oversight has simply been asking that the laws protecting sites on the National Historic Register as well as federally designated Exceptional Value streams in our watershed be obeyed. These letters have been written by concerned and now condemned

township residents. I suppose that the 2,100 signatories of a petition to "Save the Headquarters Road Bridge" (change.org) are also condemned by our supervisors.

I am stunned after 40 years of living in this township and attending scores of meetings to hear our elected officials "condemn" their constituents. An immediate objection was sounded by some of us and a property owner threatened lawsuits against each supervisor who had condemned him.

Our township solicitor was oddly mute. One can only wonder what role he had in the drafting of this document. The supervisors demurred and said they would revise their resolution and tabled voting.

Now we are left with the question. Will Tincum Township be added to the list of places like Russia, China or Myanmar where it is acceptable to suppress and condemn dissidents? Has some executive order voided our First Amendment?

Vladimir Salamun, Erwinna

### HISTORY LIVES

#### Jean Rollo, Doylestown Historical Society



**Bridge Point.** The village of Edison in Doylestown Township was originally named Bridge Point, after a seven-arch stone bridge there. Built in 1800, the bridge carried the main highway from Philadelphia to Doylestown across the Neshaminy Creek. From the late 1890s until the early 1930's it also bore regular trolley service between Doylestown and Willow Grove.

The bridge crossed the creek at an angle to the main road creating a sharp turn in the roadway which was, according to the local newspaper, "a hazard to be on the lookout for while driving when the roadway is slippery or icy and the night heavy with fog."

The May 20, 1937 edition

of the Intelligencer reported, "One of the outstanding engineering projects of this section of the state got under way this week when construction work was started on the new Edison bridge along the Lackawanna Trail at Edison, south of Doylestown." The highway, now designated as Route 611, was rerouted, eliminating the dangerous curve and bypassing the stone arch bridge.

By 1938 the old bridge was no longer in use, and sometime in the 1950s it was demolished. Today, the old road to the former bridge is blocked by a wall crossing the remains of a trolley track, and no remnant of the bridge can be seen along the banks of the Neshaminy.

Doylestownhistorical.org

### Send letters to the Herald

Send letters to P.O. Box 685, Lahaska 18931, or bridget@buckscountyherald.com or fax to 215-794-1109. The Herald is a nonpartisan publication that aims to print only factual accounts. Letters are readers' opinions.



A Russian officer briefs Colonel David R. Kiernan during a tour of Russia after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

# OPINION & Editorial



## Andrea Strout: On the Environment Earth last

I wish I had a dollar – make that a million – for each time someone has said to me, “We need to prioritize jobs over the environment,” or “You care more about trees than you do people!” or, more recently, “You can’t expect folks to focus on climate in the midst of a pandemic.”

I’d buy a megaphone the size of the Larsen B ice shelf for everyone, from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to the Friends of Primrose Creek, trying to save us from ourselves. But, don’t you know, we still wouldn’t hear them.

That’s because a critical mass of us sees Earth-care and us-care at odds. Many of us know better but believe it’s better not to know. Better to play the skeptic and make the right soothing noises. “Sure, we’ll take care of the planet,” we tell others and ourselves, “once we’ve checked all the other boxes.” The message we’re sending could not be clearer: a sustainable environment is a nice-to-have. An also-ran. A luxury.

I see three basic reasons for such thinking.

Reason 1: We’re an anthropocentric bunch. It’s all about us and our dominion over every living thing. Top of the food chain, Ma! You’d think as top predator we’d be better stewards since it’s so squarely in our interest. But no: In the name of jobs, economic growth and

freedom, we’ll overfish, poison our waterways, deafen sea life with seismic blasts, acidify our oceans and fill them with plastic – then complain the fish aren’t biting. To cite just one example.

Reason 2: A political system awash in cash. Bees don’t have friends on the Agriculture Committee; sea turtles don’t donate to super PACs. But big-money interests, walking the halls of state capitols from Honolulu to Harrisburg, do, and their handiwork is everywhere. In statewide moratoriums on local single-use-plastic laws.

In our continued use of neonicotinoid insecticides – banned in the European Union – leading suspects in the decline of pollinators. In bankruptcy laws that let oil and gas companies privatize their profits and socialize their damage to our air, water and soil. Because, you know, capitalism.

Reason 3 is perhaps the biggest of all: We’re scared. Whatever we say to the contrary, we know we’re in it waist-deep without waders. Being scared makes us angry, and being angry makes us lash out. It’s so much easier to rant about tree-huggers, virtue-signaling and “elite” interests than to admit that we feel helpless. Maybe even guilty. Especially when our vigilance slips and we think about the mess we’re leaving to that new grandchild of ours.

Of all the arguments for putting Earth’s needs on hold, the pandemic is the most compelling. It’s hard to ask someone who’s lost a job, a house or a loved one to this virus to care about logging in the Tongass or a paved trail through local wetlands. Except that we must. Earth’s losses are our losses. Jeopardize our pollinators, we jeopardize our food supply. Cut down our trees – the lungs of the earth – we damage our own lungs through pollution-linked illnesses like asthma and COPD. And nowhere are those forces more dramatically on display than in the health, economic and moral crisis known as Covid-19.

Indeed, as the wilderness-urban interface pushes ever deeper into our last wild places on Earth, forcing its creatures into too tight quarters with us humans, we can expect to see more of these zoonotic viruses. Like SARS in 2003 and the Ebola epidemic in 2014, they are a wake-up call for those of us with ears and the will to listen.

Earth to everyone else: we’re a part of nature, not apart from it. As it goes, so do we. So, this Earth Day, and every day going forward, let’s prioritize the needs of our planet for a change. If for no reason other than self-interest.

Andrea Strout is a writer and environmentalist. She lives in Buckingham.

## Bridget Wingert: Happy to Be Here A peaceful warrior in our midst

David R. Kiernan looked like a leader way back in the 1950s. He was class president at his Catholic school on Long Island every year starting in seventh grade and then student council president for his senior year in high school.

And he showed tenacity. Commissioned as an Army lieutenant along with 25,000 others in 1966, he was one of only 325 promoted to colonel in 1990. He retired from the Army after 26 years, including the Cold War, Vietnam and the Gulf War. He had lived in seven states and four countries in a rise from combat to communications director.

Then his civilian career began and all of his experiences came into play. “No amount of schooling,” he said in his recently published memoir, “could provide the knowledge and flexibility he acquired in the Army.” “The Best Is Yet to Come, a Memoir of a Peaceful Warrior” is Kiernan’s story, outlining events in chronological order.

Kiernan’s first deployment after graduating from Virginia Military Institute was defending the West German border near the former Dachau Concentration Camp after the East German invasion of Czechoslovakia. A year later he was in Vietnam as a military advisor, part of a team of military, State Department and CIA personnel working with Vietnamese soldiers. He lived with a local family in austere conditions – they were resilient “like bamboo” family members said.

In 1970 Kiernan was back in the United States, at Fort Jackson, S.C., training soldiers for Vietnam deployment. Here he coordinated the first Special Olympics competition with Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Athletes were housed in empty barracks and the soldiers made an on-the-spot audience to cheer along with families in the sporting events.

Next Kiernan was a high school ROTC instructor at a military academy in Missouri, where he led drill team and recruited cadets. When he moved to Fort Wainwright in Alaska, Kiernan put his college major, English, to work. He was promoted to major and became the public affairs officer, working with journalists from the Fairbanks News-Miner and editing the post newspaper, the Yukon Sentinel. “As editor in chief of a weekly newspaper, I learned the urgency of the deadline in filling the news hole,” Kiernan wrote.

From cold Alaska to warm Fort Benning, Ga., came next, and the 29th Infantry. Kiernan was appointed editor of Infantry Magazine, the oldest military journal of the Department of Defense.

Back at Fort Jackson from 1983 to 1985, Kiernan was now public affairs officer and he was a lieutenant colonel, serving as infantry training officer and he was on hand for the dedication of the Ernie Pyle Media Center, named for the World War II journalist. Kiernan had the unusual duty of assisting the University of South Carolina in transferring 27 million feet of silver nitrate Movietone Newsreel into bunkers for preservation. At age 43, he trained at Fort

Bragg as a paratrooper with 18th Airborne Corps and earned the right to wear the signature maroon beret. Life was different at the Pentagon where Kiernan was transferred next, in 1989. He wrote, “17 miles of hallway and 27,000 military and civilian employees.” He was promoted to colonel and was the Army spokesperson for the Division Chief for Media Relations.

At the Pentagon, he worked with journalists from radio, television and newspapers, an experience that prepared Kiernan for Saudi Arabia as spokesman for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf during Operation Desert Shield. Kiernan was sent to Russia after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union as part of a team of advisors on generating a free press. A winner of several combat medals, Kiernan was the chief Army emissary on a peace mission in a time of hope. He was impressed by the soldiers he met – well educated, “a giving people.”

Col. Kiernan made a final report on the mission to Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. Kiernan wondered then what Russia’s relation to Ukraine would become.

Kiernan’s final Army assignment was Hawaii as chief of public affairs for U.S. Army Pacific. But leaving the military was just the beginning of a full civilian life.

He called the third section of his memoir “The Harvest Years.” Each section includes Events and Lessons Learned.

Applying lessons from his organizational experiences, Kiernan directed press operations for the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. “The daily experience of working side-by-side with former Olympic athletes gave me an appreciation of the selfless sacrifice,” Kiernan wrote.

Everything he had done before made Kiernan ready for his next career, joining a private company, Military Professional Resources Incorporated (MPRI). He was senior vice president for strategic communications and corporate spokesman for military contractors from 42 countries assisting emerging democracies. With MPRI he would be involved in education, at the Defense Information School and colleges around the country.

“Our small corporate staff grew from 25 personnel at its origin to 4,000 employees in 15 years,” Kiernan wrote. “Our first contract in Bosnia grew to 432 contracts in 42 countries by 1996 ...”

Kiernan has written another book, “Headlines from the Frontline,” about the relationship between the media and the military. He is participating in planning for a Desert Storm Memorial in Washington (the 30th anniversary is this year) and he is on the committee creating the Bucks County Vietnam War Memorial in Pennel. The 50th anniversary of withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam is in 2023.

“Colonel Rick” Kiernan and his wife, Susan, live in Warminster today, close to grandchildren.

“The Best Is Yet to Come” is available in paperback and digital versions at Amazon.com.

## Daniel Brooks: New Hope Celebrates

### Ensure that the past is forever present

Preservation of our area’s LGBTQ+ history is essential, now more than ever. With changing demographics, alterations in our venue landscape and ambiguity about what the future holds for a cherished haven, ensuring our past is forever present has been the mission of New Hope Celebrates History.

Currently our area is in transition between “what was and what might be.” As in many communities where LGBTQ+ individuals have their roots and businesses, gentrification is nipping at our often, “high heels.”

Big rents have increasingly contributed to making our art, antique and quaint retail and residential spaces a rarity. The necessity of bringing in big backers to fortify our aged and often broken hospitality venues threatens our “differences.”

“Nowhere But *Here*” is a film in production that needs your help to finish and flourish. Co-sponsored by New Hope Celebrates History and Scully-One Productions, many interviews and images have already been collected and crafted by NHCH, film producer Sara Scully and local award-winning photographer/videographer Bob Krist of National Geographic.

A tale of a working-class river town that for five decades became a safe space for thousands of men and women who, due to their differences, were forced helplessly and often homelessly to struggle in sometimes scary major metropolitan cities. What evolved from embracing differences became a free and fun-filled, bustling,

adventurous, tourist town. Laden with artists, authors, actors, musicians and all others,

New Hope became a mixture of people and personalities that found more than refuge, they found “home.”

“Nowhere But *Here*” is the story of how the LGBTQ+ community turned a sleepy river town into a destination with dazzling nightlife, a thriving drag show scene and a culture of creative celebration.

The film will focus on the cultural moment when it all got started, roughly from the 1960s – 1980s when LGBTQ+ people started businesses or breathed celebratory life into clubs like The Raven, The Cartwheel and The New Prelude, to name a few. From the yearly staged wedding of Mother Cavallucci, the Raven Halloween parties and Santa Saturdays at The Cartwheel to the private places where people met and made friends, the film will showcase the times and the unforgettable characters who made them happen. The film will also explore the sweeter side of all this celebration, the friendships forged and the feeling of safety and belonging that it fostered in those who were there.

That is the story we are telling in our film, which will not only debut locally, but will also be submitted for film festival consideration and distribution throughout the country. In making “Nowhere But *Here*,” our goal is to not only document the illustrious people and pioneers but to also serve as a reminder to those currently championing progress. We are

a destination built by inclusion and difference – one group cannot exist without the other.

This is a call-out for help. As a grassroots project, we are currently without grants or major financial sponsorship. We are asking you to reach to your hearts in remembrance and to your hopes that the film’s message can play a part in retaining the integrity of what was built in the past five decades, “Nowhere But *Here*.”

Please consider donating to our film so that we can bring its dream to fruition. The first seven individual donors of \$1,000 will become executive producers and receive full film credits. While we encourage corporate or individual sponsorships, all donations, large or small, will receive acknowledgment in the film’s donor credits. Any donation is tax deductible, as New Hope Celebrates is a nationally recognized and registered nonprofit organization.

Donating is easy. You can reach us by hitting the “donate” button on [newhopecelebrates.com](http://newhopecelebrates.com), [newhopecelebrateshistory.org](http://newhopecelebrateshistory.org); send a check to NHC P.O. Box 266, New Hope, Pa. 18938 marked ‘subject: film; or for questions about benefits and personalized or memorial contributions, [DanBrooks@newhopecelebrates.com](mailto:DanBrooks@newhopecelebrates.com).

We are honored to be officially media sponsored by the Bucks County Herald and River Towns Magazine. Thanks to all.

Daniel Brooks is founder of New Hope Celebrates and director of New Hope Celebrates History.

## Vaccines do not alter DNA

David Segarnick

I’ve been hearing lately from friends and colleagues around the country concerned about whether the mRNA vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer can “permanently alter your DNA.”

Let us unpack how these vaccines work to prevent serious COVID-19 infection and why they can’t alter your DNA. And while the two mRNA vaccines are relatively new, the technology underlying them has been in development for over 20 years, which helps explain why we were able to mobilize and develop these vaccines so quickly.

After injection, the mRNA vaccine particles encounter immune system cells and deliver the message to start producing the spike protein, which puts the immune system into “high alert.” The natural virus – SARS-CoV-2 – uses the spike protein to attach itself to our cells to begin the process of viral replication.

The vaccines stimulate the immune system to start building an immune response by making antibodies against

the spike protein, which is the first line of defense that protects us from the natural infection if we come into contact with it later. The short-term antibody response may be quick and last for several months (eg, humoral immunity), while the longer-term protection is related to other immune cells being activated in the presence of the virus (eg, cell-mediated immunity mediated by T and B-cells).

The mRNA vaccines do not enter the nucleus of the cell, so they cannot change your native DNA. After the mRNA vaccines deliver instructions to your cells, the body breaks them down and eliminates them.

Bottom line – there is no risk of the vaccine to alter your DNA.

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## Donate Life Month highlights urgent need

Across the commonwealth, nearly 7,000 Pennsylvanians are on the waiting list to receive an organ transplant, and every year, nearly 500 die because there are not enough donors.

April is National Donate Life Month — a time for education and awareness, and an opportunity for all Pennsylvanians to get involved and register as organ and tissue donors through Donate Life Pennsylvania, the state’s online donation registry.

To highlight the urgent need for more Pennsylvanians to register as organ and tissue donors during National Donate Life Month, Donate Life Pennsylvania is introducing a new educational brochure featuring images of Pennsylvanians whose lives have been touched by organ donation. The brochure will be distributed at Departments of Motor Vehicles

and in annual PennDOT mailings, and the stories behind the images will be shared on Donate Life Pennsylvania’s Impact page.

“National Donate Life Month is a time for all Pennsylvanians to come together as a community, to honor donors and donor families, and to register as organ donors to potentially save the lives of our family, friends and neighbors,” said Susan Stuart, president and CEO of CORE. “One donor can save up to eight lives through organ donation and heal the lives of 75 others through tissue and corneal donation.”

In addition to the new brochure, National Donate Life Month activities in Pennsylvania will include honoring donors and donor families with signature Donate Life flag raisings at hospitals across the state, and on April 16 — Blue & Green

Day — the Pennsylvania state capitol will be lit in blue and green to bring awareness to organ and tissue donation.

“Almost half of all eligible Pennsylvanians are registered as donors, but everyone is needed to make a difference,” said Howard M. Nathan, president and CEO of Gift of Life Donor Program. “If every Pennsylvanian registered and encouraged others to do the same, countless more lives would be saved in this state and across the country.”

Pennsylvanians can register online to become an organ and tissue donor at any time at [donatelife.org/register](http://donatelife.org/register).

To learn more about how to get involved during National Donate Life Month, follow @DonateLife-Pennsylvania on Facebook and @donatelife\_pa on Instagram.

## Dr. Lori: Art and Antiques

As Tokyo, Japan prepares to host the world at the Olympic Games with a new tourism ad campaign of Asian art and antiques juxtaposed with contemporary art, visitors to the Olympic Games will be struck by the importance of animation art or anime in the bustling Asian city.

For collectors, anime has a long history and great appeal. While the first Japanese animated film, "The Story of the Concierge Mukuzo Imokawa," was produced by Hekoten Shimokawa in 1917, the popular animated TV series called Astro Boy by Osamu Tezuka (Japanese, 1928-1989, a.k.a. The Father of Manga) prompted the rise of commercial animation in Japan with its initial 1963 broadcast.

Through the late 20th century original Japanese anime was based on comics and fairy tales like Anpanman, Crayon Shin-chan, and Space Battleship Yamato among others. The 1990s saw animation change from cel to digital animation techniques with recent examples like "Knights of Sidonia" and "Ronja, the Robber's Daughter."

Over the last 10 years since 2010, full length feature animated films were all the rage like "Detective Conan" and "Your Name" crushing box office sales records. In 2017, Japanese animation earned almost 1 trillion Japanese yen or 9,134,000,000 U.S. dollars in the



**DR. LORI VERDERAME**

world market, thus making the animated art form a major player in providing entertaining TV and internet content worldwide.

For collectors, anime collectibles are doing well in the marketplace both nationally in Japan and on the international market too. For instance, a signed original illustration drawing in marker of Astro Boy by Osamu Tezuka, circa 1980 sells for \$5,000. Other collectibles from a pair of sneakers to figures in mixed media range in value from \$500 to \$2,500. For instance, a 2012 KAWS Astro Boy (Grey) painted cast vinyl figure in its original box by Medicom Toy and Original-Fake of Tokyo sold for \$2,600 in a Chicago auction recently.

If you are a visitor to Tokyo, you will have no problem experiencing anime. I was excited by the anime I experienced on my recent trip there. Actually, anime is basically everywhere. From public monuments like

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the Mobile Suit Gundam bronze statue near Kami-Igusa station to the GeGeGe no Kitaro tea shop near the entry gate at Jindai-ji Temple, animation art is highlighted throughout the city.

Many enjoy the world of Hello Kitty at Sanrio Puro-land and the Hello Kitty and Shimajiro monuments at Tama center Shimajiro Square complete with related manhole cover designs featuring Hello Kitty holding an umbrella.

Artists worldwide have made the famous Japanese anime Hello Kitty a household name. A Tom Sach's sculpture from 2001 depicts a seated Hello Kitty made of bondo, acrylic, and ink on bronze signed and numbered in an edition of 25 which sold for \$20,000 at auction in New York city. If this is out of your price range, get your hands on a serial animated colored newsprint magazine from any Tokyo convenience store which will only set you back a few dollars.

Dr. Lori Verderame is the antiques appraiser on History Channel's "The Curse of Oak Island" and weekdays on "The Doctor and the Diva." Dr. Lori presents her Antiques Appraisal Comedy Show to audiences nationwide. Visit [DrLoriV.com/events](http://DrLoriV.com/events) or call 888-431-1010.

## Japanese Anime for collectors



Japanese anime serial magazine.



Tokyo tourism ad campaign poster.

## Cicadas are coming back after 17 years

Freda R. Savana

Bucks County may not be as inundated with the loud, but harmless, cicadas as some have anticipated.

Chris Tipping, a biology professor at Delaware Valley University, said the Brood X cicadas that will start emerging from the ground after 17 years, need old growth forests to thrive.

While underground, the males feed off the xylem of the tree's roots and, upon reaching adulthood, come out to find a mate and begin the life-cycle again.

"There's not a lot of old growth forests in Bucks," Tipping said, although there are some, including on DelVal's campus in Doylestown Township. "I'll be looking for them," said the biologist. Nockamixon State Park may also see an abundance of the insects, which are about 1 5/8 inches long.

Development is also thought to play a role in the reduced numbers of cicadas during this cycle, as there are fewer trees in the county and thus less cicadas loudly beckoning to their potential partners, Tipping noted. Fewer trees equals fewer cicadas.

However, the late-May emergence of the male cicadas is a noisy affair, especially if you're near a spot where masses of the males are chirping, or, more like clamoring, away for female attention.

Once the females have eggs to deposit, Tipping explained, they use their ovipositor to cut a tiny scratch into a branch, where they deposit their eggs. While this can sometimes damage the branches, it's not typically severe.

Sometimes people ask "what are cicadas good for?" said Tipping. "I tell them, cicadas are good for themselves; their goal is to make more copies of themselves, just like us."



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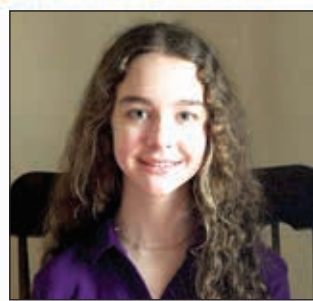


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SECTION B

April 15, 2021

## CR North strikes early in rivalry win over CR South

Steve Sherman

There was a lot riding on last Friday's softball game between Council Rock North and visiting CR South.

For one, the emotions of the Indians, who were once guided by current Golden Hawks head coach John Engelhardt. And of course there was a softball game between sister schools for the first time since May 2019 as COVID-19 canceled the 2020 season altogether.

"North-South is always an incredibly emotional game," said first-year CR North coach Susan Yee, who played softball at Abington. "It's such a big-time rivalry. Everybody knows about it, even those of us who weren't a part of it."

"And these girls were playing against their former coach. So I was very proud of them for staying focused through the entire thing. As a young kid, it's easy to let that emotion get the best of you."

The Indians didn't waste any time on offense, tagging CR South starter Ciara Constance for seven runs in the bottom of the first inning, though just four of those runs were earned with the Hawks committing three errors in the initial frame.

While CR South answered with four runs in the last three innings, North emerged with a 10-4 victory to go to 2-0 on the season, 1-0 in the Suburban One League (SOL) Patriot Division. The Hawks fell to 2-2, overall, 0-2 in the SOL after starting their season with wins over Villa Joseph Marie and Wissahickon.

Defensively, Indians' starter Kat Hastings, a senior headed to Division I Wagner College, kept CR South scoreless through the first four innings, before allowing two runs apiece in both the fifth and the final frames. For the game, the righthander allowed four runs on eight hits while striking out five.

"It was a bummer not having my junior year but the team this year, the whole atmosphere is fantastic," said Hastings. "Today's game was amazing; it's good to be back."

"It was nice to get that atmosphere back. It was like, oh my gosh, it's North-South. It was a lot of fun."

"Today's game was probably one of the best games that I've had in years."

North received much of its offensive production from its outfielders, who just happen to be the 7-, 8- and 9-batters for the Indians.

CR North leftfielder Kandace Kiskurno, a sophomore who bats seventh, stroked a pair of singles and scored a run while centerfielder Noelle Wood, a junior who bats eighth, went 2-for-3 with a single, a double, an RBI and a pair of runs scored.

"She can run fast and she can hit so she gets on base and she usually scores," said Hastings. "She's just great and it's good to have her on the team, too."

"A lot of people know Noelle as a bunter," added Yee. "Obviously, she proved if you're expecting a bunt, she can drive it over the outfield."

Batting in the nine-hole, junior rightfielder Jayme Bordner broke the game open with a two-run double in the initial frame and pushed the eighth run across the plate in the third.

"From her freshman year, I've seen such a huge improvement from her," said Hastings. "She's a big part of the team, today especially; she did great hitting."

The Indians pounded out a dozen hits in their season-opening victory over Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL) rival Archbishop Wood, overcoming seven errors and a late-game 4-3 deficit to come away with a 6-5 triumph.

Senior Sophia Shields hit 2-for-4 with a double, a triple, a pair of runs scored and an RBI in the win over the Vikings, while classmate Isabella Pellitta also had a big day, finishing 3-for-3 with two doubles and a pair of RBIs. Hastings helped her own cause, finishing 3-for-3 with an RBI.

"We have the ability to do damage from any part of the lineup," stated Yee. "It's not one of those 'once you get past the first four (batters).'"

"Everybody brings something to the table. The kids have worked really hard at becoming versatile and becoming smart ballplayers and taking what they see."

To South's credit, the Hawks didn't fold their tents after North went up 7-0 in the bottom of the first inning.

South started the battle with three freshmen and a pair of sophomores in its lineup.

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MICHAEL A. APICE

## Panthers pounce on Bucks

CB West's Oliver Hu gets off a hard spike over Quakertown's Zander Marks in Tuesday's clash with the Panthers, who prevailed in three straight sets on their home court. More photos on page B3.

## Baseball notes: West waits for home, gets first win

Don Leypoldt

CB West had to wait yet a little longer to finally play at home.

Monday's home opener against Pennridge (1-2 SOL Colonial) was rained out, marking the second home postponement of the year. The new opener was scheduled for Wednesday (late game), against unbeaten CB East.

The Bucks were looking forward to some home cooking after dropping their first four games, all on the road. But West (1-4, 1-2 SOL Colonial), who had two one-run losses, broke through Tuesday with a 7-6 win against the Rams. The game was moved to James Park in Sellersville.

Pennridge jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two, but the Bucks clawed back. West reliever Julio Ermigiotti entered the game in the second and shut the door, allowing just one earned run while finishing the game.

Andrew Kohl and James Carbone each hit RBI doubles in the third to trim the Pennridge lead to 5-3. Kohl and Carbone both added RBI singles in the three-run top of the sixth, where West turned a 6-4 deficit into the 7-6 final score. Nick Chellev doubled twice and knocked in three for Pennridge.

The Rams, who hosted 2019 state champion Souderton last Wednesday night, split their first four games for head coach Craig Whitten, who is in his second year at the Pennridge helm. 2021 marks Whitten's first game action due to last season's COVID-related cancellation. Pennridge put up a four-spot in the fifth to rally and top host Hatboro-Horsham 6-4 on opening day. Matt Dubyk, who allowed only one earned run while fanning eight Hatters in five innings, got the win in a windy affair.

Pennridge fell to CB East 6-2 on April

7 but beat North Penn 5-4 two days later. The "W" marked the Rams' first win over the Knights since 2013. Aidan Fretz went 5.2 innings for the start and allowed just three hits and three walks while striking out five Knights. Conor Flynn needed only nine pitches to save the game.

Offensively, Joey Calabretti, who had a big RBI double against Hatboro-Horsham and a homer against CB East, rapped three hits against North Penn. The Rams got all five of their runs in the fifth inning, and four came with two outs. Bobby Croyle started by knocking a two-out RBI single, Calabretti thumped an RBI double and Harry Haeflein plated two with a double of his own.

A junior infielder, Calabretti started the year hitting .500 and slugging .857. He and Croyle have three RBIs in the Rams' first four games. Croyle is hitting .364 at press time.

West also played North Penn tough, falling 7-6 in Lansdale on April 7. Carbone, Max Grill and Kohl combined for eight of the Bucks' 12 hits. A Carbone RBI double and run plating singles from Grill and Robb Watson scored three in the third to knot the game at 4. West added two fourth-inning runs via RBI singles from Carbone and Kohl.

Two days later, Lehigh-commit Kohl slammed a homer in a loss to CB South. Runs have not been an issue for West. The team pushed 25 across in their first five games. Carbone, an Alvemnia-signee, is hitting .467 and his seven RBIs lead the team. Senior Mike Boyle brought a .462 average into the Pennridge game.

Walks and errors had been West's bugaboo, yet against South the team fielded 18 of 19 chances cleanly and the pitching staff walked their fewest in a game to date. Tuesday's win showed that third-year coach Brian Weaver's charges may be turning a corner.

## Rams rout Falcons, advance to Flyers Cup semifinal

Don Leypoldt

The third time was the charm. The Pennridge Rams suffered two one-goal losses to the SHSHL 2A champion Pennsbury Falcons this winter: one on opening night and one in the SHSHL 2A semifinals. In both games, the Rams led after the second period.

### Ice hockey

The No. 10 Rams avenged No. 2 Pennsbury in Thursday's 2A Flyers Cup quarterfinal. Pennridge scored four first period goals, and then survived a wild third period in the 9-6 win.

"We have a lot of experience but we also regularly play several freshmen and sophomores," noted Pennridge head coach Jeff Montagna. "Guys can get really nervous in a Flyers Cup game. The fact that we played Pennsbury - a team that we had seen twice and a team that we knew we could play with - helped to settle us down. They went into Thursday's game very angry from the semifinal, because they knew they gave that game away."

Pennsbury took a 2-1 lead midway through the first, but three different Rams scored the period's final three goals. The Rams led 8-3 late in the third and withstood an onslaught of three power-play-aided Falcon goals in 86 seconds. Pennridge's Aeryk Lehrhaupt scored once in each period.

A big start also fueled the Rams' first-round 4-2 win over No. 7 CB East. Pennridge took a 3-0 lead in the game's first 13 minutes. Goalie Ryan Pico saved 24 of 26 shots.

"Maybe the urgency of the situation - a win or go home - allowed them to focus more," reflected Montagna, who pointed out that fast starts were problematic for Pennridge in the regular season.

Lehrhaupt's 14 goals led the SHSHL Continental, yet the balanced Rams had five players with a dozen or more points. "We have the luxury of having three lines who can score," Montagna noted.

Defensively, Pico's .918 save percentage was one of the best in the SHSHL. "He gives us opportunities. He has given us games that maybe we shouldn't have won or kept us in games that maybe we didn't belong in at times," Montagna credited. "He's our security blanket."

Pennridge faced No. 3 Haverford, 7-2 Tuesday winners over No. 6 CB South, in Wednesday's semifinal. The Fords knocked Pennridge out of last year's Flyers Cup, granting the Rams another chance for a revenge game. Results were unavailable at press time.

## CB South falls to Pennsbury

Karen Sangillo

On the face of it, the Central Bucks South boys lacrosse team's 14-7 loss to host Pennsbury on Tuesday doesn't sound like a good day for the Titans.

But there were certainly some bright spots for the visitors in the Suburban One National Conference contest.

### Boys lacrosse

CB South got on the board first, when Chris Moore won the opening faceoff and the Titans were patient on offense, finally getting an opportunity at 10:42 when Cole Cenci netted the first goal of the day on the first shot of the day.

Although Moore dominated the faceoffs all day, winning 14 of 23, the Titans couldn't cash in, falling behind, 5-2, after the first quarter and trailing 8-2 by halftime.

"Chris Moore is unbelievable," CB South coach Mike Strayline said. "He is such a dominant force for us and to not capitalize on that is something we have to work on. We took 16 shots in the first half and I don't think we missed the net once. Either we hit their goalie (Nico Cione) or he made the save. I give all the credit to that kid. He played fantastic in the first half and that was the difference in the game. You go down 8-2 and it's hard to come back from that."

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# SPORTS



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Council Rock North junior Noelle Wood, left, slapped a double then promptly stole third base before putting the Indians up 8-0 in the third inning.

## CR North beats South

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“We’re a young and inexperienced team,” admitted Engelhardt. “You have to learn to win and realize that one inning – it is what it is. Just get back out there.”

“I felt like our energy dropped but when we scored a run or two, that energy came back.”

Down 9-0 after four innings, the Hawks answered with a pair of runs in the fifth after infielders Devon Wach and Kaylie Walters (3-for-4) stroked back to back two-out singles, pulled off a double steal and scored on a two-run bases-loaded single by senior centerfielder Kerri Despirito (2-for-3, 2 RBIs).

Hastings avoided any runs in the sixth by stranding runners on the corners and striking out Wach to end the inning.

Walters reached base with her third single to lead off the seventh and senior infielder Lauren Paulk reached on an error. While Walters scored on a wild pitch, Paulk came home on a ground ball slapped by senior catcher Kayla Petricelli.

Paulk was one of the offensive heroes in South’s season-opening



STEVE SHERMAN

Council Rock South senior Lauren Paulk takes a swing for the Golden Hawks.

11-10 triumph over Villa, hitting 2-for-4 with 4 RBIs. Petricelli came through in an ensuing 3-2 extra-inning victory over Wissahickon, going 3-for-3 with a double and a pair of runs scored.

Constance, a senior righthander for the Hawks, struck out eight batters and pitched a complete game in both of her team’s wins to open the season.

## Pennsbury defeats CB East

Karen Sangillo

If any team could teach lessons on positive attitudes, it’s the Central Bucks East girls lacrosse team.

After losing the entire 2020 season to the pandemic, the Patriots

### Girls lacrosse

are so thrilled to be back on the field that Monday’s 17-4 Suburban One League National Conference loss to host Pennsbury didn’t take the wind out of their sails.

As Pennsbury’s goals mounted, the Patriots were undaunted, playing as if the game were on the line until the final whistle.

“I’m proud of our effort,” CB East senior captain Morgan Eater said. “We never gave up. We never quit. We kept working, we kept playing hard, right up to the end.”

“This loss is frustrating, but we’re working together so we’re just going to build from here. It’s still the beginning of the season, so we’ll just have to take what happened today and work on it tomorrow.”

“We have a new coach (Maggie Stella) and she’s totally awesome, we all love her, but this is our third coach in three seasons. It’s hard adjusting constantly and not having continuity, but I think this is our best

year ever.

“We’re just having so much more fun than we’ve ever had in the past. I know games like this don’t make it seem like that, but we’re the best team we’ve ever been. We have so much time. We have a month before we play West and South, and those are the biggest games for us. None of us have given up.”

Eater, a senior captain who was also a captain on the swim team, is undecided on a major but will attend either the Naval Academy or the University of Virginia.

“Wherever I go I’m going to try out for the lacrosse team or play club,” she said. “I’m not ready to give it up yet.”

Like every other spring sports team in Pennsylvania, the Patriots appreciate the opportunity to play this year.

“We’re very grateful,” CB East senior captain Grace Bethke said. “After what happened last year, it’s exciting just to get back on the field. Knowing how quickly it could all go away makes us all so happy to be here.”

“This is a fun team to be on. We have things to work on, we know that, but we have really great energy and there’s nothing negative about this team. We cheer each other on. We’re excited to keep going. We all want to be here and I think that’s

the most important thing.

Bethke, who was also a stand-out on the field hockey team, will attend Florida State in the fall. She is undecided on a major.

First year coach Maggie Stella played lacrosse and field hockey for CB East, graduating in 2015. She went on to play lacrosse at Robert Morris and West Chester, and now teaches fifth grade at Doyle Elementary School.

“Even though we lost, I saw so many positives,” she said. “That is so encouraging for me as a coach.”

“Clearly, I love the game. I want them to find their own love for the game and I think they’re finding it. They’re going to lose some, they’re going to win some, but no matter what, I want them to enjoy the game and have fun.”

She is the third coach in as many seasons for CB East. Jordan Sanocki was the head coach in 2019 and in 2018, current Owen J. Roberts skipper David Schlesinger was at the helm.

“It’s so fun to coach at East,” she said. “I’m back here for a reason. I’m hoping to be here for a long time. That’s my goal. I want to establish a fun culture and one that these girls don’t forget.”

Abby Durr and Paige Keller scored two goals apiece for CB East.

### Rugby notes

The Doylestown high school boys team opened the spring league season on April 11, with a tough loss to nationally-ranked (Goff Rugby Report ) St. Joe’s Prep.

In a hard-fought battle on the Doylestown home pitch, the final score was 14-29. Scoring for Doylestown were Ford Rubel, with two tries (one in each half), and Chris Cleland, with two conversions (one in each half). St. Joe’s had three unconverted tries in the first half and two converted tries in the second half.

The next match for the Dragons will be away, against Conestoga, on Sunday, April 18.

The Doylestown high school girls team went 3-2-1 in a “friendly” 7s tournament in New Jersey.

The first match of the day was against Hempfield A. Doylestown lost 0-49. The next two matches were wins against Hempfield B (17-14) and South Jersey (21-15). Grace McCullough, Savannah Hines, and Liz Johnson each had one try. Nolah Flynn had one try and three conversions, and Nina Mason had two tries and two conversions.

The fourth match was a tie against Hempfield B (17-17). Maddie Doyle, McCullough and Mason each had one try, and Mason made one conversion as well.

Match 5 was a 36-22 loss to Hempfield B. Doyle and Ellie Miller each had one try. Mason had two tries and one conversion to round out the scoring.

The final match of the day was a 14-10 win over South Jersey. Miller and Mason had one try each, and Mason added two conversions.

The Dragons’ next match is against Conestoga on the home pitch at Maennerchor Field, 3650 Cold Spring Creamery Road, Doylestown, on April 18. Kickoff is at noon.

The Doylestown junior boys team defeated the ninth and 10th grade St. Joe’s Prep team in a “friendly” (non-league) home match on April 11. The final score was 43-19.

Try scorers for the Dragons were: Gavin Koch (two), Cade Aivazian (two), Reagan McCullough (two) and Tom Jolly (one). Bailey O’Malley kicked four conversions and also was Man of the Match. St. Joe’s had two converted tries and 1 unconverted try.

The next match for the Dragons will be away, against Conestoga on April 18.

The Doylestown youth team traveled to Downingtown on April 11 to open the spring league season, and came away with a 34-7 victory.

Try scorers for the Dragons were: Aaron Kelly (three), Jackson Reilly (one), Santiago (Chago) Bustelo (one), and Joey Craig (one). Craig also had two conversions. Downingtown had one converted try.

The next match for the Dragons will be away, against Conestoga, on Sunday, April 18.

For information about Doylestown Rugby Football Club, go to doylestownrugby.com.

## CB South lacrosse

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CB South senior captain Evan Jacobsen agreed. “We took a lot of shots and their goalie saved them and that was our poor shot placement,” he said. “We’ve got to make sure we’re getting the ball to the corners and not just shooting at the net. That’s definitely a lesson we learned today.”

Cenci led CB South with three goals. Nick Farenno had a pair of goals, Logan Dunn contributed one goal and one assist, Reese Levinson added a goal, Liam Brittin had two assists, and John Fitts and Moore each had one assist to round out the scoring for the Titans.

Gavin Ostroff made eight saves in goal for CB South and Moore picked up nine ground balls.

“We need to see what we did wrong here, then put it behind us,” CB South junior captain David Humphreys said. “We have to just move forward and not drop our heads. We had a rough first half, obviously, but we did a lot better in the second half, and we never gave up. We played hard right up to the end and that’s a good thing to take away from this game.”

“There’s still a lot of time left in the season for us to improve. We’re really coming together as a team and that’s really important.”

“This was good competition and that’s good for us. We got to see what we need to work on and now we have to get to it and keep on working.”

After not playing all of last season, the Titans are trying to catch up after a late start this year.

“We’ve had a really rough start to this year with COVID,” Strayline said. “We were shut down for 10 days so our practice time was limited, and we just started playing games the other day. We’re behind everybody else right now, and we’re still working out the kinks. Hopefully in the next few weeks we’re going to start getting into the grind and start doing things right.”

“It’s great to see these guys out here. They’re having fun. Even though they lost they still had fun. They’re focused. They want to play. I felt bad for our seniors last year because we had a good group of kids that never got the chance to play in their senior year and we were hoping that this year was going to happen. It’s great that it really is happening and we’re trying to get things going. It’s just the inconsistency with practices that are causing our problems.”

“But we’re going to be there at the end of the year, hopefully, and hopefully we’re going to have a good year.”

Senior captain Christian Manibo, who usually wears No. 7, wore No. 66 in the game in honor of Lucas Traverse. Traverse, a defender for the Titans who graduated in 2019, died on Jan. 30 after being hit by a train in Pittsburgh, where he was a sophomore at Duquesne.

“We’re taking turns and it was my day to wear it,” Manibo said. “It was a huge honor because whenever I wear the double sixes he’s there with me. We were really close. I played varsity as a sophomore and he was a senior, so he took me under his wing and helped me develop as a player.”

To contribute to the funeral costs for the family, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lucas-traverse-fund>.

The Titans (2-1 SOL National, 2-2 overall) are back in action on Friday, playing host to SOL National rival Neshaminy at 5:30 p.m.

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# SPORTS



## Central Bucks rivals compete in North Penn meet

Jeff Moeller

For Central Bucks South head track coach Jason Gable and his peers, it was a matter of just being there. "The amount of work the coaches put into this was huge," noted Gable. "It was just great to be out there again for a meet. Everyone was happy to have a competition."

"The coaches ran the show and a lot of their work went unnoticed. It was a good day." Central Bucks South served as host for the North Penn Invitational meet April 11, as the Knights' stadium has been undergoing renovations. Central Bucks West and Central Bucks East were the only local teams that competed.

### Track and field

Gable highlighted the efforts of senior Tom Wood, who won the shot put with a mark of 49-2 and qualified for districts. Other district qualifiers were sophomore Aiden Carey, who had a mark of 6-2 in the high jump, and senior Liam Loynd, who had a time of 1:59.48 in the 800 for a fourth-place finish.

"That was huge for us," said Gable. "Aiden Carey did a great job. Liam Loynd was in a great field and he stepped up. Tommy Wood has been throwing great in practice, and it would be just a matter of time."

Senior Audrey Johnson won the girls 100 in a time of 12.73; senior Yvonne Burke, the high jump (4-10); and Senior Stella Han, the discus (77-7). The Titans' 4x100 team (Johnson, junior Felicia Oh, senior Izzie Kowalski and senior Athena Tomlinson) also recorded a first (50.08).

Central Bucks West senior Julia Flood was satisfied with her time of 5:20.52 in the 1,600, and anticipated her performance could be a trendsetter for the rest of the season. "I think the race went well," she said. "I wanted to run a faster time, but I'm happy with how strong I felt during the race. I'm excited for the rest of the season."

Teammate senior Carlin McFadden paced herself well, and she won the 800 in a personal record (PR) time of 2:13.80. "(Emmi Simon) and I came out strong and I pulled a PR," she said. "I'd like to keep progressing. I was proud of how we did as a team. I want to get my time down to get to states."

"Our head coach (Kiki Bell) creates a very competitive atmosphere at practice. I feel blessed to have the coaches we have, We also all have each other's back."

Junior Kate Edenson won the 400 in a time of 58.21 and the girls' 4x400 relay team (freshman Maile McFadden, Simon, Carlin McFadden, Edenson) took first in 3:59.16. Fellow senior Chloe Timberg won the pole vault in 12-6.

On the boys side for West, junior Carter Fitzgerald took top honors in the 800 (1:54.89) and junior Nikolaus Mangeot in the 3,200 (9:49.68).

Bell was pleased with her team's overall effort. "It was a great day," she said. "Chloe (Timberg) did an amazing job in the pole vault. Carlin (McFadden) was involved in four events, and she was outstanding. Julia (Flood) and Emmi (Simon) are running well."

"We have some elite athletes, and they do things the right way. It was great just to be out there after a long time away."

Central Bucks East coach Chris Pierangeli viewed the meet as a measuring stick for the remainder of the year. The Patriots received top performances from senior Kylie Emmens, 100 meter hurdles (15.67); senior Ella Derstine, 300 hurdles (47.63); senior Carolena Bellini, long jump (16-10); Kiera Donnelly, javelin (100-10); junior Leah Eckley, shot put (34-11.25), senior Marcos Lopez, 400 (50.86), and the boys 4x800 relay team (8:25.76).

Pierangeli also credited the efforts of junior Holden Emery (800, second), freshman Mike Steitz (400, ninth), senior Luke Blackwell, (javelin, ninth) and junior Ethan Evans (300 hurdles, fourth; high jump, eighth).

"We'll find out really quick about how good we can be," said Pierangeli. "The next six weeks will be a challenge for us."

"We'll be competitive, and there are a lot of good signs. It will be exciting to see them grow."



CB West's Oliver Hu spikes over Quakertown's Cody Steiert.



Brett Musselman's and Zander Marks' defense proved too much for CB West as the Quakertown Panthers won in three straight sets.

## Quakertown sweeps West

The Quakertown boys volleyball team defeated Central Bucks West in three stright sets (25-21, 25-16, 25-20) on their home court Tuesday night.

With the 3-0 win, Quakertown improved its SOL American Conference and overall record to 3-3, while the loss dropped the Bucks to 2-4.

The Panthers traveled to Southern Lehigh Wednesday (results unavailable at press time) and will finish out the week at North Penn on Thursday.

The Bucks next take the court against visiting Souderton on Thursday.



Quakertown's Jeff Sinsel reacts after ending the last game and with the match-winning point over CB West.

Photographs by Michael A. Apice



CB West's Alex Zarett tries to block the spike from Quakertown's Jared Leatherman.



CB West's Trenton Mileski spikes a return against Quakertown's Jeff Sinsel and Brett Musselman.

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### Fitzpatrick announces U.S. Service Academy nominations

U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick announced the United States Military Service Academy nominations for the Class of 2025 on April 6.

One of Fitzpatrick's duties is nominating qualified young women and men from Bucks and Montgomery counties to the nation's service academies. Service academy nominations are recommended to Fitzpatrick by a nomination committee, comprised of active duty and retired service members from across the First District. The following students received an academy nomination (some students are listed twice due to multiple nominations):

U.S. Air Force Academy: Erin Firth, New Hope-Solebury High School; Ella Gross, Gwynedd-Mercy Academy; Alexander Leyzerzon, Neshaminy High School; Skylar McCartney-Puzio, Southern Lehigh High School; Aidan McGinnis, Pennridge High School; Denali Ramirez, Pennridge High School; Tyler Richardson, Pennridge High School; Catherine Smith, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School; Mark Snyder, Central Bucks High School South; Christian Yuen, Valley Forge Military Academy and College.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Abigail Brunell, Bensalem High School; Aidan McGinnis, Pennridge High School; Luke Neverosky, Springside Chestnut Hill Academy; Aidan Sheehan, George School; Mark Snyder, Central Bucks High School South; Christian Yuen, Valley Forge Military Academy and College.

U.S. Military Academy at West Point: Liam Griffith, New Hope-Solebury High School; Kate Heindrichs, New Hope-Solebury High School; Amber Henry, Valley Forge Military Academy and College; Julia Kelly, Marion Military Institute; Emily Maceri, Quakertown Community Senior High School; Mark Neill, Central Bucks High School South; Tyler Richardson, Pennridge High School; Richard Rubel, Central Bucks High School West; Owen Webster, Lansdale Catholic High School; Nicholas Whalen, Council Rock High School North.

U.S. Naval Academy: Thomas Christie, La Salle College High School; Kaelin Costello, Archbishop Wood High School; Morgan Eater, Central Bucks High School East; Abigail Greenhalgh, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School; Liam Griffith, New Hope-Solebury High School; Zoya Holin, The Hill School; Annie Lemelin, Mount Saint Joseph Academy; Alexander Leyzerzon, Neshaminy High School; Joseph Lock, Quakertown Community Senior High School; Timothy Mehlmann, La Salle College High School; Joshua Schettino, Neshaminy High School.

# Doylestown teenager launches campaign in support of public library

Regina Young

Much like the books she reads, Mary Frances McNulty is hoping to hook an audience through a bit of clever writing this spring.

By capturing people's attention as they shop around town, she means to encourage the public to visit a place that is near and dear to her heart – the Doylestown branch of the Bucks County Free Library (BCFL).

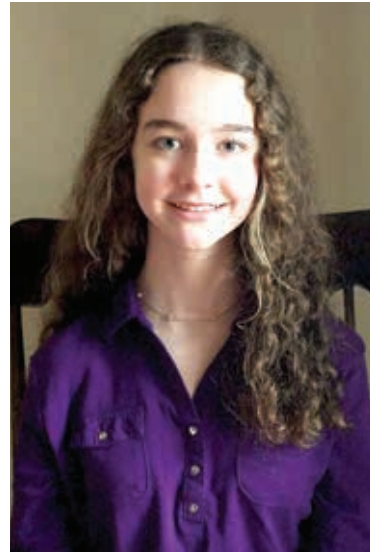
"For me personally, I always go to the Doylestown library – either for school projects or just to find books to read for enjoyment," said the 16-year-old. "I've always found the library to be a vital part of the community."

McNulty is a member of the library's Community Promotion Crew Team, and in this volunteer role she recently launched a creative marketing campaign consisting of catchphrases and funny questions that several Doylestown businesses have posted on their doors and bulletin boards, in yet another demonstration of community members coming together during the pandemic.

While the role itself is fairly new to McNulty – one that began earlier this year – volunteerism is not. A borough resident, she began volunteering at the Doylestown library a few years ago, assisting with the BCFL's Summer Quest reading program.

"I did that for a few years prior to the pandemic and I loved it," she said. "I love interacting with people and meeting new people, especially in our community."

When coronavirus restrictions prevented the Doylestown branch from hosting Summer Quest in its traditional format, McNulty volunteered to package materials for program participants to use at home. She also worked last summer with Operation Doylestown, an initiative



MARY FRANCES MCNULTY



A catchphrase created with the purpose of encouraging the public to visit their public library hangs on the door of a business in Doylestown.

to revitalize the small business community in the wake of COVID-19 lockdowns.

In January, when she learned the Doylestown library sought new ideas for informing the public about its services, the high school junior – who is contemplating a career in business – jumped once more at the opportunity to make a difference.

"Because of COVID, the library has been exploring different ways that our teen volunteers can help us virtually or as 'curbside volunteers,' promoting the library in their community, creating fun social media posts for our Instagram, writing book reviews and more," explained Michelle Kiker, Youth Services librarian for the Doylestown branch.

"We really appreciated Mary Frances' creativity and hard work as a member of our Community Promotion Crew Team, and it was awesome to see her plan her project from start to finish."

That process, McNulty detailed, began with submitting a proposal to the library.

"I created about 10 to 12 flyers," she said. "They were just different, catchy phrases or different questions that prompt you to visit the library."

Phrases such as: "Is your New Year's resolution to get physically fit? Visit your local public library and

give your brain a workout."

"Just different, funny and clever ways of plugging the library into different scenarios," she added.

After library staff signed off on her idea, she took her placards to downtown shops and restaurants. Approximately 10 businesses have partnered in the campaign, posting flyers on their doors, in their windows and at registers, and McNulty is now working on expanding the



Mary Frances McNulty with Doylestown Mayor Ron Strouse. Last summer McNulty worked with the mayor and other business owners on Operation Doylestown, an initiative to revitalize small businesses following COVID-19 lockdowns.

project to shops located beyond the center of town.

A high honors student at Villa Joseph Marie High School in Holland, McNulty is the recipient of the Widener University and NBC10 High School Leadership Award, Kate Abel Memorial Scholarship and the Mother Maria Kaupas Scholarship.

She is the founder of two school clubs, Future Business Leaders of America and the VJM High School Wreaths Across America Chapter, and she's also a member of several others, including the Mission and Ministry Team (Sacristan and Prayer and Liturgy team leader), Catholic Relief Services (ambassador) and National English Honor Society.

Since April 2020, she has served as a student representative on the Doylestown Historic and Architectural Review Board, and come this fall, she will join the Doylestown Borough Council as a junior councilperson.

Turning 17 in just a few days, McNulty derives much joy from helping others – a passion that persisted before – and will long after – the events of 2020.

Community service, she said, "has been an important part of my life ever since I was younger. My parents are also very involved in serving the community, so from a very young age I've been interested in serving others and serving my community. I feel now, moving forward, it's a part of me, and I will continue to serve others in my community and beyond."

Businesses that wish to post one of McNulty's flyers can email her at mfmcnulty4@gmail.com.

The library, noted Kiker, will post more information on volunteer opportunities as summer approaches. Visit buckslib.org for details.

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# EDUCATION

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## Del Val's Ashley Pritchard named "Counselor of County"

Delaware Valley High School's Ashley Pritchard has been named Hunterdon County's "Counselor of the County" by the county affiliate of the N.J. School Counselor Association.

Pritchard is in her fourth year at Del Val, and has made college and career guidance her specialty. Her efforts include coordinating college-rep visits and making how-to presentations on the college-admissions process. She was nominated for the honor by her colleague Scott Woodland.

He said, "Ashley Pritchard has been a school counselor at Del Val for the last four years. From day

one, she has proven to be an invaluable member of the school-counseling team. Ashley is well-versed in all aspects of school counseling. She has brought a fresh and creative perspective to the team. She has helped to refresh our 504 process. She has recorded several instructional videos and slideshows to assist students with navigating Xello, Naviance, Common App and the college-application process.

"She is supportive, understanding, and accepting. Ashley serves as an advocate for all of her students and particularly those from the LGBTQ community. Her hard work, positive attitude, and ap-

proach to every situation naturally earns her unending respect from her students, families, colleagues, staff and members of the community."

Pritchard is the second Del Val counselor to win this award in three years. Kristina Sterbenc won the award in 2019.

All the county honorees are normally recognized at a banquet but that's virtual this year.

*Delaware Valley High School's Ashley Pritchard is an advocate for all her students, and a specialist in the college-admissions process.*



## Area students recognized for academic excellence

Jacqueline Mattes of Ottsville has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University College of Business in Salt Lake University. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

Immaculata University students who merit inclusion in the fall 2020 Dean's List are as follows:

- Bensalem: Gabrielle Greco, Nicholas Livolsi, Katie Mulvey, Emily Shappell and Brendan Sullivan;
- Chalfont: Anna Freeman;
- Churchville: Madysen Hall;
- Fairless Hills: Bryce Wiltbank;
- Feasterville Trevose: Taylor Kelly;
- Langhorne: Kate Lafferty and Matthew Lynn;
- Levittown: Vanessa Diaz, Mary McKinney and Madeline Terry;
- Morrisville: Kenneth DiFilippo;
- Perkasie: Julianna Rotondo;
- Sellersville: Ashley Schaffer;
- Trevose: Bridget McDonough;
- Warminster: Gillian Fennessey and Alexa Thornton.

Tanner Bahnc of Ottsville made the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Delaware Valley University. Bahnc, a senior, is majoring in marketing.

Students at Misericordia University who qualified for the fall 2020 Dean's List with a 3.55 grade point average or higher are: Ethan Benedict, Feasterville; Sarah Czop, Bensalem; Kyra Duncan, Bensalem; Isabel Falguera, Hatboro; Madison Farrell, Perkasie; Elizabeth Fasti, New Hope; Amelia Gansz, Quakertown; Ty' Shawn Hopkins, Telford; Thomas Jacob, Hatboro; John Kelley, Levittown; Patrick Mattes, Bethlehem; Haley McMenimen, Bethlehem; Brianna McPeak, Warminster; Casey Meenan, Perkasie; Taylor O'Keefe, Levittown; Emma Pole, Sellersville;

Olivia Schumann, Perkasie; Mikayla Simanski, Erwinna; Jenna Whitman, Lansdale; Quintessa Zamolyi, Bethlehem.

The following students from Bucks County have been recognized as Provost Scholars at Indiana University of Pennsylvania:

- Bristol: Matthew Pirolo, Bachelor of Science in computer science/cyber security;
- Doylestown: Jessica Marie Krapf, Bachelor of Arts in criminology; Andrew Thomas Kulikowski, Bachelor of Science in natural science/pre-physical therapy;
- Fairless Hills: John Francis Hose, Bachelor of Science in Education in health and physical education/K-12 teacher education;
- Jamison: Morgan Ann Kaupas, Bachelor of Science in Education in early childhood and special education;
- Levittown: Matthew Gindhart Tomlin, Bachelor of Science in human resource management;
- Newtown: Abigail E. Jett, Bachelor of Science in human development and family science;
- Perkasie: Jack Henry Haring, Bachelor of Arts in criminology;
- Warminster: Olivia Christine Fox, Bachelor of Science in nursing;
- Yardley: Caitlyn Marian Brashear, Bachelor of Arts in general studies.

The following students were named to the Northeastern University Dean's List for the fall semester:

- Doylestown: Michaiiah Parker, majoring in health science; Natalie Yim, majoring in bioengineering; Mei Peng Rizzo, majoring in international affairs/economics; Andrew Baldassare, majoring in mechanical engineering; Lauren Paynton, majoring in mechanical engineering/physics;
- Furlong: Abigail Kearns, majoring in bioengineering; Morgan Forbes,

majoring in electrical engineering/music; Rianna Rosenberg, majoring in undeclared;

New Hope: Audra Moore, majoring in behavioral neuroscience; Benjamin Green, majoring in mechanical engineering;

Pipersville: Julia Nitschke, majoring in economics; Jill Grube, majoring in behavioral neuroscience.

The following students made the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Connecticut: Natalie Seier of Bethlehem, Alexis Frankel of Doylestown, Sydney Mazzanti of Doylestown, Lindsey Ricci of Holland, Mingqi Yu of Langhorne, Van Hoang of Newtown, Krista Hobbib of Newtown, Julie Kantner of Perkasie, Camille Wiegand of Yardley.

Two local students have earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University. The award is given to students who perform at a superior level in their coursework.

Liana Kiser of Doylestown has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University Teachers College.

Dawn Edelman of Jamison has earned an Award of Excellence at Western Governors University Teachers College.

The following students from Bucks County have been named to the fall 2020 dean's list at Indiana University of Pennsylvania:

- Bensalem: Kaleigh V. Casey, Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in hospitality management;
- Bristol: Triona Victoria Fant, Winder Drive, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English/writing studies; Matthew Pirolo, B.S. in computer science/cyber security; Natale Marie Walker, B.A. in psychology;
- Chalfont: Amanda Claire Valinotti, B.A. in interdisciplinary fine arts/

dance arts;

Doylestown: Noah Christian Ellison, B.A. in economics; Jessica Marie Krapf, B.A. in criminology; Andrew Thomas Kulikowski, Silo Hill Road, B.S. in natural science/pre-physical therapy; Rebekah C. Wesley, B.A. in criminology;

Fairless Hills: John Francis Hose, Fairfax Road, Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) in health and physical education/community health education;

Ferndale: Emma Dorothy Miller, B.S. in marketing;

Holland: Hannah Joy Costello, Durham Place, B.S. in nursing;

Ivyland: Katarina Autere, South Traymore Avenue, B.S. in Nursing

Jamison: Morgan Ann Kaupas, B.S.Ed. in early childhood and special education;

Langhorne: Jacob R. Hardnock, B.S. in physical education and sport/pre-athletic training; Dante Jarel Herder, B.S. in marketing;

Levittown: Kaylee Hutchins, Neptune Lane, B.S. Ed. in early childhood and special education; Kaitlyn Marie Lucisano, B.S. in nursing; Mary Ann Mills, B.S. in interior design; Matthew Gindhart Tomlin, B.S. in human resource management;

Newtown: Allison Rachel Goldstein, B.S. in nursing; Abigail E. Jett, B.S. in human development and family science;

Perkasie: Jack Henry Haring,

B.A. in criminology;

Pipersville: Joselyn Theresa Acuna, B.S.Ed. in early childhood and special education; Jonathan D. Worthington, B.S. Ed. in Mathematics Education;

Quakertown: Isaiah Douglas Buzdygon, Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in music performance; Amelia Derry, B.S. in fashion merchandising; Julia Grace Huot, B.S. in disability services; Caitlin Rosenberger, B.S. in nursing; Amanda M. Zener, B.A. in international studies;

Richlandtown: Andrew J. Stout, B.S. in management/general;

Sellersville: Thomas J. Detweiler, B.S. in nursing; Erin Faith Farrell, B.S. in interior design;

Silverdale: William Thomas Bissland, B.S. in physical education and sport/exercise science;

Warminster: Tatiana Cleffi, B.S. in nursing; Mackenzie Morgan Earl, B.S. in fashion merchandising; Sean Thomas Ovington, B.S. in marketing;

Warminster: Olivia Christine Fox, B.S. in nursing;

Washington Crossing: Cassandra A. Long, B.S.Ed. in early childhood and special education;

Yardley: Caitlyn Marian Brashear, B.A. in general studies; Christopher D. Joswick, B.A. in criminology; Haily S. Logan, B.S. in international business; Ashley Elizabeth Miller, B.A. in psychology; Jillian Osborne, B.S. in biology; Emalyn Scheg, B.A. in international studies.

## Cairn's Master of Social Work reaches candidacy for accreditation

Cairn University's new Master of Social Work (MSW) program, launched in fall 2020, achieved another important milestone: candidacy for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Commission on Accreditation.

At its February meeting, the Commission on Accreditation announced Cairn University's MSW program qualified to move from the status of pre-candidacy to candidacy. Candidacy for an MSW program indicates that the program has made progress toward meeting criteria for

the assessment of quality evaluated through a peer review process.

Students who enter programs that attain candidacy in or before the academic year in which they begin their program of study will be retroactively recognized as having graduated from a CSWE-accredited program once the program attains initial accreditation. For the Cairn MSW, this means students currently in the 2020-21 academic year and beyond will qualify for a CSWE-accredited MSW.

Cairn University is in a good position as it takes further steps toward full accreditation, joining Cairn's BSW which has been accredited by CSWE since 1974. Dr. Lawrence Ressler, MSW program director, has also previously led the charge of other schools' accreditations. He is confident that at the end of this three-year process, the Cairn University MSW will be granted accreditation and he is pleased that this will extend to the students who began the program in fall 2020.

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# Hepatitis B Foundation sets annual Crystal Ball Gala

The Hepatitis B Foundation's annual Crystal Ball Gala later this month holds a special significance: It is the ceremonial start of the foundation's 30th anniversary celebration.

A nonprofit, research-based organization, the foundation serves people living with hepatitis B, their families and health care providers around the world. It was founded in 1991 by Joan and Tim Block of Doylestown and their friends Janine and Paul Witte. The Wittes had lived in New Hope for many years until Paul passed away in February at the age of 94.

The gala, which is the foundation's primary fundraising event, will be held on Friday, April 30, starting at 7:30 p.m. Like last year, the 30th Anniversary Gala will be an online event, allowing people to participate from the comfort of their homes.

Details are posted on [hepb gala.org](http://hepb gala.org). The event is free of charge, open to the public and registration is not required. Attendees can join live through the gala website or the foundation's Facebook and YouTube pages.

The 2021 gala includes a silent auction with opportunities to bid on a wide range of exciting items, which are now available for previewing at [hepb gala.org](http://hepb gala.org). This year's auction, which is sponsored by Arbutus Biopharma Corporation, features a visit to the Adventure Aquarium, four tickets to Busch Gardens in Florida, a one-night stay at Kalahari Resorts and two Spirit Airlines round-trip vouchers. Among other items are a large YETI Tundra cooler, football autographed by Philadelphia Eagles star Brandon Graham, VIP drag racing experience, craft beer basket, FitBit Alta HR Activity Tracker, basket of Bordeaux wine and beautiful, local artwork, including a gift certificate from the Silverman Gallery of Buckingham.

The auction will open for bidding on Monday, April 26, at 7 a.m. and will close at 11:45 p.m. on Saturday, May 1.

During the gala, the Hepatitis B Foundation will honor Wenhui Li, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Biological Sciences in Beijing, with the Baruch S. Blumberg Prize for Outstanding Contributions to Hepatitis B Research. Dr. Li's work

in identifying the receptors in liver cells that are the key pathway to hepatitis B infection has been a major breakthrough in research toward curing the disease, which affects an estimated 300 million people worldwide.

The foundation will present the 2021 Community Commitment Award to Nadine Shiroma, a long-time policy advisor to the Hepatitis B Foundation. In 2010, she was part of a leadership team that helped define hepatitis B as a protected condition under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). More recently has expanded her advocacy to assist those with hep B in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and those facing discrimination in the U.S. military.

Also during the gala, the foundation will present the Milestone Achievement Award to Eric Freedgood on behalf of the Carol and Edmund Blake Foundation in appreciation for its generous support of the Hepatitis B Foundation's advocacy, patient support programs and research. The Blake Foundation's cumulative giving surpassed the \$1 million mark this year.

# HomeFront launches Diaper Challenge

Marisa is a young mom starting a new life after fleeing from an abusive relationship during the pandemic.

She is one of thousands of local moms HomeFront is trying to help with its Diaper Challenge that aims to collect 250,000 diapers and wipes by Mother's Day, which would be a Guinness World Record.

"Receiving diapers from HomeFront," Marisa said, "is helping me get on my feet, because I can pay my other bills with the little income I have right now."

Marisa has a 3-month-old baby and a 2-year-old. She is currently finishing up a Mercer County Community College certification in phlebotomy, which will help her get an above minimum wage job as she begins a new chapter with her girls.

For families who are struggling to pay their bills during the COVID-19 crisis, diapers and wipes are a large monthly expense. Even before the pandemic, one in three moms nationwide could not afford enough diapers, which cost an average of \$80 per month per child.

Not having enough diapers is not only a stressor for baby and mom, it is also a real barrier to employment. Most day-care centers require parents to provide diapers, and federal assistance for these expenses is extremely limited.

HomeFront has operated a Diaper Resource Center since 2018, located in a "blue garage" behind the HomeFront's Family Campus – a temporary shelter for 38 families who are homeless.

"Since the pandemic began," said Catherine Cozzi, HomeFront's Resource Network director, "we have distributed



Marisa receives diapers from HomeFront's Diaper Resource Center for 3-month-old Reyna.

over 630,000 diapers and wipes, so our shelves are getting bare. We need to restock so we can continue to be there for families who are suffering."

"We are excited to take on the challenge of collecting 250,000 diapers and wipes from the community by Mother's Day. If we do it, it will be a Guinness World Record, and we feel we have been the recipient during the pandemic of a record amount of caring from our community. For moms like Marisa, something as small as diapers and wipes, are critical to making it through the pandemic."

Community members who want to help HomeFront meet its Diaper Challenge can visit [homefrontnj.org](http://homefrontnj.org) for details.

# CB Cares seeks nominations for annual coaching award

CB Cares Educational Foundation, seeking to fight the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on local children, will celebrate a community role model with their 2021 Positive Coaching Award. The foundation believes that the ongoing mentorship of role models is key to the growth of children during a time when schools and activities have stopped.

Since 2011, CB Cares Educational Foundation has recognized a coach who understands the importance of a child's well-being and is a positive influence in the lives of all young people. Specifically, the an-

nual recipient is awarded for teaching life lessons through sports and providing valuable leadership. They also must promote sportsmanship, fair play, motivation and respect.

CB Cares EF is accepting nominations for the Positive Coaching Award until May 14. Interested parties can download the application at [cb-cares.org](http://cb-cares.org) and follow the listed instructions to submit an application. The winning coach will receive \$500 and an engraved plaque, sponsored by Shelly Law Offices, LLC.

The Positive Coaching Award is one of many initiatives led by CB

Cares Educational Foundation, a nonprofit that supports students, educators, and parents of CBSD and encourages responsible, resilient youth. Since its founding in 1996, CB Cares has provided more than \$130,000 in grants to CBSD educators, awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships to students, recognized and empowered more than 22,000 students, and provided resources to thousands of parents. The organization reaches all parts of the 120 square mile Central Bucks school district and encourages collaboration among community groups.

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## Lenape Valley Foundation hosts virtual workshop on child development

Lenape Valley Foundation (LVF) is offering a free virtual workshop focused on infant and toddler development. The workshop will run from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on April 29 via Zoom.

The one-hour workshop will be led by Michelle Taylor, director of early intervention services at LVF, and is geared toward parents, caregivers and early childhood professionals. The session will review infant and toddler developmental milestones and resources to contact if you have a concern. Topics will also include early intervention evaluation, el-

igibility and the coaching model for service delivery, with time for questions at the workshop's conclusion.

For more than 60 years, Lenape Valley Foundation has partnered with residents of Bucks County encountering mental health, substance use and intellectual or developmental challenges. LVF provides services to assist them in the pursuit of their personal aspirations and an enhanced quality of life.

The workshop is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link and information. To register, visit [lenapevf.org/freeworkshops](http://lenapevf.org/freeworkshops).

## Woods Services awarded \$100,000 grant to expand access to primary care

Woods Services, a Pennsylvania and New Jersey-based nonprofit organization, was recently awarded a \$100,000 capacity building grant to increase access to primary care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and mental health challenges who experience significant disparities in access to care and health outcomes.

With the funding, Woods will establish an integrated and inclusive primary care practice within or adjacent to Salem Medical Center, a hospital destination of choice for those living in or around Salem County, N.J.

The initiative is funded by an Inclusive Healthy Communities Grant from the Division of Disability Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services, and administered by Rutgers University Bloustein School of Public Policy and Planning. Woods is one of the first recipients of an Inclusive Health Communities Grant, a

program that launched in January. This national initiative of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention focuses on policy, systems and environmental change to create inclusive healthy communities.

Woods' project, titled "Expanding Access to Primary Care for People with Intellectual Disabilities," will be implemented over the next nearly 18 months. Other program partners include Woods' affiliates Allie, Inc., located in Hamilton Township, N.J., and Legacy Treatment Services in Mount Holly, N.J., that along with three other human services nonprofits, comprise Woods' life-cycle management and advocacy organization serving 22,000 people with disabilities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Woods will conduct a needs assessment of health care access and experience among people with disabilities, their families and provider organi-

zations to further inform project planning. In addition, an inclusive primary care practice will be established over the 18-month timeline, serving community members with and without disabilities in Salem County and surrounding areas. Outcomes will be documented and shared. The health care model proposed will be replicable throughout New Jersey where there are documented shortages of primary care providers and gaps in services.

The grant builds on the successful patient-centered medical home model employed by the Medical Center at Woods located at the Langhorne campus. Woods utilizes quality care coordination as well as the deployment of nurse practitioners as primary care providers. Woods' model places an emphasis on prevention and management of chronic conditions thereby reducing unnecessary and costly emergency room (ER) visits and hospitalizations.

## Jersey oncologists form Astera Cancer Care

A prominent group of New Jersey cancer care physicians has launched an integrated, community-based cancer care practice.

Astera Cancer Care, a newly-formed group of over 50 cancer care providers including medical oncologists, radiation oncologists and breast surgeons, launched on April 1. Astera Cancer Care provides a complete portfolio of in-

novative cancer therapies usually offered by the most elite academic cancer centers.

Astera Cancer Care will be led by Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Edward J. Licitra and President and managing physician Dr. Bruno S. Fang.

With the creation of Astera Cancer Care, Dr. Susan McManus and Dr. Lisa Hopkins have joined

to provide comprehensive breast surgical care. The group will initially serve more than 14,000 new patients annually but expects to expand rapidly over the next 12 months.

Although Astera Cancer Care is a new cancer care organization, its physicians have cared for thousands of cancer patients in Central New Jersey since 1981. Astera Cancer Care physicians average more than 20 years of medical experience and have deep connections to their surrounding communities. Astera providers currently practice at 14 distinct locations in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer, and Monmouth counties in New Jersey as well as in Bucks County.

Astera Cancer Care offers standard and advanced therapeutics, including chemotherapy, biologic therapy, immunotherapy and radiopharmaceuticals along with a complete portfolio of radiation oncology treatment options, including proton therapy, prostate brachytherapy, and radiosurgery. The practice is one of the few private groups on the East Coast to offer patients this full array of radiation oncology treatments.

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# Oscar Hammerstein Museum adds two new board members

The Oscar Hammerstein Museum and Theatre Education Center named two new members to its board.

Linda Leffingwell Paton is a longtime resident of Doylestown and a lover of musical theater.

She was an executive with Sears, Roebuck & Company for 20 years dealing with accessories and fine jewelry, and managed over 30 people in the buying and administrative end in New York City and then in Chicago.

After leaving Sears in 1989, Paton started her own fine jewelry consultant company, selling to major department and chain stores, and for five years was a guest host on QVC.

After retirement, she pursued her love of antiques and is now an antique dealer.

"Jon and I are very pleased to be a part of this local Oscar Hammerstein project," Paton



LINDA LEFFINGWELL PATON

said, referring to her husband, Jon Paton. "With my love of antiques and history, and knowing what a huge influence Hammerstein was for Broadway and American theater, I am so happy to join the executive board at the museum."

(Executive Board members at The Oscar Hammerstein Museum and Theatre Education



JUSTIN GUARINI

Center agree to contribute a substantial financial donation and are available as mentors and networkers to the working board of directors.)

Additionally, the museum recently set up an Honorary Advisory Board filled with well-known theater and performance professionals to include Shirley Jones, Mariel Hemingway,

Gerald Charles Dickens, and Morten Lauridsen.

This week, local celebrity and 2002 American Idol participant Justin Guarini was added to the Honorary Board.

Guarini's stage appearances since then include Broadway productions of "American Idiot," "Romeo and Juliet," "Wicked," and "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown." He has hosted the Oscars, the Emmys and the Grammys. He continues to reprise his role as the lovable "Lil' Sweet" in commercials for Diet Dr. Pepper.

A strong proponent for music education in schools, Guarini has advocated for funding on Capitol Hill by lobbying for the International Music Products Association.

He has also worked with Education Through Music Los Angeles, a nonprofit that promotes using music education as

a catalyst to improve academic achievement, motivation for school and self-confidence in underserved communities.

In 2019, Guarini founded Artist Mindset Mastery (iLive-ToPerform.com) to help performers achieve success.

The Oscar Hammerstein Museum and Theatre Education Center is raising funds to purchase, restore, and preserve Oscar Hammerstein's former home and workplace. The entire project will cost approximately \$5 million.

With the goal to create a multifaceted and dynamic museum experience, with a strong theater education component, the organization is on a quick timeline to gather the support needed.

To help support these efforts, email hammersteinmuseum@gmail.com or visit hammersteinmuseum.org/copy-of-saving-oscar-s-home-1.

## George Point: Book Talk!

What sort of a memoir would you expect from a ruggedly handsome actor in his early 70s who's starred in more than 80 films, won a Golden Globe for his performance in an HBO series, an Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Actor in a Broadway play and has been nominated twice for the Tony Award?

If you're expecting a sensational Hollywood tell-all or a self-serving name dropping puff piece ghost written by a high power public relations firm, look elsewhere. For in "Walking With Ghosts" (Grove Press), Gabriel Byrne has produced a soul-bearing masterwork that is by turns, poignant, revealing, humorous and triumphant.

Byrne begins on the outskirts of Dublin, on a hill in the Irish countryside, his place of refuge where, as seen through the idealized lens of his memory, "... it is always summer." Byrne is a spellbinding storyteller, speaking from the heart of his dreams of his first love, the gentle landscape of his woodland sanctuary, and of the passing of the seasons, a melancholy metaphor for the passing seasons of his own life.

Returning to the hill as an adult, he discovers that his special spot is a car park now, paved over and turned into a scenic overlook for tourists. The experience and the lesson learned echoes the words of poet Percy Bisshe Shelly that



Byrne chooses to share; "Fear not for the future, weep not for the past." It sets the tone for the fearless and revelatory journey that Byrne invites us to join him on for the next 198 pages.

Born of working class parents and the eldest of six children, Byrne is inspired by a talk given

## "Walking With Ghosts"

by a seminarian to his elementary school class about entering the priesthood, and at age 10 is packed up, put on a ship and sent to the Christian Brothers School House for Older Boys, a seminary in northern England, a young stranger in a strange land.

Here he experiences the virtues and vices of seminary life, identifying with the latter far more than the former, until he is finally expelled and returned home, ashamed of his perceived failure. The emotional impact on the reader of his account of his grooming and subsequent abuse by a priest there is made doubly intense by his recollection of a telephone conversation with his abuser decades later.

Byrne's return home is marked

by a series of failed attempts to succeed at a job, any job, and to simply fit in. Byrne eventually joins an amateur theater group, a small but significant step that marks a sea change in the trajectory of his life, a change leading to a four-decade career as an acclaimed actor.

And yes, Byrne drops a few names of theatrical legends along the way, but they take a back seat to his brutal honesty about his struggle with alcoholism, the tragic life of his sister that leads to her death at age 31, and coming to grips with the awareness of his own mortality.

An expertly crafted memoir, "Walking With Ghosts" may well evoke a visit from the ghosts that haunt your own life.



# ELECTION 2021



## Robin Robinson running for reelection as recorder of deeds

Bucks County Recorder of Deeds Robin Robinson is seeking reelection. Since taking office in January 2018, Robinson initiated several changes, including the creation of the Historic Deed Book Restoration Project and office modernization programs.

After finding more than 700 historic deed books deteriorating in the county warehouse, Robin-

son aimed to restore and preserve these county historical items. Robinson then started the Adopt-a-Book Program, which allows business leaders and community members to make donations in support of the preservation project. 341 of the 700 books have been preserved so far.

Fighting fraud and scams across the county was another fo-



ROBIN ROBINSON

cus of Robinson's tenure. To prevent deed scammers, she placed watermarks on all copies of deeds made outside the office. In addition, she helped to build the Bucks County Fraud Alert system, which alerts owners when a property has been recorded in the county under their name. This system is now used as a model to assist other local governments

across the commonwealth.

Prior to taking office, Robinson worked in the commissioners' office for 10 years. If elected to a second term, Robinson plans on continuing to modernize the office, making online documents clearer and easier for the public to read, and finishing the deed book restoration project.

## Stancu seeks Democratic nomination for DA

Antonetta Stancu is seeking the nomination in the Democratic primary election for Bucks County district attorney.

Stancu has served as a federal prosecutor where she prosecuted murderers and led major drug investigations. She also served as a Bucks County deputy district attorney for eight years and began her career as an assistant district attorney in Bronx County, N.Y.

She is especially focused on mental health. "Our teachers, nurses and police officers are being called to fill the void of a Mental Health Court system. We are failing our citizens who are paying taxes for our police officers and jails now asked to act as social workers, and we are failing those who are facing personal crisis and end up arrested and in jail time after time without get-



ANTONETTA STANCU

ting any sort of proper treatment" Stancu says.

She believes that the lack of mental health treatment is the single largest reason for recidivism of crime in Bucks County.

Stancu grew up in Lower Bucks County and Montgomery County. She excelled in academics at Lower Moreland High School and served as president of her senior class. She earned a B.A. from Le-

high University and later graduated from Hofstra University's Maurice A. Dean School of Law.

Stancu lives in Doylestown with her husband and two children. She is active in raising funds for the children of first responders who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Bucks County Fraternal Order of Police (Lodge 53) has voted to officiate support her.

## Legendary coach seeks Perkasio write-ins

Jeff Hollenbach has officially declared his candidacy for mayor of Perkasio Borough. The lifelong Perkasio resident, former high school math teacher, and Penridge football coach will seek write-in votes on both Republican and Democratic ballots in the May 18 primary election.

If elected, Hollenbach would replace Mayor John Hollenbach (no relation) who is not seeking reelec-

tion. "Being born and raised in Perkasio, I have deep appreciation for the quality of character, commitment to community, and the caring nature of its people. This community has deeply impacted me and I feel called to serve," said Hollenbach.

A graduate of Penridge High School, Hollenbach was a three sport athlete and earned a schol-



JEFF HOLLENBACH

arship from the University of Illinois where he played quarterback (1971-74). Earning a degree in Math Education - and later a master's in Secondary Education Counseling - Hollenbach began teaching high school math in 1979 and, except for two years while serving as a youth pastor, continued teaching until his retirement from Penridge High School in 2017.

Hollenbach serves as vice pres-

ident of RamPacks, a local effort to address food insecurity in the Penridge School District. A man of faith, he is active with Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, a board member of Push the Rock, and has served as a mentor for Life Abundant, a prison ministry based in Doylestown.

Hollenbach and his wife of 45 years, Libby, have four children and nine grandchildren.

## Kelly Laustsen launches write-in candidacy in Perkasio

Kelly Laustsen has announced her candidacy for Perkasio Borough mayor.

A small business owner, mother, and wife, she will be seeking write-in votes on both Republican and Democratic ballots during the May 18 primary election.

"As a small business owner, I feel a sense of connection with our community where everybody knows your name. Whether I am walking our beautiful trails with my family or dining out at one of our favorite restaurants in town, Perkasio always feels like home," says Laustsen.

As mayor, Laustsen says she



KELLY LAUSTSEN

will work to ensure Perkasio maintains its moniker of "America's Hometown." Among her priorities, Kelly is focused on

strengthening small businesses through economic revitalization, increasing access to community programming and activities, and supporting the Perkasio Borough Police Department.

Laustsen lives in the borough with her husband, Darren, and two young daughters. She is the owner of Bloom Flower Co., a floral design studio and retail gift shop located in the heart of downtown Perkasio, and she is the co-leader of the Bucks County Business Creatives networking group. She holds a merchandising and marketing degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

## Seema Kazmi challenges Falls Twp. incumbents

Seema Kazmi is challenging two incumbents in the upcoming Democratic municipal primary election for Falls Township supervisor, in Lower Bucks County.

Last year, she ran as a delegate for Bernie Sanders in the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania. She is seeking the supervisor role to provide support to small businesses affected by the pandemic, support grants for drug-free partnerships with local businesses, provide local career development programs, and ensure appropriate stewardship of township funding.

Kazmi is a pharmacist, who attended Pennsylvania School Dis-



SEEMA KAZMI

trict schools and grew up in Falls Township. She hosted a virtual town hall for Falls Township residents on March 31. Residents may email seema4supervisor@gmail.com.



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# Members' Spring Salon opens New Hope Arts juried season

New Hope Arts showcases the diversity, expertise and wide-ranging interests of its professional artist membership in the Members' Spring Salon, continuing through May 9.

More than 100 regional artists are featured in the gallery, open to visitors from noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The online exhibition is also available.

The inclusive exhibition of contemporary art in the region includes open media two- and three-dimensional work.

New Hope Arts welcomes the expanded membership with the inclusion of the New Hope Art League contributors.

Awards selected by Paul Murphy, gallery director of Sidetrack



"Bananarina" is by Gene Underwood.

Gallery and long-standing member of the regional arts community, recognize the following artists: 3-Dimensional work, C.T. Bray; Drawing/Print, Betz Green; Painting, Cindy Roesinger; and Photography, Natalia Koninina.

Juror's Choice Awards include Florance Moonan and Michael Palladino as well as virtual exhibitor, Morris Docktor.

In keeping with protocol there will be no reception and gallery numbers are restricted to no more than 10 at one time. Reservations by phone and email are recommended for gallery visits. New Hope Arts is located at 2 Stockton Ave., New Hope. For information, call 215-862-9606, or visit newhopearts.org.



"One Together" is by Elizabeth Miller McCue.

## Muhlenberg dancers share creativity through movement

The Muhlenberg Dance Program and the Muhlenberg Dance Association collaborate to present "Ephemerality: Dances In Time," a showcase for dance works created by student and faculty choreographers, April 16

to 18. The concert marks a return to the stage for most Muhlenberg dancers; it follows last month's Senior Dance Showcase as just the second live dance performance at Muhlenberg since February 2020 — and the first to feature all four class years.

"Ephemerality" will be performed in an outdoor tent on the Muhlenberg campus, 400 Chew St., Allentown, Friday through Sunday at 6 p.m. daily. It will

be performed in the round, with audience members socially distanced on all sides of the stage.

Seating is general admission, open only to Muhlenberg students, faculty, and staff, with their Muhlenberg ID. Off-cam-

pus patrons can request access to a video of the performance, available a few days after the show, at [muhlenberg.edu/seeashow](http://muhlenberg.edu/seeashow).

Admission — both in-person and online — is free.

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## Doylestown couple meet for Sunday brunch again

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Since moving to a retirement community nine years ago, Bill and Lola Fuller have enjoyed Sunday brunch together, sipping orange juice and dining on eggs and bacon. As it did so many things, COVID-19 interrupted that ritual.

But with pandemic restrictions easing, the long-married, and now vaccinated Doylestown couple met once again in their Wesley Enhanced Living dining room. It was a very happy reunion.

"After a year of spending time with each other through socially distant visits and video calls, it was so uplifting to see Bill and Lola to once again carry on their tradition



Lola and Bill Fuller once again enjoy their brunch at Wesley Enhanced Living in Doylestown. The long-married couple had to stop their Sunday ritual when the pandemic intervened.



of Sunday brunch," said Karen Doler, enhanced living program manager at Wesley Enhanced Living Doylestown. "Moments like these lift our spirits and instill a sense of hope across our community. Residents and employees are excited as we continue on the journey to regaining a sense of normalcy in our lives."

While Bill lives in Wesley's independent living community, Lola, his wife of 72 years, lives in the health center. Over the past few

months, they spent time with each other through socially distant visits and video calls.

The Fuller's daughter, Ann Teschner, plays piano at religious services at Wesley and visited them during their brunch.

"We're looking forward to carrying on with our Sunday brunch tradition," said Bill. "We also look forward to seeing our daughter, Ann, play the piano again as church services resume at the community."

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# Police News

## Quakertown

**Charged:** Edward Capaldo, 41, of Essex Court, Quakertown, with unlawful restraint and terroristic threats, March 25, after police were dispatched to Essex Court for the report of an armed person that had assaulted a female. Capaldo was arraigned by District Judge Jan Vislosky and bail was set at \$200,000. Capaldo was remanded to Bucks County Prison.

**Cited:** John Schatz, 57, of West Broad Street, Quakertown, March 5, for public drunkenness in the area of West Broad Street and North 2nd Street.

**Charged:** Kimberly Landes, 39, of Dakotah Street, Bethlehem, after police arrested her in the 1400 block of West Broad Street on several active warrants out of Northampton County for parole/probation violations. Suspected methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia were found in her possession, police said. She was arraigned by District Judge Lisa Gaier and bail was set at \$10,000. Landes was remanded to Bucks County Prison.

**Charged:** Robert Harris, 51, of Richlandtown Pike, Quakertown, with arrest prior to requisition (fugitive), after police conducted a traffic stop in the area of Route 212 and Heller Road for an expired registration at 4:19 p.m. March 31. Harris was subsequently arrested for multiple warrants out of Texas with full extradi-

tion. He was arraigned by District Judge Daniel Finello. Bail was set at \$50,000 and he was remanded to Bucks County Prison.

**Cited:** Roy Hawkins Sr., 55, of Front Street, Quakertown, for public drunkenness in the area of Mill Road and Park Avenue at 11:55 p.m. April 1.

**Charged:** Wesley Krajcsir, 38, of West Mill Street, Quakertown, with fleeing and eluding police for failing to pull over for a traffic stop in the area of Juniper and South 9th streets for expired inspection at 9:40 a.m. April 11.

## Richland

**Charged:** Gary D. Kidd, Jr. 43, of Quakertown with retail theft, March 17, following the investigation of retail thefts from Lowe's, 1001 S. West End Blvd. on Feb. 17 and March 3.

**Charged:** Bruce Alan Stoudt, Jr., 37, of New Tripoli, March 29, with retail theft and receiving stolen property. Stoudt was identified as the person involved in multiple retail thefts from Target, 610 N. West End Blvd.

**Investigation:** into the report of counterfeit currency used at the GIANT food store at 2:30 p.m. April 6.

Four suspects entered the store and bought small items and used a counterfeit \$20 bill to pay, police said.

The first is a black male, large build, wearing a brown camo hat, a blue shirt with an "A" logo

on the front, blue jeans, and tan boots. The second is a white female, heavy set, with long black hair, wearing a blue dress, white sandals, and carrying a purse.

The third is a black male, skinny build, wearing a gray hat, black/camo zip up jacket with a white shirt underneath, and black/camo pants, with white sneakers. The fourth is a black male, seen wearing a black beanie, navy blue zip up jacket and a black shirt underneath, and navy blue sweat pants, and navy blue shoes.

All four suspects were seen leaving a white SUV. Contact Officer Brian Maehrer with information at 215-536-9500 or brianm@richlandtownshippd.org.

## Stolen vehicle

Plumstead Township Police investigated a theft of a motor vehicle from the Thompson Auto Exchange auction lot in the 3600 block of Sawmill Road April 8. The investigation revealed the man walked onto the auction lot at approximately 12:15 p.m. The same man walked around the lot and gained access to the unlocked vehicle and drove off the lot operating a silver 2015 Mercedes Benz S550. If anyone can identify the suspect in this image, and/or has information pertaining to the theft, contact Plumstead Township Police at 215-766-8741 or leave an anonymous tip using the Crimewatch website.



## Identification wanted

The Plumstead Township Police Department is asking for assistance from the public in identifying the owner of the vehicle pictured in this image. On April 7, between 8 and 8:55 p.m., a man was observed on video surveillance trespassing on private property in the 6200 block of Kellers Church Road. The video also reveals a middle-aged white man engaging in several lewd acts with himself all while dressed in women's clothing standing outside the vehicle and along the sidewalk on Kellers Church Road. The vehicle appears to be 2014 or 2015 Acura TLX sedan with tinted windows and after-market tires and rims. The man is observed smoking several Marlboro cigarettes and disposing them on the property. Contact Plumstead Township Police Detectives at 215-766-8741, or leave an anonymous tip using the Crimewatch website.



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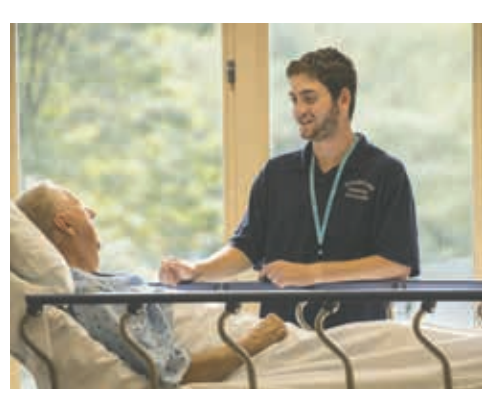
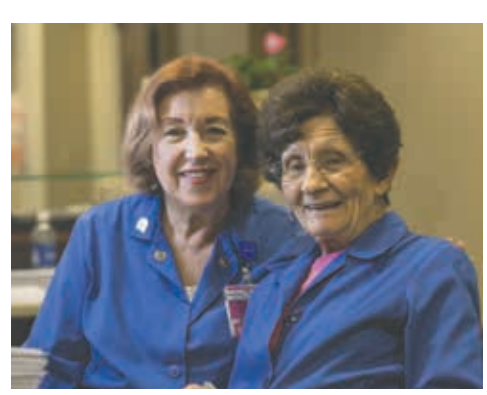
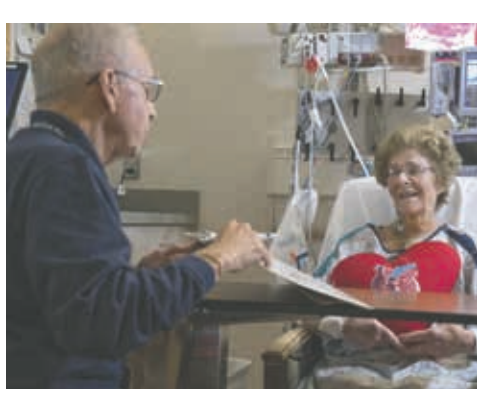
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# BUCKS COUNTY HERALD LIVING ENTERTAINMENT - ART

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April 15, 2021

## Bucks Audubon celebrates Earth Day *Artists and artisans show wares at outdoor festival*

Bucks County Audubon Society's Earth Day Festival took place April 10 at Honey Hollow in Solebury Township. The sixth annual event featured artisan vendors, environmental programs and organizations in the area, opportunities to explore wildlife up close and personal, guided bird walks and more. A percentage of all proceeds from the event will go to support the environmental education programs of Bucks County Audubon Society.

Photos by Gordon Nieburg assisted by Maria Iacono



Joan Scott, designer of Joan's Gems.



Robin Hay of Citizens Climate Lobby.



Miriam Warfield, landscape artist.



Patricia Walsh Collins of Earth School.



Stacy Carr Poole, executive director of Bucks County Audubon Society; Pat Amtrobus, Bucks County Audubon Society board member; and Linda Carol Gray, board member.



Elisa Markhoff, artist of Pennsylvania Dutch items.



Jim Bray, naturalist, and Juanita Hummel of Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.



Gretchen Hulse, designer and artist, with her creations.



Julie Ziff of the Aquetong Watershed Association holds a model of Earth.



Greg Darnum and Ayden Combs of Shady Brook Farm.



Alan Stifelman, nature photographer.



Zachary and Marissa Jacobs of The Art of Ecology.

# Dining

## Susan S. Yeske: Recipe of the month “Perfect timing” brings son back home

When Karen Sitler was expecting her son she decided to design a career that allowed her to spend maximum time with him.

A trained baker, she opted to create a product she could make while caring for her son. It was a time when biscotti – the low-fat, lightly sweetened twice-baked Italian cookies – were riding the nation’s huge coffee wave as the perfect accompaniment.

Sitler set up a professional bakery in her Hilltown home and crafted her own biscotti recipes, offering them for sale at the Doylestown Farmers Market. The cookies were instantly popular, so she expanded her business by selling to coffee shops around Bucks County. Soon the familiar glass jars of the Bucks County Biscotti Company could be found in New Jersey and beyond.

Fast forward to just before the start of the pandemic last year. That’s when that little boy, now a college graduate with a degree in marketing, came home to work with his parents, Karen and Craig, in the family business.

“I was working in New York,” said Riley Silbert. “I never thought I would come back home and work at the company.”

It turned out his timing was perfect.

Like most businesses, Bucks County Biscotti was hit hard by the pandemic.

“In March of 2020, everything fell off a cliff,” said Riley Silbert. The customer base dropped dra-



Online sales through [bucks-county-biscotti.com](http://bucks-county-biscotti.com) have kept the Hilltown family-owned business going through the pandemic.

### Bucks County Biscotti Company photographs

matically as people stopped going to coffee and sandwich shops, and the supply chain became problematic as ingredients stopped being readily available.

Riley’s background in marketing and rebranding became integral in the survival of the family business.

“I started looking for ways to change our model,” he said. “I



A sign outside the “honor box” stand on Creamery Road in Hilltown shows where people can buy small bags of biscotti.

created an online retail platform,” and restyled the packaging.

Using social media, he reached out to their loyal local customer base, and gradually the newly restyled business began to take off.

The Sitlers still supply biscotti to coffee shops in Bucks and beyond, but the website ([bucks-county-biscotti.com](http://bucks-county-biscotti.com)) has caught the public’s interest and did well over

the Christmas season.

Despite the expansion, some things remain the same. The Silberts still maintain their “honor box” system for sales to their neighbors on Creamery Road in Hilltown, outside their bakery. The contactless system allows customers to buy \$5 bags of biscotti.

Another thing that remains the same is that Riley’s parents are still

very much involved in the business with eight flavors of biscotti made year-round plus two seasonal flavors in the fall and winter.

The Silberts don’t share their biscotti recipes, but this one from [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com) will do if you want to try making your own.

### Biscotti

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup white sugar
- ¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon anise extract, or 3 drops anise oil

Step 1. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Grease cookie sheets or line with parchment paper.

Step 2. In a medium bowl, beat together the oil, eggs, sugar and anise flavoring until well blended. Combine the flour and baking powder, stir into the egg mixture to form a heavy dough. Divide dough into two pieces. Form each piece into a log almost as long as your cookie sheet. Place log onto prepared cookie sheet and press down to ½ inch thickness.

Step 3. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, until golden brown. Remove from the baking sheet to cool on a wire rack. When the logs are cool enough to handle, carefully slice each one crosswise into ½ -inch slices. Place the slices cut side up back onto the baking sheet. Bake for an additional 6 to 10 minutes on each side. Slices should be lightly toasted.

## Ernest Valtri: On Wine

Wine tastings are tremendous ways to learn more about wine and to socialize with friends or friends-to-be. I’ve done many and have always come away with new knowledge, new ideas, and new excitement. And I’ve also improved my tasting skills.

An overlooked benefit to improving one’s tasting skills goes beyond wine. You can now use your heightened awareness of taste and smell in other ways. Of course, nothing compares equally with a wine tasting, but...



It all began with Cheerios. As a fan of Cheerios and a shopper at both Trader Joe’s and Wegman’s, I was intrigued about each store’s house version of the classic American cereal, so I did a tasting.

I lined up “Toasted Oats” (from Wegman’s) and “Joe’s O’s” (from Trader Joe’s) against the real thing from General Mills. A blind tasting, modeled exactly after a typical wine tasting, ensued. Can you guess the winner?

I’ve done similar tests, comparing the same cut of steaks from different butchers.

## Wine tastings (sort of)

I’ve also tested carbonated waters. And the seemingly countless new variations of Oreos. (Check your grocer’s shelf ... there’s classic, thin, chocolate filled, chocolate coated, mint, double stuf, mega stuf, latte, golden; and that’s not the half of it.)

So, your wine tasting skill may open new horizons for food appreciation in general. Did I mention it’s also fun? Or that it can lead to serious battles with whomever you’re tasting? It may even change (improve?) your shopping habits.

During a wine tasting it’s best

to compare similar products. Like trying several different Zinfandels, or several different vintages of the same wine from the same winery. Comparing things that are too disparate, like a Zinfandel and a Chablis, really doesn’t accomplish much. They’re so different, they don’t present themselves as viable options to pair with the same foods.

Same with cereal. Cheerios versus Captain Crunch? What’s the point? If you favor sweet, the Captain wins before the tasting even begins.

Wegman’s Toasted Oats was my favorite and is now a staple in our pantry. It has a deeper, toastier flavor and a slightly, barely perceptible, crunchier texture; three things I find personally appealing. General Mills’ genuine Cheerios finished second. (No offense ... love Trader Joe’s. Great store!)

*Ernest Valtri of Buckingham is a sculptor, graphic designer, and a former member of the PLCB’s Wine Advisory Council. Please contact Erno at [Object-Design@verizon.net](mailto:Object-Design@verizon.net).*

## Doylestown Farmers Market opens for season

Opening day of the Doylestown Farmers Market is April 17, from 8 to 1 p.m., on South Hamilton Street between State and Oakland streets.

Join in for the official market opening ribbon cutting at 8 a.m. with borough council and Mayor Ron Strouse.

The market will have over 25 vendors selling locally grown or produced items – everything from produce, baked goods, kombucha, cheese, meat, jerky and beer to much more.

There will be live music featuring the Back Porch Jug Band. Masks are required. Information can be found at [doylestownfarmersmarket.bucksfoodshed.org/](http://doylestownfarmersmarket.bucksfoodshed.org/) or on the market’s Instagram (@doylestownfarmersmarket) or Facebook pages.

Vendors for 2021 will include: BC Alpacas, BCS Compost, Carol Cares Aromatherapy, Castle Valley Mill, Colony Meadery, Fegleys Brew Works, Firebeast Jerky, Hershberger Heritage Farm, Jersey Pickles, Kathy’s Kanine Creations, Love Grows, Marie’s Soap, Nord Bread, Pan’s Forest

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## Parx Casino is hiring; job fair set

Parx Casino invites job seekers to a Parx job fair from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at the Parx East building, 2999 Street Road, Bensalem, adjacent to Parx Casino.

As the casino continues to re-open safely under guidance from the state of Pennsylvania, Parx seeks candidates to fill over 100

positions, including table games dealers, bartenders, servers, security officers, cleaners and more. Full- and part-time positions are available for a variety of shifts for days, nights and weekends.

Candidates should come ready with their resume and references for on-the-spot interviews. Safety protocols for the event include masks, social distancing, ample hand-washing stations and temperature checks. Self-serve parking for the job fair is free in the parking lots outside of both Parx Casino and Parx East.

For information and the latest list of open positions, visit [parx-casino.com/careers](http://parx-casino.com/careers).

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## Roxy Therapy Dogs thank Fred Beans dealerships

Roxy Therapy Dogs' Scarlett and Finnegan visited Fred Beans, Family of Dealerships in Doylestown March 29, to make some new friends and thank Fred Beans for its longstanding support of Roxy's mission to comfort, inspire, and help heal children

across Central Bucks.

"The Fred Beans organization is a generous partner in the growth of our community and Roxy Therapy Dogs is especially appreciative of their sponsorship," said an email from the Roxy Therapy Dogs organization.

"We're proud to support such a great organization that does so much for kids," said Virginia Krause, Fred Beans customer care sales director.

While Roxy was at the dealership, Scarlett the golden retriever picked out her favorite new car. She's ready

for some adventure in a bright red, new Fred Beans Jeep.

Roxy Therapy Dogs is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. Their trained and certified therapy dog teams deliver self-esteem, relief from anxiety and fear, and a sense of well-being.

To a child who feels safe and relaxed, learning is accessible, and both physical and emotional healing is accelerated. Roxy has five programs supporting children and is 100% dependent on donations from the community. Visit roxytherapydogs.org to learn more.



From left are: Scarlett the golden retriever; Virginia Krause, customer care sales director; Fred Beans Family of Dealerships; Jeff Reeb, general manager, Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram Dealership; Beth Beans Gilbert, vice president, Fred Beans Automotive Group; Finnegan the Labradoodle; and Cheryl Luginbuhl, past board chair, Roxy Therapy Dogs.

### Noteworthy

National Towelette Co. Inc. leased 48,000 square feet at 1355-1365 Adams Road in Bensalem. Robert Olander of Roddy Inc. arranged the transaction.

National Towelette makes disposable moist towelettes and leased the space to increase production capacity to keep up with a surge in demand as a result of the pandemic.

Heraeus, a German technology company, signed a long-term renewal on 16,301 square feet at Makefield Crossing in Yardley.

The company has been at the complex since 2016 and shrank by about 3,000 square feet.

Ryan Conner and Gary Lozoff of Tactix Real Estate Advisors represented Heraeus and Mike MacCroy of JLL represented Rubenstein Partners, the landlord.

Burlington Stores will open a new store at 751 Bustleton Pike in Feasterville this spring.

This will bring the number of Burlington Stores locations in the state to 36.

Burlington's new location features a fresh design that creates a clean and simple shopping experience for customers, making it easy to navigate.

Shoppers will find a wide selection of items, including ladies' apparel and accessories, menswear, children's clothing, footwear, everything for baby, home décor, gifts for every occasion, pet needs, and essential items – all at bargain prices.

Interested candidates can learn more about joining the team at on the BurlingtonStores website.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed. Customers are expected to wear face masks. If a customer does not have a mask but wishes to wear one, the store will provide them one. Masks are mandatory for all associates.

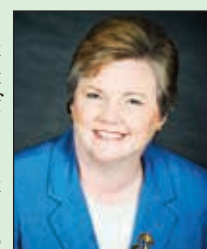
Catherine M. (Kate) Harper, a partner at Timoney Knox since 1997, recently presented a seminar at the annual WeConservePa.org conference on recent amendments to the Pennsylvania Recreational Use of Land and Water Act.

The law provides certain immunities from lawsuits to those who allow their land to be used without charge for recreation.

Harper, a former state legislator and lawyer who focuses her practice on land use, particularly municipal, conservation and zoning law, explained that the law was amended in 2018 to add certain recreational structures, like boat ramps, paved trails, and hunting blinds to the immunities.

The Recreational Use of Land and Water Act was passed to encourage landowners to make their open spaces available for recreational use by limiting the liability of the landowner to someone who files a lawsuit based on an injury while using the land for recreation. The law has been found by the courts to apply to public parks and playgrounds as well as private land.

WeConservePa.org, formerly the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association, is made up of more than 70 land trusts, conservancies and conservation organizations involved in the protection of land, nature, and open spaces.



KATE HARPER

Curtin & Heefner partner Timothy Szuhaj participated as a panelist in the well-received American Staffing Association Webinar "Staffing in the Time of Covid-19."

The webinar addressed COVID's continued impact on the staffing industry, employment law, and risk management. The panel detailed the practical implications and suggested best practices related to the impact of the pandemic.

To view the webinar, see americanstaffing.net/webinars/?ondemand.

Szuhaj provides counsel to the staffing industry regarding growth strategies, succession planning, mergers and acquisitions, compensation strategies, plans and policies, risk management and indemnity issues, operational issues, goodwill protection and competition issues and, the structure and content of client and business-critical contracts.

Perkasie-based Penn Community Bank has been named a Top Workplace by the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The annual list of Delaware Valley employers recognizes businesses of all sizes and industries based on a variety of factors, including organizational alignment, strategic execution, and employer-employee connection.

"Penn Community Bank has always placed high emphasis on our culture – both its impact on the communities we serve, as well as its ability to empower our team members. It is this powerful focus that drives everything we do and makes us more than a powerhouse community bank, but a special place to work," said Jeane M. Vidoni, president and CEO of Penn Community Bank.

"We're proud this commitment is being recognized by outside organizations like the Philadelphia Inquirer and its 2021 Top Workplaces list."

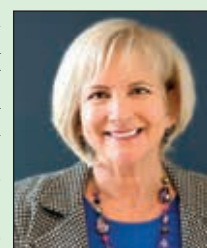
### Calendar

Antheil Maslow & MacMinn partner Susan Maslow will moderate a panel CLE discussion titled "Model Contract Clauses in International Supply Contracts to Protect U.N. Acknowledged Human Rights: Review and Critique of Version 2.0" on Tuesday, April 20, during the American Bar Association (ABA) Business Law Section's Virtual Spring Meeting.

Maslow is vice chair of the ABA Working Group formed to draft human rights protections in international supply contracts. The group's 2021 Report and Model Contract Clauses, Version 2.0 (MCCs 2.0) are now finalized and can be found on the ABA Center for Human Rights site.

For over 30 years, Maslow has concentrated her practice primarily in general corporate transactional work and finance documentation in the areas of business transactions, business law, private finance, real estate, contracts, and non-profit law.

She received her law degree from Temple University cum laude in 1983.



SUSAN MASLOW

## Redtail Financial Consultants host ribbon-cutting, food drive

Max Dalavai, Vicki Lilley, BFA, FIC and John Roesinger, FIC, financial professionals of the Redtail Financial Consultants with Thrivent, a diversified financial services organization, invite the public to the grand opening of their new office.

The event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. April 24, at 101 N. 5th St. in Perkasie. Guests will be treated to light appetizers from Nourish Kitchen & Catering, drinks including beer from Free Will Brewing, private tours of the office, and door prizes.

Other businesses in the building, including Perkasie Florist and Papa's Cupcakes, will be open and offering specials throughout the event.

Due to COVID-19, the event is

being held outside to accommodate social distancing. Attendees are asked to please wear masks. All food and drink will be individually packed.

"We're looking forward to welcoming clients to our new office," said Dalavai.

Roesinger added, "What we're most excited about is having the opportunity to connect with our clients, dive into conversations about their finances and what's meaningful to them, and help them develop purpose-driven financial strategies so they can achieve their most important goals."

As part of the event, all guests are encouraged to bring a food donation for Penridge Fish, an organization

that provides food, clothing and financial resources to those in need. Cash donations are also welcome. The organization's main needs can be found at penridgefish.org/current-needs.

"I love being part of this community," said Lilley. "We know that there are people who are experiencing hardship right now. We thought what better way to support our local community than by using this opportunity to also collect donations for Perkasie's main food pantry, Penridge Fish."

To reach the new office, contact 215-809-2086 or redtailfinancialconsultants@thrivent.com. For career opportunities, visit thrivent.com/careers.

## Doylestown resident appointed Annenberg Center artistic advisor

Marc Baylin of Doylestown, a longtime leader in the national performing arts landscape, has been appointed artistic advisor and programming consultant at the Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Pennsylvania.

"We are excited to welcome Marc in his capacity as Artistic Advisor and Programming Consultant, as we continue to expand our programming, and plan for our return to in-person events and the Annenberg Center's upcoming 50th anniversary," said Annenberg Center Executive and artistic director Christopher Gruits.

"Marc's tremendous experience in the performing arts combined with his established Philadelphia connections makes him incredibly well-suited to working with our team to shape

dynamic, contemporary, and truly inclusive performance programming."

Said Baylin, "I am beyond thrilled to join the excellent team at the Annenberg Center. Helping to shape their 50th anniversary season is a terrific opportunity."

Baylin has over 30 years of experience as an arts entrepreneur, project developer, and artist manager, with extensive expertise in touring, presenting, and special event management.

As founder and president of Baylin Artists Management, he oversees a professional staff and guides the curation of the roster while leading the marketing efforts and business operations. In February 2020, he announced that Baylin Artists Management would sunset in 2021, after 28



MARCIA PHILIPSON

MARC BAYLIN

years in operation.

As Baylin Artists Management winds down, he is now consulting for a range of arts organizations.

## Group offering organization free technology upgrade

Libertas Consulting, Low Voltage Nation and The Greater BucksMont Chamber of Commerce are teaming up with a group of businesses to offer a free internet and technology overhaul, valued at up to \$50,000, to a deserving organization or business located in Bucks or Montgomery County.

While many businesses were able to pivot during the pandemic and offer their products or services either via the internet or by way of a hybrid online order/pick up in person model, there are those that have been limited in their ability to pivot due to issues with their technology.

It is that kind of business that Libertas, Low Voltage Nation and The Greater BucksMont Chamber of Commerce are looking to help.

Last year, the three organizations were part of a team that delivered over \$50,000 worth of internet and technology upgrades to historic Craven Hall, the former home of John Fitch, inventor of the steamboat.

"The goal is to donate our services to a local organization or business that



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Marco Chaffiotte, president, Enterprise CC; Ray Cline, president, Libertas Consulting; and Stephen Klenert, senior vice president, customer solutions and implementations, 365 Data Centers, all members of Low Voltage Nation and the Greater BucksMont Chamber of Commerce.

will use this gift to continue to build their community and share with others, said Ray Cline, president, Libertas Consulting. "...It is truly free, no strings attached, and is our way of giving back to the community

to help a business recover from the global pandemic."

To nominate an organization or business, fill out the online form at bit.ly/3unC3VO. The deadline to enter is 11:59 p.m. April 30.

# Pennsylvania Horticulture Society reopens Meadowbrook Farm

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has reopened Meadowbrook Farm, in Meadowbrook, Montgomery County, with timed and reserved tickets available to the public.

Meadowbrook Farm will be open through Oct. 30.

The farm is a 25-acre property that was entrusted to PHS by the late J. Liddon Pennock, Jr. in 2004, and has educated and en-

tertained visitors with its gardens since then.

Meadowbrook Farm offers visitors the opportunity to experience the outdoors safely, with PHS taking actions to ensure the health and safety of staff and visitors. The health and safety plan includes social distancing, frequent cleaning of spaces and usage of masks. Along with these measures, timed reservations will

be required to enter the gardens to ensure safe capacity levels.

New additions to the gardens include a focus on vertical design elements such as columns, vines and hanging baskets. The gardens will continue to emphasize plants that attract pollinators such as hummingbirds and bees.

"Meadowbrook Farm offers an experience that appeals to gardeners of any age and highlights

the benefits of horticulture in a safe and beautiful environment," said Andrew Bunting, vice president of public horticulture at PHS.

The Plant Shop at Meadowbrook Farm will offer shopping opportunities, with stock including a variety of succulents, perennials, pots and specialty plants.

To reserve tickets for garden visits, visit [phsonline.org](http://phsonline.org). Tick-

ets are free but advance registration is required.

## Artists invited to enter Art of the State

The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation invite artists and craftspeople to submit applications to exhibit their work in the annual Art of the State.

Now in its 54th year, the juried exhibition boasts a tradition of presenting highly creative art by Pennsylvanians, chosen by a distinguished panel of jurors.

Art of the State is scheduled to open to the public on-site at The State Museum Sunday, Sept. 26, and will close Jan. 2, 2022.

Art of the State is open to Pennsylvania residents who are at least 18 years old. Artists will compete in five categories: painting, work on paper, sculpture, craft, and photography and digital media. Entries must be submitted online.

Information and the link to enter are available at [statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate](http://statemuseumpa.org/artofthestate). The application deadline is Friday, May 28. More than \$4,000 in cash awards will be presented.

# Andalusia Historic House, Garden and Arboretum opens for garden tours

Andalusia Historic House, Gardens and Arboretum has opened for the season, allowing visitors to tour the property overlooking the Delaware River.

The 65-acre estate contains the Biddle family's early 19th-century Greek Revival home, surrounded by native woodlands and formal gardens. The Bensalem, Bucks County riverfront estate and National Historic Landmark is an ideal day trip for those looking to spend time outdoors with plenty of space for social distancing.

From now through Oct. 27,

public tours of the gardens are offered Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Andalusia will host six Open Saturdays, offering the public opportunities to enjoy the gardens and grounds during the weekends, on May 8, June 5, Sept. 18, Oct. 23, and Nov. 6.

Open Saturday self-guided tours are available at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Visitors must purchase tickets for public tours and Open Saturdays in advance from the Andalusia Historic House, Gardens and Arboretum website. Visit [andalusiapa.org](http://andalusiapa.org) for information.



The Rose Garden at Andalusia House last May.

## OBITUARIES

Deadline for Obituary submission - Wednesday, 2 p.m.

### Ruth B. Kulp

Ruth B. (Bryan) Kulp, 97, of Lansdale, Pa.; formerly of Doylestown, Pa., died April 10, 2021 at Dock Woods.

She was the wife of the late Henry Austin Kulp.

A visitation will be held on Friday, April 16, 2021 at Deep Run Mennonite Church West, 1008 Deep Run Road, Perkasie, PA 18944 from 1

p.m. to 2 p.m., followed by a celebration of life service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Deep Run Mennonite Church West, address above.

Arrangements are by: Anders-Deweiler Funeral Home & Crematory, 130 E. Broad St., Souderton, PA 18964.

Visit [www.andersfh.com](http://www.andersfh.com) to send online condolences.

# Bucks County Senior Living's third issue coming April 22

On April 22, the Bucks County Herald will publish its third issue of Bucks County Senior Living, a quarterly lifestyle publication for area seniors.

This special section of the Herald, presented in a magazine format, will feature profiles of seniors living inspiring lives and a range of topics including gardens, wealth management, wellness tips, art, bargain hunting and antiques.

"In this upcoming issue our readers will meet incredibly accomplished artists, collectors and people giving back to our community," said Ann Meredith, executive director of Herald Publishing. "We are also introducing a regular feature on individuals preserving their family histories and a new 'Discount Detective' who is uncovering local bargains."

Bucks County Senior Living



Bucks County Senior Living is a quarterly lifestyle publication for area seniors. Pictured are the first two issues. The Bucks County Herald will publish its third issue of Bucks County Senior Living on April 22.

will be distributed four times a year in the print and online editions of the Herald, which is read by over 250,000 read-

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## Lottery winners claimed more than \$260 million

Pennsylvania Lottery Scratch-Off winners claimed \$260,227,438 in prizes during March, including two top prizes worth \$3 million claimed by players from Montgomery County. Additionally, five top prizes of \$1 million were claimed by players from Bucks County, Dauphin County, Schuylkill County, Philadelphia and Indiana.

The retailers earned a \$10,000 bonus for selling the \$3 million-winning tickets, and retailers earned a \$5,000 bonus for selling the winning Scratch-Off tickets worth \$1 million.

- Local retailers are:
- JK Petro LLC, 3401 W. Moreland Road, Willow Grove (\$10,000 bonus);
  - Lucky 7 Deli, 425 W. Moreland Road, Willow Grove (\$10,000 bonus);
  - Dunkin', 549 Doylestown Road, Lansdale (\$5,000 bonus)

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# Mark Your Calendar



## Arts

**The Eyes of March**, featuring 100 paintings by Brian Gormley, at J.B. Kline Gallery, 25 Bridge St., Lambertville, N.J., open through April 30. Call 609-397-7026 or email jbklineson@yahoo.com for details.

**Machines of Interest:** The Selected Works of Stephen Mallon, a photography exhibit from the National Museum of Industrial History, through Aug. 29. Information: nmih.org.

**"In Search Of Luminance,"** an exhibit by Shirley Mersky and Denise Callanan-Kline at the Stover Mill Gallery. Works in oil, gouache and graphite that capture the beauty of light in the local area, open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. weekends through April. Information: 610-294-9420 or stovermillgallery.org.

**Virtual beginning and intermediate drawing**, classes from the Michener Art Museum with instructor Jenn Hallgren, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays through May 13. Discover the essential techniques you need to draw confidently. List of materials needed and details available at michenerartmuseum.org.

## Food

**Food drive and shredding event** with Senator Steve Santarsiero, 10 a.m. to noon on April 24 at Central Bucks High School East. All food donations will benefit Bucks County Opportunity Council. Attendees should leave items in their trunk for contactless pickup. Event is free, rain or shine, register at senatorstevasantarsiero.com/events.

## Games

**Bingo with Tylersport Fire Co.** every Tuesday night, includes \$1,000 jackpot. Doors open 4:30 p.m., dinner served at 5 p.m., game begins at 6:30 p.m. Call 215-257-5900 x171 for details.

## Holidays

**PEEPS in the Village**, a family-friendly display at Peddler's Village in Lahaska, in a spacious indoor area in the Village Courtyard, on view through April 17. Information: 215-794-4000 or peddlers-village.com.

**Elmo's Eggstravaganza Celebration** at Sesame Place in Langhorne, on select dates through April 18. Information: sesameplace.com/philadelphia.

## Lectures/Seminars

**Virtual Storytime** with the Southampton Free Library, 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays through April. Read, dance and sing during storytime, visit southamptonfreelibrary.org for Zoom Meeting ID and password.

**Music and Motion** with Southampton Free Library, 10:30 a.m. every Monday in April. Ages birth and up are invited to sing, dance and move with Ms. Nancy, a professional music teacher. Visit southamptonfreelibrary.org for details.

**Celebrate Princess Grace's 65th wedding anniversary** with Morven Museum and Garden, 4 p.m. to 6:30

p.m. on April 15. Create a pressed flower crown and reminisce about her gown on the anniversary of the famous wedding. Event is virtual, for tickets and registration visit morven.org.

**Morven Moments** from Morven Museum and Garden, free presentation at noon on April 19. Join Docent Kim Gallagher as he shares stories about famous celebrity visitors. Visit morven.org/morven-moments for details.

**Current events discussion** hosted by Southampton Free Library at 2 p.m. on April 20 via Zoom. Discussion will be on solutions to poverty, all viewpoints welcome with polite attitude. Register at southamptonfreelibrary.org.

**10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's** presented by the Alzheimer's Association, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28. Webinar covers age-related changes, resources and other topics. Register at alz.org/crf or call 800-272-3900.

## Movies

**ACME Screening Room**, virtual screenings. New releases include "Slalom" and "Looking For A Lady With Fangs And A Moustache." For details and tickets visit acmescreeningroom.org.

**ACME Film Club**, watch the film on your schedule and join the Zoom meeting for discussion. Earth Day discussion film "Kiss The Ground," 6:30 p.m. on April 20. Visit acmescreeningroom.org for details.

## Museums

**Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site** is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Night tours also available Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings starting May 7. Tours include new offerings like the Fair Chance Beer Garden. Timed tickets must be purchased online in advance at easternstate.org.

**Historic Nazareth walking tours**, hosted by Moravian Historical Society, 4 p.m. every second Saturday from March through September. Information: moravianhistory.org/walking-tour or call 610-759-5070.

**Meet the Makers: Bartering in Colonial Times**, a virtual presentation from the Mercer Museum, 1 to 2 p.m. April 16. Join a Colonial shoemaker and the owner of a general store and learn how people in early America bartered for the household

objects they needed to survive. Visit mercermuseum.org/virtualprograms for info.

**Springfield Township Historical Society Open House** from 9:30 a.m. to noon on May 1. The one-room schoolhouse is located at 2165 Route 212 in Coopersburg, PA. See the Church School, do research and view historical documents and photos. For details call Tom Cline at 484-308-1510.

## Music and More

**Sourland Mountain Happy Hours**, hosted by the Sourland Conservancy, held via Zoom from 6 to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month through June 3. Local artist performances, bespoke cocktail and other happy hour deals. Ticket holders will receive a link via email, proceeds benefit the musicians and the conservancy. Information and tickets: sourland.org.

**Virtual concert at Perkasio Patchwork Coffeehouse**, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on April 17. Toby Walker, roots music finger style guitar virtuoso, and The Brush Brothers, country/folk/bluegrass. Details at perkmenno.net/calendar-of-events.

**Big Laughs Comedy Series** benefiting Bucks County Community College, 7:30 p.m. on April 15. Comedy is virtual but the laughs are in real-time with nationally-touring comedians. Event is free, details at bucks.edu/tickets.

**Songs of social justice** from David Brahinsky & Friends, 12:30 p.m. on April 15. Songs from Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Judy Collins, Joan Baez and many more, event is free but registration is required. Details at bucks.edu/tickets.

**Weekend Winery Music Series** with Terhune Orchards, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Music from local musicians, light fare available, no admission fee, group maximum of six. For more info and musician schedule, visit terhuneorchards.com.

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**Spotted lantern fly presentation** from Tinicum Conservancy, 7 p.m. on April 22 via Zoom. Learn management options and regulations regarding this invasive pest from Emelie Swackhamer, horticulture extension educator with Penn State Extension. To register email kbudd3030@gmail.com or call 610-294-9069.

**Bristol Photographers Club 47th Annual Photo Contest**, hosted by Silver Lake Nature Center. Contest drop-off dates: noon to 4 p.m. on April 17, noon to 2 p.m. April 18, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. April 21. Awards reception at 11 a.m. on May 8. For info/registration, contact hebaker1@gmail.com or visit bristolphotographersclub.com.

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# Palisades plans prom, graduation in person

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rain dates the 12th and 13th, once again in the high school stadium, this time with graduates and their families being socially distanced in that venue.

Also at the April 7 board meeting, Facilities Committee Chair and board President Bob Musantury said that the committee had ap-

proved, for further development with district staff, a proposal from members of the Bridgeton-Nockamixon-Tinicum Groundwater Management Committee (BNT-GMC) to have a weather station installed at the high school, with no initial cost to the district. The BNTGMC is to pick up the cost of the unit and a three-year software

agreement.

After the meeting, Dr. Stephen Donovan, a member of the BNT-GMC, which began in 2000 as a township guide to responsible developers' tapping of groundwater resources, noted that part of the committee mandate is educational outreach.

"We would also like to en-

courage students to be aware of, and participate in, local government committees, and this is a way to accomplish that," he said. "In addition, the weather station opens up many possibilities for incorporating weather data into their STEM curriculum, as well as science and environmental classes and clubs."

Dr. Joan Ramage, the committee treasurer, noted that high school science Chair Mark Chilton was already aware of various ways the weather station could benefit education, while Dr. O'Connell "was excited about the weather station (as input) for her weather-related decisions."

# Rienzi family envision winery for Wrightstown Township

Chris Ruvo

A new winery that hosts events and tastings could be coming to Wrightstown.

The Rienzi family discussed a sketch plan for the viticulture venture with the Wrightstown Board of Supervisors during a public work session meeting of the board that was held Monday, April 12.

Attorney Ed Murphy, representing the Rienzi family, said that vines have already been planted at the property on the 500

block of Swamp Road.

"They could have their first vintage this fall," Murphy said.

The concept plan at the center of the April 12 discussion detailed aspects of the envisioned operation that the Rienzis want to establish.

Those include building a 5,000-square-foot building that would house production for the winery, as well as possibly a tasting room, area for events/private dining and retail space. Parking would surround the facility.

The plan, still just in concept

stage, initially proposed an area for an outdoor tent where events would occur. However, Murphy said the Rienzis would be open to making this an enclosed, permanent structure (in addition to the 5,000-square-foot building) if the township were to be amenable to that.

While it appears some zoning relief would be required to construct the enclosed building, township officials were in favor of that option, believing that could help minimize the possibility of noise pollution.

"The key here is to see to it that this use is not an intrusion on neighbors," said Supervisor Chairman Chester Pogonowski.

The winery aims to be a good neighbor, said Murphy. It will provide sufficient buffering and also wants to use low-impact lighting to prevent light pollution, he said. Specifics will be worked out and discussed with the township as the plan is formally engineered.

"We'll continue to refine the plan," said Murphy.

Local rules in Wrightstown would allow a maximum of 24

events a year, according to Murphy.

The attorney noted that Joseph Rienzi will be running the production side of the winery operation. He has been a viticulturist at Karamoor Estate Vineyard & Winery in Fort Washington since 2016. Armando Rienzi and Angela Rienzi are also principals.

Ultimately, Rienzi winery will need approval from supervisors to proceed with its plans. Discussions on the project are expected to occur at future public supervisor' meeting.

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# Quakertown makes start on bigger and better playground

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 vate and public sectors enhances the quality of our community and brings cultural dimensions to our parks system,” said Borough Council President Don Rosenberger. “The borough is committed to providing the community and surrounding areas with a safe, modern playground with a longer lifespan for lasting memories.”

Construction on QuiNBy’s Playground is expected to begin in the next few months – weather permitting – and is expected to open to the public this fall.

Designed by Kompan Inc. with input from local youngsters who were asked to “dream and design their ultimate playground,” according to Rosenberger, it will be an all-inclusive and multigenerational playground that allows individuals of all ages and abilities an equal opportunity to play, with designated areas for both elementary school-age (5-12) and preschool-age children.

For older kids, the focal point will be a towering, near-

ly three-story castle that is jam-packed with physical and cognitive play activities. The area also features a 155-foot net obstacle course, pendulum swing, and multiple carousels.

The area for younger kids will feature a smaller scale tower that will allow children to prepare for the school-aged area. This area also features swings, a seesaw, and springers.

The footprint of QuiNBy’s Playground will be the same as the former Panther Playground; however, it has been moved north of where the former playground stood to get it out of the flood zone.

“QNB is proud to be the lead sponsor of QuiNBy’s Playground,” said bank President Dave Freeman. “As a community bank, we are only as strong as the community we serve. Everything QNB does to strengthen the community, only comes back and strengthens us, which is why we are particularly involved in our home community, Quakertown.”



Officials lined up for the groundbreaking at QuiNBy’s Playground, the reimagined playground in Quakertown Borough.

JOE FERRY

## Central Bucks superintendent has resigned

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 COVID-19 pandemic and its associated challenges, the board seeks to approach this transition with a

sharp focus on what is best for the students who place their trust and confidence in them as this community’s representatives.

## Trout season opens in Hunterdon County

Trout season in Hunterdon County officially opened on April 10.

Fishing areas in Hunterdon County include: Manny’s Pond in Union Township, Mountain Farm Pond in Teetertown, the Raritan River along Hamden and Pine Hill Roads in Clinton, and on Kiceniuk and Stanton Station Roads in Franklin and Three Bridges in Raritan Township.

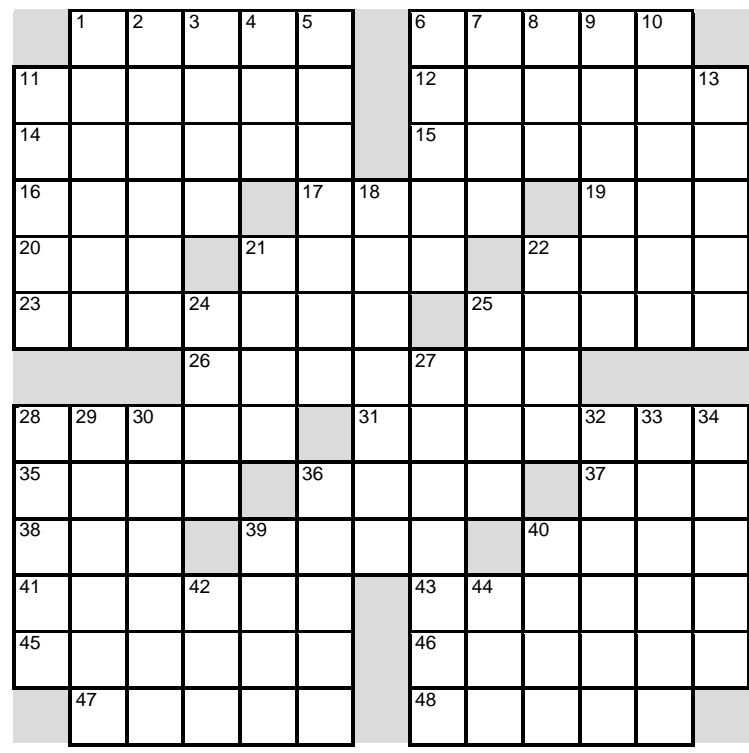
Many fishing areas in the county have been stocked with trout from the Pequest Hatchery.

“Fishing has been a long-standing tradition here and the board encourages residents to head out to their favorite spot this spring. But make sure you have your fishing license,” said Hunterdon County Commissioner Matt Holt, the board’s liaison for the Division of Parks and Recreation.

The county’s Parks & Recreation website lists all of the fishing access points, and asks that anglers maintain social distancing while in the parks. State rules and regulations for trout fishing are also available on the website.

Visit the NJ State Department of Fish and Wildlife website for more information and to get a 2021 fishing license: [nj.gov/dep/fgw/licenses.htm](http://nj.gov/dep/fgw/licenses.htm).

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### Across

1. Spanish figure eights
6. Seventeen-syllable creation
11. 2015 Masters winner Jordan
12. Like early audiobooks (2 wds.)
14. Greek goddess of the underworld
15. Speakers’ platforms
16. Art school subj.
17. Singer-songwriter Del Rey
19. Pen filler?
20. Government agt.
21. “Respect” songwriter Redding
22. Capital of Yemen
23. One may be personal
25. Tractor handle?
26. Place for plants
28. Thick carpets
31. Home base for some missions
35. April meteor showers are centered around this constellation
36. Thin coating
37. Costa Rica’s \_ Peninsula
38. Popular brand of nail art and polish
39. Kachina doll carvers
40. Norwegian royal name
41. “Star Trek” weapon
43. “\_ \_ of Aquarius”
45. Picked up on
46. Some Monopoly pieces
47. DC baseballers
48. Separates, as flour

### Down

1. Series starter
2. Seventeen-year life cycle insect
3. Qualifying race
4. Master Melvin in Cooperstown
5. It’s got you covered
6. Goat pair
7. Celebes ox
8. Neutral possessive
9. Former Hoda Koba co-host \_ Lee Gifford
10. Furor
11. Golf club part
13. Postal service symbol
18. Zeppelin, for example
21. Cross to bear
22. “Curious George” co-authors Margret and H. A.
24. Teri’s role in “Young Frankenstein”
25. Ear part
27. Stone Age tools
28. Feeds on the farm, maybe
29. Wi-Fi connection?
30. Grammy-winning Grande
32. 1989 Grateful Dead album “Built \_ \_”
33. Some Midwest natives
34. Pew areas
36. Expeditions, e.g.
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Puzzle by Linda Dunn of Furlong.

## Delaware and Lehigh National Corridor welcomes new board, staff

The work of the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L) is largely made possible by the dedicated efforts of the organization’s staff and board of directors.

To support and advance the mission-driven work, the D&L has filled two critical roles of trail & stewardship manager and program coordinator and welcomed two new board members.

The D&L welcomed Liz Rosencrans and Imogen Wirth-Granlund to the staff in

December as trail & stewardship manager and program coordinator, respectively.

Moreover, the D&L welcomes Scott Blair, associate vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion at DeSales University, and Richard Hughes, president judge for the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, to the board of directors for 2021.

Rosencrans worked with the D&L in her former role at the engineering firm Gilmore and

Associates, Inc. She earned a B.S. in Geoscience and B.A. in Environmental Geography at West Chester University.

Wirth-Granlund has worked with towns and cities across Pennsylvania through the state’s Downtown Center program. She holds a B.A. from Temple University in Geography and Urban Studies and American Culture and Media and a Master’s Degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

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# ARTS & Galleries

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## Contemporary artist creates paintings inspired by sea life

Jodi Spiegel Arthur



*"Cartouche 2021" is an oil on panel by contemporary artist Paula Cahill.*



*Doylestown Township artist Paula Cahill with her work in her Philadelphia studio.*

Water. Artist Paula Cahill has been drawn to it for as long as she can remember – no matter the form it takes.

"The water has been a theme throughout my life," the Doylestown Township resident said. "It doesn't matter if it's frozen."

So, it's no surprise that Cahill's paintings reflect her love of water.

Her paintings are known for their dark blue backgrounds and compositions made of a single line that changes color and connects back to itself. Cahill mixes up to 100 gradients of color and lays them down one at a time, making certain intersecting lines are not the same color.

"What gives them their pop," she said, "is the juxtaposition of color meant to evoke the bioluminescence of marine life if you're diving at night or at deep depth."

Cahill said she has done quite a bit of scuba diving, although not recently, and the colors are derived from her memories of scuba diving on coral reefs among tropical fish. She has at various times in her life been involved in all types of water-related sports, from swimming to ice skating, and always loved studying about marine life, such as fish and sharks, as a child.

A former speech language pathologist who became a stay-at-home mom, Cahill began painting later in life, while raising her children.

The first time she picked up a paintbrush, she knew she had found her calling. "I thought 'Wow, where have you been all my life?'" Cahill said. "It was like

falling in love or something – like lightening."

A Michigan native, Cahill had moved with her husband and three young children to New Jersey from Salt Lake City, Utah, and her husband suggested she try classes at the Princeton Arts Council because of her interest in painting.

Cahill, who had earned a master's degree for her previous profession, went on to study fine art, at Tyler School of Art and Architecture, where she earned a BFA, and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, where she earned an MFA. She also studied at the Art Students League of New York and Parsons School of Design as a transfer student.

At first, Cahill painted still lifes and people, and it was during that time that a graduate school professor suggested she paint fish to learn to paint flesh.

Since the academy doesn't allow

animals, dead or alive, Cahill had to bring the fish home, to paint and then cook. After a while, she said, "My family started complaining."

Cahill solved the problem by purchasing an aquarium, and around that time, she said, she became interested in abstract painting.

"I started tracking the movements of fish with lines," she said. "My current body of work is completely about line."

The artist said her initial attempts at abstract art were unsuccessful. However, after experimenting with abstraction for about five years, and after deciding she wanted to be a more serious artist and show her work, she contacted a gallery owner who advised her to devote herself to one thing.

That was in 2017. Now Cahill's paintings are held in public and private collections throughout the United States, most notably

the Charles Library Collection at Temple University, the PNC Bank Collection, and Capital One Headquarters. They have also been exhibited extensively in solo and group shows throughout the Northeast and mid-Atlantic.

"I even have a piece in China," she said.

Cahill has worked out of her studio at the historic Crane Buildings in the Kensington-Fishtown area of Philadelphia since 2013.

"My work is interactive, inviting the viewer to track a meandering, color-changing path," she said in her artist statement.

"I strive to push the historical conversation with line into the contemporary, and elevate the integral role it has played in art, design, and the sciences since its early appearance in rock and cave drawings. Geometry, personal experience, visual semantics, and art history all inform my work. The most

recent works give a nod to Diego Velazquez, Pablo Picasso, Egyptian art, and Renaissance perspective."

Cahill is participating in the Philadelphia Open Studio Tours, with her virtual open studio tour set for 6 to 8 p.m. April 21. Tickets are free at: [cfeva.org/events/cfeva-opportunities/post2020tickets](http://cfeva.org/events/cfeva-opportunities/post2020tickets). In addition, Cahill is offering in-person studio visits during the month of April. Contact her at [paula@paulacahill.com](mailto:paula@paulacahill.com) with questions or to schedule.

Cahill's work can also be found in "Paula Cahill: Flash Solo" currently at the Susanna Gold Gallery, [artsy.net/susanna-gold-gallery](http://artsy.net/susanna-gold-gallery). Recently, one of Cahill's painting was up for auction as part of the In Liquid benefit in support of artists in the Philadelphia region.

For information, visit Cahill at [paulacahill.com](http://paulacahill.com), or email her at [paula@paulacahill.com](mailto:paula@paulacahill.com).

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## Artists welcome visitors with Creative Conversations

Personal interaction with customers continues to be a challenge in this second spring of the pandemic.

However, a resourceful group of friends has come up with a way to welcome customers into their studios virtually to share their work and process in real time.

Creative Conversations will take place online from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24 and 25, when artists and attendees can have the kind of in-person experience similar to that which everyone enjoys so much at craft shows.

"All the artists will be in our studios to greet attendees through our virtual booths," explained Sheila Fernekes, one of the event founders. "We'll answer questions, share new

work up close and in some cases have work in progress to give visitors a behind the scenes look at what goes into creating our work."

Each day there will be two moderated live conversation segments from 11 a.m. to noon and 2 to 3 p.m., each featuring five artists who will chat about their inspiration and process. During each of these segments, visitors have a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to use with the artist of their choice by entering their emails into the event chat window.

Event attendees will also be able to easily browse artist websites and take advantage of show specials each artist is offering during the event.



*"Shelter" is a clay sculpture by Jeanine Pennell.*

Participating artists include Jerry Bennett, pottery; Karen Caldwell, fused and stained glass; Diana Contine, silver jewelry; Sheila Fernekes, woven bead jewelry; Carol Heisler-Lawson, modern quilting;

Bernard Hohlfeld, woodturning; Jeanine Pennell, sculptural pottery; Don Schoenleber, photography; Helena van Emmerik-Finn, pastel and oil painting; and Ellie Wyeth, painted floorcloths.

For information and to join the event go to [coveredbridgeartisans.com/creative-conversations](http://coveredbridgeartisans.com/creative-conversations).

## Pearl S. Buck International launches virtual exhibit

Pearl S. Buck International launched a new virtual exhibit, "Pearl Buck and Women," during Women's History Month, available now on its website.

The organization's founder, Pearl S. Buck, was a Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning author, avid humanitarian and ardent social justice activist. She was a staunch advocate for gender equality and women's rights.

Buck was born in the United States but spent the first half of her life growing up in China, which gave her a unique perspective of both the privilege of and social constraints on women in the United States, as well as an inside look at the discrimination women faced in other parts of the world. Living during the early 20th century, she saw firsthand the struggle for women's right to vote, the evolution of women's roles both inside and out of the home, the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment, and more. She

documented her thoughts, her observations and her firsthand experiences in many of her fiction books as well as nonfiction articles, speeches, and essays.

"Pearl Buck and Women" explores her role in writing about and living this advocacy for gender equality and women's rights.

The virtual exhibit, released during March, a month dedicated to the celebration of women's achievements and honoring their past and present struggles to define their place in the world, invites visitors to engage in this still ongoing conversation. It highlights one woman's perspective on the ever-changing expectations, rights, and responsibilities of women in their families, their jobs, and their communities.

The exhibit, which is complimentary, can be viewed indefinitely on the Pearl S. Buck International website at [pearlsbuck.org/exhibit-gallery/exhibits/](http://pearlsbuck.org/exhibit-gallery/exhibits/).

## Arts Council calls for artists

The Arts & Cultural Council of Bucks County has issued a call to artists for its virtual R.E.D. show.

Reimagine, Explore, Discover will bring together a broad community of artists from contemporary to traditional, from abstract to representational, all whose personal expressive styles in a variety of media appeal to collectors and art patrons both regionally

and beyond.

This show is open to all subject matter and its interpretation. It is inclusive of a variety of styles and visions. Entrants are encouraged to explore their creative boundaries and see their materials in a new way. Entries will be accepted May 1 to 15. The prospectus is available now at [bucksarts.org/RED](http://bucksarts.org/RED). The show opens June 4.

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## Performers tackle issues in "Songs for a New World"

John Dwyer

According to the composer Jason Robert Brown, the musical "Songs for a New World" is "about one moment."

It's about hitting the wall and having to make a choice, or take a stand, or turn around and go back."

In days like these, with the world topsy turvy, it seems we are all doing that more and more. Questions of identity and of putting up or change are ones that have been with us forever and yet, with so much confronting us these days that gets amplified by social media, this a time...like no other to reflect.

"Songs for a New World" is a reflection. There is no plot line or character development in the show, rather the four performers tackle issues and feelings with each song. The songs are stories unto themselves, with a beginning, a middle and an end. They are skillfully set up to flow one from another showing the patchwork of lives, feelings and regrets that we encounter in the modern world.

As the songs exemplify a challenge in the modern world, such as fear for example, that word shows up on a back screen, slowly and methodically as the word gets com-

posed by smaller words, such as difficulty and insecurity. A brilliant way to focus the audience on the meaning and interconnectivity of the songs, executed expertly by lighting designer Chris Cichon under the co-direction of Louis Palena and Jordan Brennan at Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, N.J.

Being a four-person revue, it is an ensemble show. But I did want to give a special shout-out to Jenna Parilla Alvino. If you saw her in the previous show, "Broadway a Go Go," you are familiar with her beautiful, pitch perfect voice and her nuanced way of addressing a song.

But, she can act. Each of these songs needs the performer to both sing and act the internal arc of the story contained inside the song. She is stellar in doing that, which is especially showcased as she kvetches about her husband, Murray, in "Just One Step" and weighs romance vs. money and status in "Stars and the Moon," which has become a cabaret staple.

It is a credit to the composer that his first major musical effort produced a popular cabaret standard.

Katie Rochon is, as always, amazing. She, also, is that singer who can live her song and be in the moment, especially in "I'm Not Afraid of Anything" and



Four performers make up the ensemble cast of "Songs of a New World," running through April 18 at Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, N.J., both live and online.

"I'd Give It All for You," both of which remind you of songs from Brown's later work, "The Last Five Years," which details the beginning and ending of a marriage, based on the composer's life. ("The Last Five Years" runs from

May 7 to 16 at MMT.) Katie inhabits her characters and demands we give her focus.

Jared Williams scores with the song "She Cries" and Shan Williams delivers on "Steam Train," whose spoken refrain is "You

don't know me. But you will."

That phrase seems prophetic, in so far as "Songs for a New World" was Brown's first work and seemed to prophesy the work that was going to come out of this young composer. Besides "The Last Five Years," he went on to compose the critically acclaimed "Parade," "The Bridges of Madison County" and "Honeymoon in Vegas."

I would be amiss if I did not mention the simple but elegant set by Karl Weigand, that utilizes different levels and gives interest to the revue's movement and flow. It is clean, simple and modern and works well with Cichon's lighting. The only set pieces are three see-through acrylic chairs that visually disappear when not used. It is a small detail, but details obviously matter at Music Mountain. They excel in often doing that little extra, which enhances a production.

Come see this lyrical, beautiful show that will make you laugh, think and will touch your heart. The show continues through April 18. Tickets can be purchased at musicmountaintheatre.org. You can attend in person or online.

All COVID precautions are being followed. Masks are required. Groups are socially distanced. The HVAC uses air scrubbers to sanitize the air. Come to the show. You will be delighted.

## Downtown Quakertown businesses slate Spring Bridal Stroll

Planning a wedding? Join in for a walk down West Broad Street in Quakertown during the 2021 Spring Bridal Stroll, from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 17.

The free event features award-winning bridal vendors and restaurants. Meet with local wedding professionals in their bridal boutiques - featuring everything from flowers to gowns to music to cakes and more.

Begin at The Gathering Place, 351 W. Broad St, in the Rite Aid

shopping center, to pick up a passport and map with a list of shops and vendors to visit. Have each vendor you visit check your passport to qualify for a \$500 grand prize. Individual vendors also will be offering prizes within their stores.

"The downtown Quakertown businesses have much to offer brides," said Alice Yates, owner of Always Beautiful Floral Design and the event organizer. "Casually strolling from one local business to another provides them the oppor-

tunity to see firsthand what we all have to offer."

Stroll the downtown Quakertown historic area and visit bridal vendors in their own boutiques where you can stop in and discuss your upcoming wedding.

Vendors showcasing their boutiques and services include: AC DJ's, All Things Bridal, Always Beautiful Floral Design Studio, Amy's Creative Cakes, aSPAtheary Salon, Carol Cook Wedding Officiant, Complete Wellness, the

Farm Bakery and Events Center, Fischer's Tuxedo, Isabel March Photography, Karlton Café, Lazer Limousine, Spring Hill Suites, The Loft @Sweetwater, One Hope Wine, The Philly Yard Bar, The Gathering Place, Honey Bee Designs, Jacque's Silk Floral Design, JCO Travel, Joy Boutique, Ecco Chic, The Proper, Willow & Grace, A Certified Health coach, Key Home Sales and Touch Stone Crystal.

See wedding gowns and brides-

maid dresses, DJ and photography, tuxedos and suits, a baker, limousine, salon and spa, florist, hotel and a wellness center. Plus, check out the Karlton Café to book for bridal showers and rehearsal dinners.

At the end of your stroll, plan to enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants in town.

Email quakertownbridalstroll@gmail.com for questions. Pre-register for this event is required; visit Facebook Quakertown Bridal Stroll.

## Eric & Christopher contest offers chance to have pet's photo featured on products

Eric & Christopher LLC, a small business nestled in the heart of Bucks County, is hosting its first National Pet Contest.

The company is inviting pet owners across the U.S. to submit three photos of their pets through April 20 on its website.

The public voting period is April 21 to 27. Ten finalists will be chosen from each category (cats, dogs, small animals and farm animals). Winners, one from each category, will be announced on April 30.

The winners will receive two free large pillows (20-inch-by-20 inch) and two free large tote bags (6-inch-by-16-inch-bottom-by-17-inch-tall) with their pet's image screen printed on the items. The winning pets will also be featured



on Eric & Christopher Limited Edition pillows and totes to be released in June 2021.

Eric & Christopher is a designer and American manufacturer of decorative pillows, totes, tea tow-

els, aprons, tea towels and custom textile products. The company is well-known for its whimsical animal screen prints and support for animals. In January 2021, Eric & Christopher gave over \$4,000 to Harley's Haven Dog Rescue based in the greater Philadelphia area. The rescue organization saves dogs of all ages and breeds from dire situations and helps them find their "forever homes."

While Eric & Christopher often receives requests from custom-

ers to have their pets printed on a single pillow or tote bag, the company cannot fulfill single custom requests. The Pet Photo Contest is a special opportunity for pet enthusiasts to get their very own pillows and totes for free with their pet's image on the item.

To enter and for information, visit ericandchristopher.com/contest.

## Moravian Historical Society sets fundraiser

The Moravian Historical Society hosts its 15th annual Share the Heritage online at 6 p.m. Friday, April 16.

The public is invited to "a fun and festive" wine tasting event with Chris Cree, one of only 53 Master of Wines in the country.

Ticket include "two expertly selected bottles of excellent Italian wine, a locally-sourced cheese selec-

tion, and an exclusive presentation" by Cree.

Share the Heritage is the society's signature event that supports its mission to preserve, interpret, and celebrate the rich culture of the Moravians.

Register at moravianhistory.org/share-the-heritage and details about how to pick up your wine and the link for the online event will be sent.

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## QuaranTIM: virtual concerts bring hope during lockdown

Michael Guarino

When COVID-19 shut down the country in March 2020, many people were looking for a distraction. Some sat at home, working remotely or watching kids attend virtual school. Some were looking for an outlet, a way to unplug or release pent-up emotions. Some, like Tim Nayfield, were just a little bored, especially during lockdown.

"The whole thing started because we were bored the first couple days of quarantine," said the musician and teacher. "All life stopped. I thought we needed a place where we could all go and hangout and talk."

Nayfield acted quickly, starting a Facebook group called "Live Music and Entertainment during this hard time" and uploading a video from a recent benefit concert. The next day, over 1,000 people joined the group. Seeing its surging popularity, he decided to try something new: a Facebook livestream. He hoped to engage the thousands of group members and form a haven of distracting, apolitical musical vibes.

The community response surprised Nayfield, with 900 people

watching his first livestreamed show. The next week, over 1,800 viewers tuned in to see him play a variety of genres, including rock and roll, blues, and folk. Eventually, one of Nayfield's friends decided the Facebook concerts needed a catchier name. They dubbed his shows "QuaranTIM," after their quarantine origins, and the name stuck.

"It's all been rock and roll at its heart," he said. "But it also gave me a chance to play songs that should never be played acoustic, or genres that I can't normally play on stage at rock venues, like folk."

Since March 2020, Nayfield has played over 700 songs in 60 virtual concerts, hosting one each Wednesday night at 9 p.m. One of his favorite QuaranTIM shows followed the events at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. That night, he decided to play "U.S. Blues" by the Grateful Dead in his basement studio, which was built during the pandemic and equipped with lights and soundproofing. He underestimated the effect the song would have on group members, many of whom had spent the evening anxiously eyeing their TVs.

"I stopped playing for a bit and my phone blew up. People were



Tim Nayfield played virtual concerts on Facebook every Wednesday throughout the pandemic.

saying, 'We need to hear you play!' It was nice just having a place for people to gather during that time."

To keep the concerts fresh and fun each week, Nayfield imposed rules for himself. The primary rule required him to play different songs at every show, including at least one song that he had never learned or played previously. Another rule

forced him to wear a new tie for each performance – repeats were outlawed. "It got to the point where I was reaching out to friends, going, 'I need new ties!'" he said.

Perhaps the standout QuaranTIM rule is the "Yoda Encore." At the end of each concert, Nayfield would reach to a nearby table and pick up his Yoda-inspired Magic 8-ball. The musician would ask the green Jedi, "Yoda, should I play one more song?" Yoda, with his vague billiard ball wisdom, would respond, "Yes, I think this is."

The cycle continued, with Nayfield asking Yoda about two encore songs, then three, then four, until finally Yoda declined. The "Yoda Encore" once demanded 10 extra songs, necessitating a three-hour set; needless to say, Nayfield only averaged between two and five for most concerts.

With virtual shows (and their encores) lasting hours, Nayfield needed to get creative with the instruments he used. He played six different instruments throughout the concert series, including guitar, banjo and mandolin – but that's just the tip of his musical iceberg. As an early childhood music educator,

his basement is full of varied and exotic instruments – 312, in fact – all of which are used to enthrall young students at local Montessori schools. School favorites include the charango, a stringed instrument from the Andes, and the accordion.

With the help of his varied instruments, Nayfield recorded over 40 hours of music during the pandemic. He plans to use this interminable back catalog to create an album in the future. "I'll put together an album of stuff I've played over the year," he said. Appropriately, the name will be something like "QuaranTIM."

While constructing the album, Nayfield plans on switching his concerts to every other week. "The concerts never stopped – the frequency, the grind, the repetition was just a lot," he said. Despite the understandable burnout, playing a show every week taught him a few lessons.

"Through the whole thing, I found that I needed to relearn how to play for myself. Performance can be part of everything, and you might be playing for the crowd," he said. "I learned how to tune out everything and just focus on the music again."

## The Hot Club, Phyllis Chapell join Playhouse concert series

The Hot Club of Philadelphia will bring its unique acoustic sound to the Bucks County Playhouse stage when the band presents two concerts as part of the theater's Spring Concert Series, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24.

Tickets are \$40 at buckscountyplyhouse.org or 215-862-2121.

Founded in 2011 by guitarist Barry Wahrhaftig, The Hot Club of Philadelphia is an acoustic ensemble dedicated to playing "Gypsy Jazz" – the musical genre pioneered by guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stephane Grappelli and their Hot Club of France Quintet in the 1930s and 40s.

With the use of acoustic guitars, bass and violin, rather than horns and drums, the quintet added some French and Gypsy sounds and created a blend of music that

is popular and accessible. The HCP Philly mixes the original style of these genre-breakers along with its own modern influences.

The band will be joined at the Playhouse by popular multi-lingual vocalist Phyllis Chapell. Chapell is featured on the band's current release, "Gypsy – Americana," which is a mixture of Euro and American folk material, including "Hard Times" by Stephan Foster, "Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Ungar, Blue Drag and "Melody au Crepuscl" by Django Reinhardt, along with some Klezmer and standards by Edith Piaf and Blossom Dearie.

The CD was chosen as WRTI 90.1s Jazz "Album of The Week" in January.

The group has performed throughout the region, including at The Kimmel Center's PIFA Festival, The World Café Live,

Sellersville Theater, WHYY-NPR, Musikfest, The Philadelphia Folk Festival, The Barnes Foundation and The Phila Museum of Art, to name a few.

The band's latest CD, "Gypsy – Americana," was released in 2020.

Dan Pearce, left, Jim Stager, Barry Wahrhaftig, Joseph Arnold and Phyllis Chapell will perform at the Bucks County Playhouse.



HOWARD PITKOW

## Stand-up comedy returns to Newtown Theatre

As restrictions loosen, the historic Newtown Theatre looks to entertain once again, pumping life into its successful Comedy Series, with bookings and production of the monthly shows handled by The

Comedy Shoppe.

Robert Kelly will take the Newtown Stage for two shows at 6 and 9 p.m. Saturday, May 1. The earlier show is nearly sold-out.

Kelly's comedy is deeply rooted in his own life and relationships, which makes it honest and abrasively funny, yet refreshingly vulnerable. He has been winning over audiences for years touring clubs, colleges and theaters.

Kelly is most recently seen on Netflix "The Degenerates" season two and on a successful comedy tour, "Kreeps With Kids," touring now. He also has a recurring role on "This Week At The Comedy Cellar," a Comedy Central Series. His one-hour special, "Robert Kelly: Live at the Village Underground,"

debuted on Comedy Central and Netflix and is now available on Amazon Prime.

Kelly played Bam Bam in Denis Leary's FX show "Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll." He can be seen as Louie CK's brother Robbie on the hit series "Louie." He is the co-founder of the RiotCast podcasting Network.

Future shows at the Newtown Theatre include the Funny Father's Day show with three of the funniest fathers in the business, on Saturday, June 19, and Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling, who returns for a night of dirty jokes on Saturday, July 17.

The admission price for all shows will include two beverages of your choice. To try and limit "hand to hand" contact, additional alcoholic

## Voices Chorale NJ plans virtual spring concert

Voice Choral NJ presents another in its series of enjoy-at-home music entertainment programs, open to all.

"An Evening of Late 19th & 20th Century Song & Lecture" will stream at 7:30 p.m. April 19.

Alex Meakem, soprano, and Michael Banks, baritone, accompanied by Akiko Hosaki, will present an evening of beloved vocal works drawn from the late 19th and 20th centuries. The concert will feature songs, duets and arias by Puccini, Sondheim, Lloyd Webber and others, highlighting the human experiences of love and longing though some of their most cherished works.

Dr. David A. McConnell, artistic director of Voices Chorale NJ, will offer context and commentary.

Admission is \$15. Sign up and details are at voiceschoralenj.org.



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## Washington Crossing Audubon hosts virtual talk

Washington Crossing Audubon Society presents "Saving the Cerulean Warbler," an online presentation by Katie Fallon, at 8 p.m. April 19.

The cerulean warbler is the fastest-declining neotropical migrant songbird.

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Learn also about ways you can help save these and other important

migratory songbirds – even why your morning cup of coffee is important to cerulean warbler conservation.

This is a free, virtual event open to the public. To register, email contact.wcas@gmail.com to receive a link to the Zoom meeting with access code. Space is limited to the first 100 registrants.

Washington Crossing Audubon Society has approximately 1,300 members, mostly from the five counties of central New Jersey. Its monthly lectures and frequent field trips are free and open to the public. For information, visit washingtoncrossingaudubon.org.

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# Pending home sales slip 10.6% in February

Pending home sales dipped for a second straight month in February, according to the National Association of Realtors. Each of the four major U.S. regions witnessed month-over-month declines in February, while results were mixed in the four regions year-over-year.

The Pending Home Sales Index, an indicator of home sales based on contract signings, dropped 10.6% to 110.3 in February. Year-over-year, contract signings fell 0.5%. An index of 100 is equal to the level of contract activity in 2001.

"The demand for a home purchase is widespread, multiple offers are prevalent, and days-on-market are swift but con-

tracts are not clicking due to record-low inventory," said Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist.

"Only the upper-end market is experiencing more activity because of reasonable supply," he said. "Demand, interestingly, does not yet appear to be impacted by recent modest rises in mortgage rates."

According to Yun, even with rising mortgage costs, rates are expected to remain relatively low at no more than 3.5% in 2021. He says the rates are still advantageous to both prospective buyers and to current homeowners who are contemplating refinancing.

Nationally, homes priced at above

\$250,000 have largely been driving home sales for the last several months. However, Yun indicates that even homes priced between \$500,000 and \$1 million are subject to the same low-inventory dilemma.

"Potential buyers may have to enlarge their geographic search areas, given the current tight market," Yun said. "If there were a larger pool of inventory to select from – ideally a five or six-month supply – then more buyers would be able to purchase properties at an affordable price."

Realtor.com's Housing Market Recovery Index, which reveals metro areas where the market has recovered or even

exceeded prior trends, showed Austin, Texas, Denver, Colo., Riverside, Calif., Portland, Ore. and Phoenix, Ariz. achieved the most significant recovery as of March 6.

The Northeast Pending Home Sales Index fell 9.2% to 92.3 in February, a 3.9% dip from a year ago. In the Midwest, the index dropped 9.5% to 102.4 last month, down 6.1% from February 2020.

Pending home sales transactions in the South declined 13% to an index of 133.2 in February, up 2.9% from February 2020. The index in the West fell 7.4% in February to 96.9, up 1.9% from a year prior.

# With prices surging, farmland is a hot commodity

Across the Midwest, farmland prices are rapidly climbing, fueled by a recent rally in grain markets and low interest rates, The Wall Street Journal reports. Prices are rising even higher than the previous farm boom about a decade ago.

Farmland values increased during 2020 as higher grain prices buoyed revenue for farmers. Land prices in the region that covers parts of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin saw a 6% in-

crease last year, which marks the largest hike since 2012, according to the Federal Reserve Banks.

Prices for farmland are expected to continue to rise this year. A recent survey of Iowa farmland specialists conducted by the Iowa chapter of the REALTORS Land Institute shows average farmland values were up nearly 8% since September.

Farmers eager to cash in are selling parcels of land, leading to an investor

shopping spree. Large farmers dominate among owners of the nation's 900 million acres of farmland. Seventy-five percent of cropland in the U.S. is controlled by about 13% of the nation's farmers. Smaller farmers are finding it more difficult to afford a down payment on land parcels or compete for land leases, the Journal reports.

Indeed, competition is fierce as supply for farmland remains low. U.S. farmland

has decreased by 25% – or 305 million acres – since 1950, according to USDA data. Investors are scooping up farmland: Pension and hedge fund companies view it as a lucrative alternative to stocks and bonds.

*From Realtor Magazine*  
Source: "U.S. Farmers Vie for Land as a Grain Rally Sparks Shopping Spree," *The Wall Street Journal* (March 28, 2021).

# Waterview Place: Overlooking the Delaware River in New Hope, Pa.

Prepare to be dazzled by this stunning penthouse overlooking the Delaware River from New Hope's most prestigious address!

A keyed entry brings you via elevator right into the private foyer of this impressive four bedroom, four-and-a-half bath residence in the boutique condominium community of Waterview Place. Enjoy fabulous water views from the floor-to-ceiling windows in the elegantly designed living room, with doors that open onto one of three expansive riverfront terraces. Entertain in the formal dining room with equally impressive views, incredible built-ins, and custom lighting, and enjoy your morning coffee in the large, gourmet kitchen with breakfast area and terrace. The main bedroom suite includes another wall of windows, private terrace, sitting room, luxurious private bath, and designer dressing closet with center island. A wood-paneled library is well equipped for working from home and



housing your favorite books. The second level features an elaborate home theater and a yoga/exercise room. Three additional bedrooms and baths ensure there's plenty of room for loved ones and guests.

Waterview Place offers maintenance-free living with direct access to the canal towpath for hiking, biking, and fishing. Garage parking is provided for two cars, with additional parking available for guests. Conveniently located 50 minutes north of Philadelphia and 90 minutes south of Manhattan, just moments from the fun and eclectic mix of restaurants, shops, and activities in the historic river towns of New Hope, PA and Lambertville, NJ.

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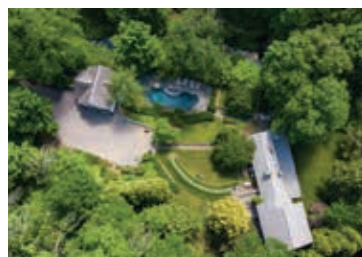
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## Listings large and small hit the market in Upper Bucks

Along with brilliant sweeps of forsythia, an influx of new properties on the market is a sure sign of spring. Launching this week is the one-of-a-kind, magnificent **Shaggy Bark Farm in Haycock Township**. Listed by Caryn Black of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty, the property began in the 1700s as a simple log cabin and has had dramatic additions and restorations resulting in 6,800 square feet of relaxed, rustic elegance, historical yet with a fresh modernism. See the home at [www.kurfiss.com/PABU521760](http://www.kurfiss.com/PABU521760).

"Petit Bijou" is a true jewel box of a home in an enchanting, 19+ acre, hillside setting in Kintnersville where scenic views and nature's paradise are just outside the door. Listed by Lisa Frushone of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty, it is offered for the first time in 40+ years, it was used as a weekend getaway and hosted some of the world's top super models and notable rock stars. It has been refreshed from top to bottom. See this home at [www.kurfiss.com/PABU524154](http://www.kurfiss.com/PABU524154).

Also just listed is a **prime estate**

**home in Tinicum Township**, hidden back a long driveway. On 30.5 acres, this property offers breathtaking views, impeccable craftsmanship and attention to detail with French Country elements and fine finishes galore. Listed by Linda Danese of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty, this very private residence is an opportunity to enjoy fine, timeless finishes throughout. Tour the home at [www.kurfiss.com/PABU524172](http://www.kurfiss.com/PABU524172).

Also just listed in Upper Bucks is a **Buckwampum Mountain retreat** adjacent to 174 acres of open space park. Listed by Michael Strickland of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty, this 3 BR, 2.1 bath Cape-style retreat has an open-concept interior and rich custom craftsmanship. Outside are spaces perfect for entertaining. Just beyond is a 2-stall shed with fencing and chicken coop ready for some girls. See more at [www.kurfiss.com/PABU523906](http://www.kurfiss.com/PABU523906).



Submitted by Kurfiss Real Estate The outstanding Shaggy Bark Farm on 16+ acres in Haycock Township has just come on the market, represented by Caryn Black of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty.

## Model now open for tours at The Pinnacle at Rolling Hills

With spring's arrival, the model residence at The Pinnacle at Rolling Hills is now available for showings by appointment. The small-scale community, with only 19 parcels, is represented by Douglas Pearson and Cary Simons of Kurfiss Sotheby's International Realty. Lots range from just under 1 acre to just over 4 acres with prices for the land starting at \$300,000. Buyers may bring their own architect and builder or they can choose from a variety of existing home plans by Phillips & Donovan Architects. All owners will enjoy 190 acres of open space with long-distance views and walking trails for residents.

While the finishing touches are being completed on the exterior of the model, the interior is ready for buyers to inspect. Built by Edwardson Construction, a premier Bucks County builder, the home's open, clean-lined floor plan showcases pristine hardwood floors, Andersen Architectural, energy-efficient windows and doors, a state-of-the-art kitchen and a sumptuous main suite. It is move-in ready with exterior finishes being completed as the weather warms.

A landscape design incorporating a pool and hardscaping is available and enables a buyer to envision what this property can look like with its finishing touches.

With almost 4,000 square feet, 4 bedrooms and 4 baths, the model is offered at \$1,495,000. To schedule a tour, please contact Douglas Pearson, 267-907-2590, or Cary Simons, 484-431-9019.



Submitted by Kurfiss Real Estate The kitchen of the model home, built by Edwardson Construction, is finished with top-grade details. The model is now open by appointment.



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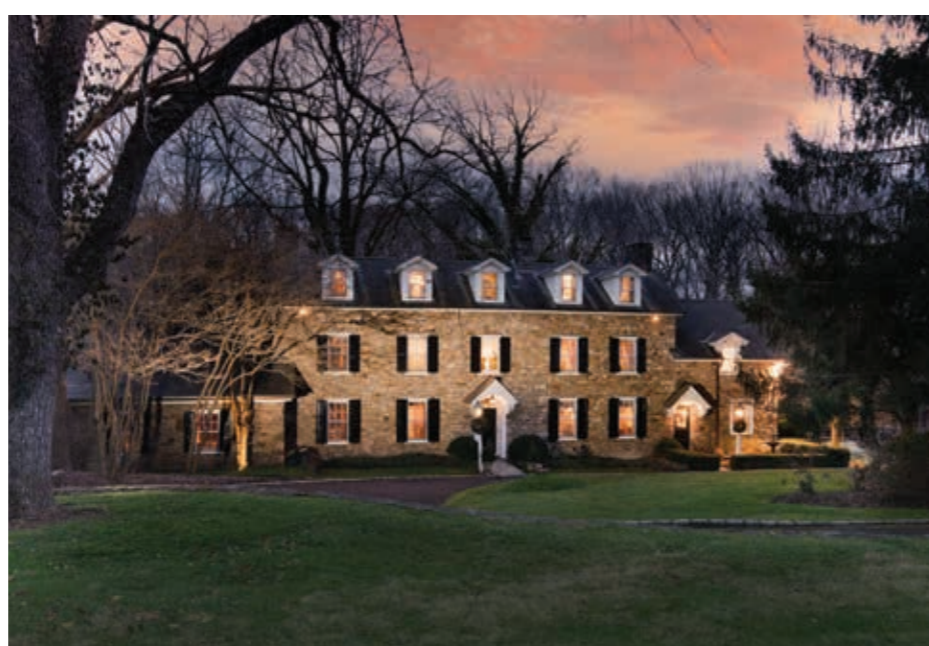
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## INDOORS

- Clean and dust *everything!*
- Replace smoke detector batteries
- Test smoke detectors and replace if older than 10 years
- Wash comforters and pillows
- Freshen up mattresses with baking soda and vacuum
- Steam clean carpet and rugs
- Dust ceiling fan blades
- Dust easily-overlooked areas
  - Tops of cabinets
  - Window casings
  - Blinds
  - Trim/Molding
  - Chair Rails
- Deep clean kitchen appliances
  - Stovetop
  - Oven
  - Microwave
  - Dishwasher
- Clean underneath major appliances
- Change furnace air filters
- Test sump pump
- Set up battery backup for sump pump
- Clean windows with a mix of white vinegar and distilled water
- Check basement for damp areas after rain

## OUTDOORS

- Clean leaves and other debris from gutters
- Inspect home's exterior
  - Roof
  - Brickwork
  - Siding
- Touch up exterior paint
- Service air conditioning unit
- Prune trees and bushes to promote healthy growth
- Remove plants that didn't survive the winter
- Caulk around doors and windows
- Power wash brick, concrete, walkways and deck to remove winter grime
- Inspect yard for wet spots and install drainage
- Clean windows with a mix of white vinegar and distilled water
- Inspect window screens for holes; replace if needed
- Test gas- and battery-powered lawn care equipment
- Inspect deck for loose or warped boards
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## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



# Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

## SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



## FACTS

- ! A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ! Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ! Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

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## Carversville landmark gets a restoration

The Carversville Inn was founded in 1855 by Isaac Stover as a country inn to serve the needs of travelers and guests of the community. For generations, The Carversville Inn adapted to economic times in meaningful ways to ensure the vitality of the business while preserving the integrity of the structures themselves.

Alpha Genesis Design Build, the Design-Build firm for this project, understands the significance of preserving the cherished history of The Carversville Inn. "Father time is not always kind to buildings and sometimes reality forces action. The need for major restoration is visibly apparent all over the property and we intend to give The Carversville Inn a second chance at life. Through a thoughtful and proactive design approach we have developed a comprehensive plan to save the Inn while enhancing the warm and inviting atmosphere everyone has come to enjoy," says Patrick Pastella, CEO of Alpha Genesis Design Build, LLC.

The old fireplaces will be resurrected, the bar is to be expanded, and hotel guest rooms will be elegantly appointed with fine finishes. Most importantly steps are being taken to bring the property into building code compliance as well as ADA accessibility.

Hundreds of members of the community have demonstrated their support for this project and understand the need for restoration. As specialists in complex projects, Alpha Genesis is committed to the project goals and will continue to leverage their firm's expertise to enhance and revitalize The Carversville Inn.

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Starting as a roadside produce market in 1955, Bountiful Acres was originally owned by the Jamison family who also built Peddler's Village.

The Flack family acquired the property in 1983 and began transforming it into the full-service garden center and landscaping service that it is today.

Paul and Rita Flack operated Bountiful Acres with their family while their son David pursued a degree in horticulture at Penn State University. Upon their retirement in 2007, they turned over the business to David who continues to oversee the operations and the expanding vision with his wife Christine.

Many of the staff have also become part of the "family" with a tenure of more than 20 years. Additionally, we have multiple generations of staff members, so to them Bountiful Acres is truly family!

As we have expanded, including now growing our own trees locally on a 100-acre farm just down the road from the garden center, we have kept true to our Bucks County roots to provide excellent service to our customers and the community.



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Route 202, 1 mile south of Peddler's Village



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"Security is mostly a superstition. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."  
- Helen Keller

**MOVE-IN READY**



**RABBIT RUN**

**\$1,695,000**

This property is turnkey with a quick close. Walk to town and don't worry about parking. Includes high-end kitchen including Wolf appliances, custom closet built-ins, storage, custom cabinetry, private elevator, custom window treatments, stone patios w/a water feature, and a full house gas generator.



**NORTH POINTE**

**\$699,900**

Grand, mint-condition North Pointe home in Solebury Township! Wonderful cul-de-sac location. Beautifully landscaped lot backing to acres of wooded open space! New Hope-Solebury School District. Greg Dwornikowski 215.534.7347



**PAXSON RIDGE**

**\$2,295,000**

Bucks County estate home located in Solebury Township is a winner of the Pinnacle Award for Custom Homes over \$2 million. This 5 bedroom home is beautifully appointed featuring a series of covered porches, decks and balconies. Margo Busund 215.801.2977 or Art Mazzei 610.428.4885



**FRENCH COUNTRY HOLLOW**

**\$1,550,000**

With a well executed design and superior craftsmanship this custom built French Country style home, by premium builder John Arrow, is located on a private cul-de-sac surrounded by Lookaway Golf Club. Laurie Madaus 203.948.5157



**LOWER YORK RETREAT**

**\$895,000**

Don't miss this charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath stone farmhouse located in New Hope. This home sits on 1.68 acres in the New Hope-Solebury School District. Donna Lacey 215.534.9143



**ELY ROAD RETREAT**

**\$1,499,000**

If you are seeking a private, and tranquil atmosphere, look no further. An impressive wrap-around porch complete with a jetted hot-tub overlooks a babbling brook, making this 4+ acre property a true Bucks County retreat. Revi Haviv 845.492.1315



**LOGAN SQUARE**

**\$370,000**

In this commercial hub is a 1,357 square foot retail space perfectly designed for an office space, mortgage company, wealth management office, insurance or a myriad of other commercial uses.



**WATERFRONT**

**HESSIAN WATERS**

**\$495,000**

This rare 13 acre building parcel is a hidden gem. The parcel has it's own private entry bridge that traverses the Lockatong Creek. Kingwood Twp. NJ. Sharon Pratt 215.820.6301



**THE DUANE HOMESTEAD**

**\$1,795,000**

Sited majestically, at an elevated location amidst 67 fertile farmland acres. The Bedminster countryside moves in all directions and the open land provides ample opportunity for agrarian pursuits and/or a serious equestrian facility.



**MAIN STREET RETREAT**

**\$549,000**

Victorian c.a. 1850 Lambertville End unit Townhome in the heart of it all. On a quiet street with off street parking for 2 cars, possibly 4, this spacious Victorian could be your weekend retreat or your next full time home. Lambertville, NJ. Daniela DeLuca 267.614.4345



**BUCKINGHAM GREEN**

**\$1,435,000**

One of the last large parcels of land (57 acres) is now on the market. The zoning is R-1 and the geological study permits septic mounds and spray irrigation. Located on Route 202 in Buckingham, just minutes from Doylestown Proper and 15 minutes to New Hope. Explore the possibilities.



**AUTUMN TRACE**

**\$2,499,000**

Custom Zaveta home on 4 acres in Solebury. This home features 6 beds, 6 baths, home theater, wine room and an in-law suite. Extensive hardscape, pool w/ travertine decking, and fire pit. Easy access to New Jersey, NYC and Philadelphia. Evan Walton 215.327.4709 or Christa Conte 215.962.5971



**RIVER CROSSING**

**\$1,175,000**

Beautifully appointed 4BR, 4.5 bath estate home, approximately 6550 finished square feet on a 1.36 acre manicured lot just a few minutes outside of New Hope Borough and equidistant to NYC and Phila. Jay Ginsberg 215.431.1199



**CUSTOM BUILD**

**SOPHISTICATED COUNTRY**

**\$1,875,000**

Rare opportunity to own a new build in Solebury. This 3,700 sq ft home, sited on 2.1 acres, offers single floor living at its best. Features hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, custom cabinetry, and a large center island. Evan Walton 215.327.4709 or Art Mazzei 610.428.4885



**STONE HILL**

**\$2,500/MO**

One bedroom guest house on Stoney Hill Road. Just a short walk from downtown New Hope. Private guest house with attached 1 car garage. High end finished throughout. Nick Esser 646.745.5460

For additional information or a private tour,  
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