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## Testimony: Councilwoman not disrespectful at crash site

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WILKES-BARRE — Two law enforcement officers testified Tuesday that Luzerne County Council member Joanna Bryn Smith was not “disrespectful” when her boyfriend, Jose Adames, allegedly crashed his

vehicle into the yard of a Harveys Lake residence in 2024.

The testimony by the two officers during a motions hearing before Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas Judge Mark W. Bufalino contradicts statements Harveys Lake Police Chief Charles Musial made to the

Times Leader hours after Adames, 36, of Wyoming, was detained for suspected drunken driving. Adames previously served on the Luzerne County Board of Elections from January 2020 to June 2020.

Musial said Smith was interrupting and was disrespectful to his officers,

identified herself as an attorney and a member of Luzerne County Council, and pleaded for leniency.

At the time, Smith strongly denied she used her position on council for leniency.

The situation involved Adames crashing his 2022 Hyundai Santa Fe Cruz in the yard of a home on

West Point Avenue, striking a pipe for the home’s septic system, resulting in muddy conditions in the drain field on July 30, 2024.

The homeowner awakened after 5 a.m. and noticed two people and a vehicle spinning its tires in her yard. After she called 911 at about 5:15

a.m., Harveys Lake police Sgt. Brian M. Gasper responded to the scene.

Gasper testified Adames was standing near the open driver’s side door, and a woman, identified as Smith, was standing in front of the vehicle that was stuck in mud.

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### EXETER BOROUGH



Exeter Borough council conducts its regular meeting Tuesday.

Margaret Roarty | Times Leader

## Council approves data center zoning amendment

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EXETER — Exeter Borough Council, during its regular meeting on Tuesday, approved an amendment to the zoning code that sets rules and standards for any future data centers in the borough.

A short public hearing was held at the municipal building before the council voted, during which the public had the opportunity to comment on the ordinance, which defines data centers and their accessory uses and sets regulations for the facilities.

“Data centers are kind of cropping up all over the area, as you know, and

right now, many municipalities aren’t prepared for the type of use that data centers represent. They’re high energy users, they take big parcels of land, and use exorbitant amounts of water,” said council attorney Ray Hassey.

There are no known applications for a data center submitted to Exeter Borough at this time.

Data centers will be allowed in the borough in districts zoned I-1 (General Industrial) as a conditional use, which means approval of a data center project would have to go through the council.

As part of a conditional use package, applicants would need to submit a site plan for the pro-



The portions of this Exeter Borough zoning map marked in light blue are industrial zones where data centers will be permitted.

posed project, plans for electricity and water infrastructure, an emergency response plan, a decommissioning plan, a developer’s agreement, and documentation of required studies for noise, vibration, water, and envi-

ronmental.

The ordinance also specifies that any proposed hyperscale or major data center development must include a community incentive package.

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## Nanticoke man charged with luring teen girl from Allegheny County

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PLYMOUTH TWP. — A man from Nanticoke is jailed at the Luzerne County Correctional Facility on allegations he lured a 14-year-old girl from western Pennsylvania on Sunday.

Christopher P. Jones, 27, of West Poplar Street, was apprehended in Plymouth Township by the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force on an arrest warrant issued to Whitehall Borough Police Department, charging him with unlawful contact with a minor, interference with custody of children, corruption of minors, and criminal attempt to commit statutory sexual assault, criminal attempt to commit involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, and criminal attempt to commit aggravated indecent assault.

The 14-year-old girl was found unharmed, according to an online report from the Whitehall Police Department.

According to the report and a criminal complaint, Jones is accused of luring the teenage girl from her home through social media, notably Discord.

During online conversations, Jones’ user name was “Memphis Row,” and he discussed plans for the girl to stay with him at

his Nanticoke residence under a cover story that he was her father, the complaint alleges.

Jones also told the girl, the complaint says, he would take her to Knoebels Amusement Park for “a day or two as a date.”

Whitehall police, in the complaint, allege Jones traveled to western Pennsylvania in his 2001 Jeep Grand Cherokee to pick up the girl, arriving about two miles from her residence at about 1:41 a.m. on May 3. The vehicle was spotted in Salem Township, Luzerne County, at about 6:25 a.m. May 3, the complaint says.

Jones has not been arraigned on the charges. He was booked into the county correctional facility early Tuesday morning.

Whitehall police said the FBI, Pittsburgh and Scranton field offices, U.S. Secret Service Pittsburgh field office, Allegheny County Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, Nanticoke City Police, Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office and the U.S. Attorney’s offices for the Western and Middle Districts of Pennsylvania assisted in the investigation and apprehension of Jones.

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# Walsh introduces data center legislation

By Bill O'Boyle

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WILKES-BARRE — Rep. Jamie Walsh on Tuesday announced his continued efforts to strengthen local protections and increase transparency for data center proposals in the state.

Walsh's bills are companion measures to proposals introduced by Sen. Jarrett Coleman, R-Bucks/Lehigh.

Together, Walsh said the bills would empower local municipalities to protect their residents from excessive burdens by allowing them time to update zoning ordinances, while also eliminating a tax exemption for data centers and redirecting revenue to help reduce the state's gas tax.

"Data centers are a big topic of discussion in my (117th) district and one



Walsh

to prevent unchecked data center expansion by mandating transparency from the industry statewide."

One bill Walsh is sponsoring would place a moratorium on data center applications so municipalities could choose and have time to revise their ordinances and establish conditional use policies addressing issues like power supply, water consumption, noise, and setbacks.

Walsh said this would give municipalities time to establish appropriate guardrails for the industry in their land use policies.

in which I am well-served," said Walsh. "By sponsoring these bills, I am continuing my efforts

The second bill, Walsh said, would repeal Act 25 of 2021 — the Computer Data Center Equipment Exemption Program — which exempts certain data center equipment from the state's sales and use tax.

"While this incentive was intended to attract data centers to Pennsylvania, the recent surge in development shows it is no longer necessary," Walsh said. "Repealing it would allow us to redirect those funds to the Motor License Fund and help reduce the Oil Company Franchise Tax, which adds roughly 58 cents per gallon of gasoline and 74 cents per gallon of diesel."

Walsh released co-sponsorship memos on May 4, with bills to follow. Once introduced, the bills will be assigned to committees for consideration.

## Data centers a hot topic

At last week's [Back Mountain Chamber Legislative Breakfast](#), Walsh said data center development is the number one issue in his 117th Legislative District, evidenced by hundreds of concerned citizens who attend every public meeting held on the issue.

"There are seven municipalities in my district that are faced with data center developments," Walsh said at the breakfast. "We must take the mask off of these data center projects so the people can be aware of what is happening in their towns."

Walsh said he is calling for an 18-month moratorium on data center developments.

"We have to put some guardrails on these projects," Walsh said. "We need to slow it down

so we do it right. The proposed Pennsylvania Ratepayer Protection Act is a proactive, sensible piece of legislation to help address potential rising energy costs with the construction of new data centers," Walsh said.

He said House Bill 2372 introduces a three-part strategy to lower costs and stabilize the energy market:

- Requires data center developers to fully fund their energy infrastructure and grid connections, ensuring no additional costs are passed on to consumers.
- Mandates large data centers to build or secure their own power sources rather than relying on the public grid, reducing competition for the limited electricity supply.
- Requires utilities to enter long-term power purchase agreements

on behalf of consumers, ensuring ratepayers have equal access to stable, lower-cost energy supplies.

Together, Walsh said these requirements are expected to deliver immediate reductions in electricity prices; increase the available power supply across the PJM region; protect consumers from subsidizing large-scale energy users; and support responsible growth of the data center industry.

"By requiring data centers to meet their own energy needs and ensuring utilities secure long-term power for residents, the legislation aims to rebalance supply and demand, leading to lower prices and a more resilient energy market," Walsh said.

House Bill 2372 is awaiting assignment to a committee.

## Testimony

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Gasper further testified he detected signs of impairment and had Adames, who consented, travel to Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center for a blood alcohol test, which was taken at 7:07 a.m. Results of the BAC test showed an alcohol level of .0112 percent, Gasper testified.

Jackson Township Police Officer Harold Kane responded to the scene to assist.

Upon questions from Adames' attorney, Theron J. Solomon, during Tuesday's motions hearing, Gasper and Kane said Smith was not disrespectful at the scene nor did she ask for leniency. Gasper further testified he did not know Smith, nor did he know she was a member of County Council.

Adames told Gasper that he was looking for the driveway of a friend's house when he crashed into the yard with his vehicle, becoming stuck in mud about 40 to 50 feet from the roadway. Adames further admitted he was driving the vehicle.

Solomon, who is representing Adames along with Attorney Nicole M. Psaila, said he learned earlier this year that Kane wore his body camera that recorded the scene and interactions with Adames. However, Kane testified body cam footage is automatically purged after 60 days if there is no request to preserve the footage.

During the motions hearing, it was learned the district attorney's office and/or Harveys Lake police inquired on March 24, 2026, if the body cam footage was available, but it had been purged.

In their effort to have the case dismissed, Solomon and Psaila argued the timing of the crash is crucial but unknown, as drivers suspected of drunken driving need to be tested within two hours of a crash or traffic stop.

Solomon argued the crash happened hours before the 5:15 a.m. 911 call by the homeowner due to Adames and/or Smith searching to find a shovel, find an old rug, and had a friend come with a tractor to pull the stuck Hyundai from the mud before police responded to the scene

just after 5:22 a.m.

Further, Solomon argued, the vehicle's ignition is a push start, and it was not determined who possessed the key fob at the scene.

Two heavy tow trucks were needed to remove the stuck Hyundai from the yard.

Solomon said the drunken driving offense should be dismissed due to not knowing who actually drove, and the vehicle was stuck and could not be driven from the yard.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Degan argued against dismissing the case, noting the Hyundai was registered to Adames and that Adames' own admission to police was that he was the driver.

Solomon countered that Adames was not given his Miranda warnings prior to admitting to driving the Hyundai at the time he crashed into the yard.

Adames is facing a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence and a summary offense of failure to report an accident.

Bufalino said he will take the matter under advisement and issue his ruling at a later date.

## Police investigate gunfire at Hanover Twp. apartment complex

### Staff Report

HANOVER TWP. — Police in Hanover Township say they are investigating a shooting in the 100 block of the Stoney Ridge (Hanover Village) apartment complex on

Monday.

Two suspects with their faces concealed by masks and wearing dark clothing fired several rounds in the direction of bystanders and nearby apartments just after 3 p.m.

No injuries were reported.

Anyone with information about the shooting or who can identify the suspects is asked to call the Hanover Township Police Department at 570-825-1254.

## Trump to pause US effort to guide vessels out of Strait of Hormuz to allow time for an Iran deal

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — President Donald Trump says that he is pausing the U.S. effort to guide stranded vessels out of the Strait of Hormuz to finalize an Iran deal, but that the American forces' blockade of the Iranian ports would remain in place. Trump announced the decision in a social media post on Tuesday evening, saying he was pausing the effort for a short period to give space for U.S. efforts to finalize a settlement with Iran to end the war. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment offering further detail about the progress in negotiations that Trump

alluded to in his posting.

## 2 killed and 3 injured in back-to-back shootings north of Dallas, police say

CARROLLTON, Texas — Texas police say a man shot five people, killing two, in back-to-back shootings Tuesday near Dallas because he was angry over business dealings with the victims. The shootings happened Tuesday in an area known as Koreatown in Carrollton. Police say it wasn't a random act of gunfire and that the attacker knew the victims. The suspect ran away but was later arrested. Video posted online showed officers with their guns drawn as they walked past doors at K Towne Plaza. Agents from the FBI and another federal agency were among law enforcement at the

## Gasoline costs 50% more in the US than it did before the Iran war

NEW YORK — The price of a gallon of regular gasoline climbed 31 cents in the past week, spiking to an average of \$4.48 per gallon Tuesday, according to AAA. That's up 50% since the war with Iran began. Many drivers were hopeful in mid-April, amid signs that the conflict could be winding down, and gasoline prices fell daily for almost two weeks. But as the war continued, gasoline prices reversed course and began increasing again. And energy experts say that even once the war ends, it will take months for gasoline prices to return to pre-war levels.

— Associated Press

## Council

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As defined in the ordinance, a community incentive package includes "Programs or contributions to public safety, health, education, community amenities, or infrastructure enhancements designed to offset project impacts and promote borough welfare."

Additionally, some dimensional standards for data centers and their accessory uses include:

- The maximum building height for a data center shall be 60 feet, inclusive of roof-mounted equipment such as cooling and ventilation systems, HVAC units, and cooling towers.
- The maximum height of data center accessory uses shall be no greater than the height of the principal building.
- Data centers and data center accessory uses shall be set back 500 feet from the boundary of R-1, R-2, R-3, and B-2, B-3, and I-1 zoning districts, or the lot line of any property developed with a sensitive receptor.
- A landscape buffer is required between data

centers and data center accessory uses and any adjoining residential zoning districts, including agricultural and conservation zones with a residence, sensitive receptor, or public roadway.

The ordinance also includes standards for noise and vibration, water and sewer, power supply, emergency management, parking, and decommissioning.

One resident, Vanessa Smith, spoke during the hearing. She asked whether an applicant would be subject to a 30-day waiting, and Hassey said there would be.

"I personally would just like to say I hope we never get one," Smith said.

"We can't discriminate against 'em if they do come, but we can protect the borough," said Vice Chairman John Morgan.

The full ordinance can be read on the [Exeter Borough website](#).

## Possible Kratom ordinance

Also at Tuesday's meeting, council gave their solicitor the go-ahead to begin drafting an ordinance to regulate Kratom in Exeter Borough and to work with the solicitors of the other munici-

palities that make up the Wyoming Area Regional Police Department to do so.

This decision comes following a Luzerne County Court case in which the owner of KB Crash Creations, a Kratom plant in West Wyoming, pleaded no contest to 14 quality of life complaints after residents complained of a toxic smell in the neighborhood.

According to the FDA, Kratom, a tropical tree native to Southeast Asia, is often used to self-treat conditions like pain, anxiety, and depression, and can produce an opioid and stimulant-like effect.

The National Institute of Drug Abuse said there are several safety concerns with the herbal substance, including harmful contaminants, and that adverse effects range from mild to severe.

Wyoming Area Regional Police Chief Michael Turner also said U.S. Rep. Rob Bresnahan sent a letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration, urging action to put in place a temporary ban on Kratom until permanent legislation is passed and issued by the United States Congress.

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## LUZERNE COUNTY



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Luzerne County Council's Correctional Services Committee heard a presentation Tuesday from Acting Correctional Services Division Head Stanley Fiedorczyk. The committee members, from left: Jimmy Sabatino, Vice Chair LeeAnn McDermott, and Chairman Steve Coslett.

# Overseer: LCCF is becoming a 'better place'

By Jennifer Learn-Andes  
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Luzerne County's prison system has started activating a mobile phone app for staff to track inmates, county Acting Correctional Services Division Head Stanley Fiedorczyk said Tuesday.

Fiedorczyk also briefed council's Correctional Services Committee on a range of matters, including workers' successful detection of an inmate suicide attempt, the need for vehicle fleet updates, and the continued challenge of inmates requiring outside medical treatment, which contributes to overtime. He also credited both staff and inmates for recent sprucing up of the prison interior and said he is working to maximize opportunities for inmates to assist in community projects.

Fiedorczyk, who became acting overseer when James Wilbur resigned in March, said the mobile app — CorreTrak — was purchased several years ago but never implemented.

Workers now carry phones containing the app when they make their rounds so they can scan QR codes outside cells and in other areas to



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verify they have checked on each inmate logged in the system, he said.

Inmates must wear wristbands with QR codes, and eventually the prison will train workers to instantly track and retrieve data on the movement of each inmate inside the facility and when they are transported elsewhere, he said.

"Everything is going to be going through these," Fiedorczyk said as he held up a phone, describing it as an "extremely advanced system."

Regarding the suicide attempt, Fiedorczyk said sensing something was wrong, staff rapidly detected and prevented it.

"The staff reacted to this so amazingly fast, you could probably use the

video as a training video," he said of the response. "I'm really proud of them."

On the subject of his fleet, Fiedorczyk said he is hoping to obtain several vehicles to transport inmates to state facilities, work release, pre-work release community service, local court proceedings, and medical visits. The fleet is aging and not sufficient for transport demands, he said, noting he is not picky and is willing to accept used vehicles to save money.

County Manager Romilda Crocarno said she contacted the county Transportation Authority about the possible reuse of any vans it is removing from service and is exploring other options. Fiedorczyk said he

### GET HELP

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wants to increase the use of inmate labor, with court approval and careful review, to help communities and provide inmates with a "purpose" and "self-pride."

He passed out before-and-after photographs of prison sections that have been freshened up with paint through the efforts of staff and inmates.

"We're really moving. We're really shaking," Fiedorczyk said. "Everybody's coming together. We're actually making the prison a better place."

### Medical visits

Fiedorczyk echoed a concern of his predecessor about the need for outside medical care for inmates.

The trend largely stems from medical problems tied to inmate substance use disorder and the incarceration of more older inmates, officials have said.

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# Chicago man pleads guilty to wild pursuit

Incident involved shots fired, carjacking

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WILKES-BARRE — A man from Chicago, accused of fleeing Butler Township police and initiating a dangerous pursuit that involved an alleged carjacking, a home invasion, and shots fired, pleaded guilty to related offenses in Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

Isaac D. Cintron, 34, pled guilty to nine counts of aggravated assault before Judge Michael T. Vough late Monday afternoon. Under the terms of the plea agreement, which calls for a sentence of up to 40 years in state prison, prosecutors withdrew an attempted criminal homicide charge, including counts of reckless endan-

germent, simple assault, burglary, robbery of a motor vehicle, illegal possession of a firearm, fleeing or attempting to elude police, and theft against Cintron.

Court records say Butler Township police encountered a Ford Explorer reported stolen by the Fairlawn, New Jersey, police department parked outside a Dunkin' Donuts location on North Hunter Highway on Jan. 30, 2024.

Cintron fled the scene and traveled east in the westbound lanes of Interstate 80, where he struck another vehicle, court records say.

Court records alleged Cintron abandoned the Ford, walked toward a stopped vehicle and fired two shots at the driver,

who reversed his vehicle. After firing the shots, court records say, Cintron ran into the Sand Springs housing community, where he entered a residence on Refuge Circle by climbing through an open first-floor window.

Once inside the home, Cintron allegedly threatened the homeowner with a firearm and demanded keys to their vehicle, but was not able to start it. Cintron fled the house and, according to court records, carjacked a woman's Toyota Rav4 at gunpoint at Refuge Circle and Long Run Road, telling the woman to take her 3-year-old son with her.

State police troopers spotted Cintron and initiated a second pursuit on Interstate 80 and onto Route 54, where he was apprehended near Barnsville, Schuylkill County. Court records say Cintron stole the Ford Explorer in New Jersey while fleeing Connecticut, where he allegedly fatally shot Heriberto Cotto, 43, in New Haven on Dec. 24, 2024.

An arrest warrant was issued for Cintron by the State of Connecticut Superior Court on March 12, 2025, charging Cintron with murder, criminal possession of a firearm, and criminal possession of a pistol or revolver.

Cintron remains jailed without bail and is scheduled to be sentenced on July 9, prior to being extradited to Connecticut.



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Isaac Cintron at the Luzerne County Courthouse on Feb. 7, 2025.

## LOTTERY

### Midday Drawing

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Pick 3: 7-6-6  
Pick 4: 2-3-9-6  
Pick 5: 0-3-1-3-5  
Wild: 7

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### Evening Drawing

Pick 2: 6-3  
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Pick 4: 6-4-2-6  
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# Diamond City Partnership launches annual Perception & Use Survey

By Bill O'Boyle

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WILKES-BARRE — Since Diamond City Partnership's founding, Executive Director Larry Newman said the organization's work has been informed by the community's opinions about Downtown Wilkes-Barre — its strengths, its weaknesses, what's working, and what needs to be improved.

"That's been true going back to the four public 'visioning session' meetings in 2001, which led to DCP's formation," Newman said. "DCP conducted its first downtown intercept survey in 2007 — the first year of the Downtown Wilkes-Barre Business Improvement District — and starting in 2010, we began running surveys at four-year intervals."

Well, it's survey time once again. The Diamond City Partnership (DCP), Wilkes-Barre's nonprofit downtown management organization, has launched the 2026 Downtown Wilkes-Barre Perception & Use Survey.

The online survey — which measures the public's experience and usage of Downtown Wilkes-Barre — is open through June of 2026.

The survey can be accessed directly at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTWB2026survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTWB2026survey)

The survey can also be found on DCP's website and the organization's Instagram and Facebook pages.

"Every four years, DCP asks for input from the community to help us improve our efforts to create a vibrant and compelling downtown," Newman said. "The survey allows us to document how the public uses and perceives Downtown Wilkes-Barre, and because we've been conducting this survey since 2010, we can compare how responses have changed over time. We use the responses to guide DCP's initiatives, ranging from the on-street work of DCP's Downtown Ambassador Team, to events and programming, to downtown planning and economic development activities with our public and private partners."

Newman said the survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and that responses are reported only in aggregate.

Survey respondents also have the opportunity to enter a drawing to receive a \$100 gift card to a downtown Wilkes-Barre restaurant.

Newman said the survey results track Downtown's evolution over two decades — its return to life in the mid-2000s, the residential and dining growth of the 2010s, the pandemic-fueled challenges which began in 2020, and the current rebound.

"And during that entire time, we've used these surveys to shape DCP's programs, projects, and initiatives — staying responsive to Downtown's stakeholders," Newman said. "For example, prior survey results led DCP to expand our Downtown Ambassador Team and to create additional outreach to at-risk individuals. We've seen how streetscape and beautification investments have led to improved perceptions of Downtown's public environment, and how arts, culture, and entertainment offerings drive traffic to downtown businesses. And, because downtown revitalization is a team sport, the survey results also help to inform the work of the City and our other partners."

However, Newman said these surveys are most effective when DCP hears from a broad cross-section of the community — Downtown property and business owners; Downtown workers, residents, and college students; folks who come downtown to dine, shop, or see a show; and those in our community who never visit Downtown at all.

"Downtown Wilkes-Barre is the heart of the Wyoming Valley," Newman said. "And downtowns are always evolving, as their economic functions and environment change, they cycle up and down (and hopefully up once again). The public's perceptions and usage of Downtown Wilkes-Barre also change over time, so we need to understand that change to do our jobs effectively. This quadrennial survey is an ideal way to accomplish that goal."



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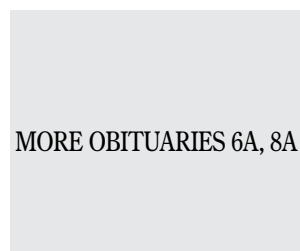
Mildred Butkiewicz, 81, of Wilkes-Barre, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Interment will be in St. Mary's Nativity Cemetery, Plymouth Twp. Arrangements are entrusted to S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, Plymouth.

**FUREY**

Eugene C. Furey, 85, of Old Forge, died Sunday, just five weeks following the death of his beloved wife, Barbara. Private funeral services will be from Ferri & Gillette Funeral Services LLC, 522 Fallon St., Old Forge.

**CROCKENBERG**

Catherine "Kay" Crockenberg of Scranton passed away May 2, 2026. Funeral services will begin at 9:15 a.m. Thursday from Kevin K. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 125 N. Main Ave., Scranton, with a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Patrick's Church, 1403 Jackson St., Scranton. Visitation is set for 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.



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**ANTHONY POPPLE**

Anthony Raymond Popple, 64, of Shavertown, passed away Saturday, May 2, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his devoted wife, daughters, and sons-in-law, after a hard-fought battle with squamous cell cancer.

Born in Kingston and raised in Bear Creek Twp., he was the son of Estelle Popple and the late Raymond Anthony Popple. Tony grew up working at his father's coal business, Popple Bros. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Wilkes University. He met his wife, Nancy Gorski, in 1980, and the two never separated. They wed on June 5, 1985, in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. At the beginning of their marriage, they traveled the world and started several small businesses together, including Mundy St. Self-Storage.

In 1991, they started their family. Tony's proudest accomplishments are his three daughters, Roxanne, Brandy, and Leah. His daughters' favorite family memories are weekly ski nights at Montage Mountain, summers at Harveys Lake, nightly family dinners, and trips to Anna Maria Island, Florida. He loved his family deeply and gave his daughters the best childhood possible.

Tony and Nancy were rarely seen apart. They would be spotted biking around Harvey's Lake together, taking a ride to Josie's for the flavor of the week custard, or enjoying dinner at the casino. They have been happily together 47 years, married 42 years,



with their love only growing deeper throughout Tony's cancer battle.

Tony was best known for his humor, famous one-liners, and quick-witted comebacks. He was a very generous man who would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

Tony was predeceased by his father, Raymond Anthony Popple, 58, in 1984, and his sister, Kimberly Ann Popple, 21, in 1986.

Tony is survived by his mother, Estelle Popple; wife, Nancy Popple; daughters, Dr. Roxanne Popple (husband, Jason Fudge), Brandy Dymond (husband, Josh Dymond), and Leah Kimberly Popple Esq. (fiancé Thomas Giaimo); and 3-month-old grandson, Luca Anthony Dymond.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home Inc., Shavertown. Graveside funeral services will follow in Mountainview Cemetery, Harding.

Memorial donations may be made to Allied Services Hospice by mailing a check to 100 Abington Executive Park, Clark Summit, PA 18411, or by credit card by calling Peggy Ford at Allied at 560-348-1407.

Allan, 86, of Harrisburg, passed away Friday, April 17, 2026. He was born in Sayre, the son of Lloyd and Ellen Holcomb-Williams. He was a 1957 graduate of Westmorland High School, where he participated in football and basketball, and attended Lafayette College on a football scholarship, Class of 1962.

He began his career at the Grotto Pizza in Plymouth and Harveys Lake before becoming the general manager of Back Mountain Lumber and Coal, located in Shavertown. He also worked with the Red Cross, MBNA, and Orgill Inc. He was a member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church, serving in



many roles. Allan enjoyed being active by running and enjoying walks with family and friends. He was an active member of George M. Dallas Masonic Lodge No. 531, Irem Shriners, and Scottish Rite, NMJ for over 60 years.

Allan displayed strong ethics in all aspects of his life, especially when it

came to his family, profession, and faith. His vibrant personality and humor were welcoming traits to everyone he had the privilege of meeting. A great many of those individuals became close and lifelong friends. He was and always will be a role model and hero to his son. He was a source of wisdom, humor, and steadfast love.

Allan was predeceased by his wife, Nancy Crocker Williams, and his stepdaughter, Kail Miers.

Allan is survived by his son, Dennis Williams and Dennis' wife, Shawn, of Enola; former wife, Judith Williams-Stirling of Harrisburg; sister, Glenda Pomrinke and husband, Jon, of Dallas;

uncle and aunt, Norman and Janet Williams, of Canton; brother-in-law, Ric Struthers and wife, Sharon, of Naples, Fla.; stepdaughter, Laverne Bond and husband, Jerry, of Mt. Airy, Md.; stepson, Shawn Craumer, of Ocean City, Md.; and nine grandchildren and six nieces and nephews.

An informal/casual celebration of life will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on May 23, for Allan's family and friends at The Greens at Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgeway Drive, Dallas, PA 18612.

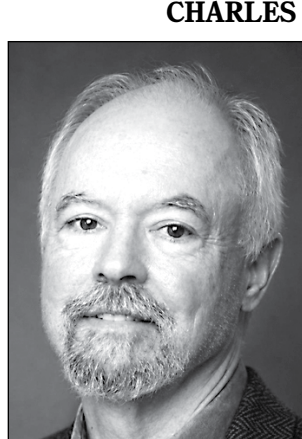
Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes.org.

Charles F. O'Donnell, 71, of Kingston, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 20, 2026, at his residence.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Charles E. and Mary (Brennan) O'Donnell.

A graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from King's College and worked for most of his career as a healthcare professional, including time at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, and First Hospital, Kingston.

A lifelong student of literature and the arts, he



wrote poetry, drama, and fiction. He had recently completed a novel based on a Catholic priest (an ancestor) who advocated for the rights of coal miners in the Hazleton region at the turn of the 20th century. The book was

a labor of love based on extensive historical and genealogical research. He also helped to support fellow artists and writers through his work as director of Arts SEEN, a vibrant artists' cooperative that occupied space on Wilkes-Barre's Public Square in the 2000s.

Surviving are his sister, Katie Precone, Sweet Valley; brother, Brennan O'Donnell, Bronxville, New York; and brother-in-law, Joseph, and sister-in-law, Angela, Alaimo.

He was a beloved uncle to his nephews, Charles, Minneapolis, Patrick, Chicago, and Will O'Donnell,

Queens, New York; Jacob, Sweet Valley; and Daniel Precone, Ogden, Utah; and to his grand-nieces and nephews, Eleanor and Cora O'Donnell, Minneapolis; Amelia and Kayson Precone, Ogden; and Calvin and Rudy O'Donnell, Queens.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, in the chapel at St. Mary's Cemetery, 1594 S. Main St., Hanover Township. Interment will immediately follow.

Arrangements are by Harold C. Snowdon Home for Funerals Inc., Kingston.

**CHARLES O'DONNELL****DIANNE SENCHAK CALLAHAN**

daily needs of her family. In her earlier years, she was employed as an operator for Bell Telephone Company and as a receptionist for Trion Industries.

Dianne was a faithful member of St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church, Swoyersville – her love of God and her church was unceasing.

Dianne Senchak Callahan, 72, a resident of Swoyersville, fell asleep in the Lord on Thursday evening, April 23, 2026, at Oak Ridge Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Taylor.

Her husband was the late Joseph J. Callahan, who passed away on March 28, 2015.

Born March 12, 1954, in Kingston, Dianne was one of three children born to the late Nicholas Senchak and Anna Yurchisin Senchak.

Raised in Swoyersville, Dianne was a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Class of 1972.

A homemaker most of her life, Dianne took great pride in tending to the

A woman of many enjoyments, Dianne especially loved tending to her flower gardens and creating needlepoint crafts. With her giving spirit, she donated countless numbers of her needlepoint creations to the Salvation Army every year. Dianne may not have possessed the loudest voice in a room, but her quiet gestures of love and compassion were what made her stand out.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Katie Callahan, and her companion, Anthony Chalker, of Dallas; her brothers, Nicholas Senchak and Robert Senchak, both of Swoyersville; and her grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held from Wroblewski Funeral Home Inc., 1442 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Services were officiated by the Rev. Andrii Dumnych, pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, Swoyersville, followed by burial in St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Cemetery, Dallas.

To share a memory of Dianne or a message of condolence with her family, you may visit the funeral home website, www.wroblewskifuneralhome.com, or Facebook page.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dianne's memory to the Salvation Army of Wilkes-Barre, 17 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18071.

**MICHAEL J. CRAWFORD**

pastimes were swimming in the creek, working outside, and playing any kind of games with his family.

In addition to his parents, Michael was preceded in death by a brother, PJ Crawford.

He will be sadly missed by his wife, Jessica Crawford; children, Michael Hayden, Cassidy, Dashawna, Kaelyn,

Tucker, Cooper, Hartley, Harper, Jemma, Tessa, Jasper, and Ruby; sister, Molly Richardson (Robert and nieces); sister-in-law, Heather Crawford; a nephew; and his firehouse family.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the King's College Scandlon

Gymnasium, North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to service time.

The funeral procession for Michael and his family, escorted by the Wilkes-Barre City Fire Department Honor Guard, will arrive at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to witness the arrival, please gather on North Main Street, Wil-

kes-Barre, in front of the King's College Scandlon Gym.

Special thanks to Memorial Sloan Kettering and Dr. Gu, as well as the staff who took such fantastic care of Michael during his battle with esophageal cancer. Also, to Geisinger Wyoming Valley ER and the fifth-floor oncology department, which had a hand in taking care of him during numerous admissions.

In lieu of flowers, and in remembrance of Michael, please spend time with the children in your life, making memories that will last forever.

Arrangements were entrusted to Daniel J. Hughes Funeral & Cremation Service, Wilkes-Barre.

Mass, 10:30 a.m. Friday, St. Patrick's Church, White Haven. Visitation, 10 a.m. to service time.

**ARDOLINE** — Mary: Mass,

11 a.m. Saturday, St. Joseph Marelo Parish, Pittston. Visitation, 10 a.m. to service time.

**BAKER** — Lee: Funeral, 11 a.m. Thursday, Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., Pikes Creek. Visitation, 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, funeral home.

**CONNIFF** — Judith: Funeral, 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., Old Forge. Mass, 10 a.m., St. Ann's Basilica, West Scranton.

**GRANAHAN** — Joseph: Mass, 10 a.m. Saturday, St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

**JONES** — David: Mass, 11

a.m. Thursday, St. Therese's Church, Shavertown. Calling hours, 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home Inc., Shavertown.

**LICATA** — Joseph: Visitation, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday; 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Harold C. Snowdon Funeral Home Inc., Shavertown. Service, noon Friday.

**MIKIEWICZ** — Joseph: Mass, 10 a.m. Monday, Corpus Christi Parish, West Pittston.

**SINNOTT** — Andrew: Mass, 11 a.m. Wednesday, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Wilkes-Barre. Visitation, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

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## MR. JOSEPH FRANCIS CEKLOSKY

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of a beautiful voice and faithful servant who has been called to be with our Father in Heaven. Mr. Joseph Francis Ceklosky, 81, best known as "Chic" and "Sparky" to many, passed peacefully into eternal life the morning of Saturday, May 2, 2026, in the care of the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, following a brief illness.

Born on Sunday, July 23, 1944, on North Franklin Street, in Wilkes-Barre's North End neighborhood, he was one of nine children to the late Michael and Justine (Iskra) Ceklosky.

Educated in the city schools, he was a graduate of both the former Sacred Heart Slovak Parochial School and the James M. Coughlin High School, Class of 1962, both of Wilkes-Barre.

Devoted to his Roman Catholic faith and having an undeniable pride in his Slovak heritage, he was a former member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Parish in North Wilkes-Barre. Here, he was active with the Family Life Committee and was involved in the church's countless restoration projects. He also contributed his time and talents to erecting and lighting the annual bazaar booths. Fraternally, he held membership in the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, with whom he recorded two albums of Slovak liturgical music.

Joe began his exposure to employment at a young age by picking produce at Lesko Barney Farms; cleaning the Sterling Theater; delivering groceries for Hudock's store; delivering newspapers to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital; creating beautiful flower arrangements at Yurko's Floral Shop; completing home remodeling projects with his brother Leonard for Sears, Roebuck & Co; all before joining the United States Army Reserves



in 1965. He was honorably discharged from military duties with the rank of E5 Buck Sergeant with the former 109th Field Artillery.

It was around this time that he met and eventually married Loretta L. (Sieminski) Ceklosky on September 7, 1968.

The couple would raise two generations of children over the course of their 57 years of married life together.

In 1969, he received his master electrician's license and started his own electrical business, Joseph F. Ceklosky Electric. He truly was a jack of all manual trades. Later in 1975, he expanded his services to include repairing hot tubs, saunas, and whirlpool baths, including Kohler, Jacuzzi, and American Standard, just to name a few major brands.

In his spare time, Joe loved visiting, with his family, Niagara Falls, Czechoslovakia, Hawaii, Thousand Islands, Boulder Field, Lake Jean, Council Cup Overlook, the Bloomsburg Fair, and countless area flea markets.

Sadly, he and Loretta were preceded in death by an infant daughter, Carol Ann. He also bid farewell to siblings, Bernadine Stefanovich, Florence Sierko, Barbara Jean Ceklosky, Mary Ann Krajnik, Leonard F. Ceklosky, and Michael Ceklosky.

Left to cherish all the wonderful memories they now keep of him, in addition to his beloved Loretta, at home, are the couple's children, Joseph F. Ceklosky and his wife, Sue, of

Douglassville; Leigh Ann Davis and her husband, Brian, of Wyoming; and James M. Ceklosky, of Canonsburg; grandchildren, Emma Rose, Cole Matthew, and Jake Joseph Ceklosky; brothers, Francis Ceklosky and his wife, Theresa, of Hudson, and John Ceklosky, of King of Prussia; numerous nieces and nephews; and fellow contractors, former clients and dear friends.

The Ceklosky family would like to gratefully acknowledge the nurses and doctors of Geisinger Wyoming Valley for the kindness and compassionate care shown to Joe and the entire family during his stay.

Funeral services for Mr. Ceklosky will be conducted at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 12, from John V. Morris Family Funeral Home Inc., 625 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, followed by his funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne. The Rev. Michael J. Boris, parochial vicar, will serve as celebrant and homilist.

Interment with the rite of committal will follow in Mount Olivet Diocesan Cemetery, Wyoming.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to join the family for a period of visitation and shared remembrances from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

In lieu of floral tributes, Joe's family would be humbled if those wishing to make a monetary donation in his memory, kindly give consideration to the St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre, or to the Sisters of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, 1002 Railroad St., Danville, PA 17821, or at [www.sscm.org](http://www.sscm.org).

Those wishing to share words of comfort or a fond memory with Mrs. Ceklosky and her family are encouraged to do so by visiting his memorial page at [www.JohnVMorrisFuneralHome.com](http://www.JohnVMorrisFuneralHome.com).

## CATHERINE WILISZEWSKI



Catherine "Cathy" Wiliszewski, 79, of Old Bridge, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2026.

Born July 9, 1946, in Plymouth, she was the beloved daughter of Julius and Catherine Sosnowski.

She graduated from St. Vincent High School in 1964 and went on to earn her degree in education from College Misericordia, Class of 1968. Cathy began her teaching career in Nanticoke before eventually settling in New Jersey, where she would make a lasting impact.

Cathy met the love of her life, George, in 1963 while they were both working at the Boston Candy Kitchen. What began as a young romance grew into a deep and enduring bond. After a five-year courtship, they married in 1969 and moved to New Jersey, where they built a beautiful life together and raised their family.

Cathy and George shared a rare and lifelong love, spending 57 devoted years side by side. George was truly the light in Cathy's life — her constant companion, greatest supporter, and best friend. Their marriage was defined by unwavering commitment, deep affection, and a partnership that carried them through every season of life. Whether traveling the world, raising their family, or simply enjoying quiet moments together, their love remained steady and strong.

Together, they created a lifetime of cherished memories. They loved traveling with their daughter, Lori, exploring the United States and, in later years, the world. From visits to national parks to cruises to Alaska, Hawaii, Europe, and the Mediterranean, their adventures reflected their shared joy in experiencing life together.

Cathy shared a special bond rooted in deep love, trust, and quiet under-

standing with her daughter, Lori. Their relationship was one of unwavering support, filled with cherished moments, heartfelt conversations, and gentle care. Together, they created a lifetime of memories that reflected both strength and tenderness, a connection that will continue to live on in the hearts of those who witnessed their love.

A devoted educator, Cathy spent 38 years as a teacher at Schirra Elementary School in Old Bridge. She took immense pride in her work, deeply loved her students, and was equally adored by them. Teaching was not just her profession—it was her passion.

In her spare time, Cathy was an avid crocheter who lovingly created hundreds of lap blankets for donation to nursing homes. She found great joy in giving back and held a special place in her heart for volunteering with the Helping Hands group of Life Choices Resource Center.

Cathy treasured time with her family, especially gathering for dinners filled with laughter and meaningful conversation. She cherished holiday traditions, particularly preparing Christmas Eve and Easter meals that brought loved ones together year after year.

Her role as a grandmother was one of Cathy's greatest joys. She shared a truly special and loving bond with her granddaughter, Marie. Whether through time spent together, heartfelt conversations, or simple everyday

moments, Cathy created memories with Marie that will be treasured forever. Their connection was filled with warmth, guidance, and unconditional love — memories that Marie will carry with her always and hold close to her heart.

She was predeceased by her parents, Julius and Catherine Sosnowski; her precious newborn daughter, Donna; her sisters, Mary Sepkowski, Pearl Kinney, and Audrey Misavage; and her brothers, Alex and Gene Sosnowski.

Cathy is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, George; her cherished daughter, Lori, and son-in-law, Chris; her adored granddaughter, Marie; her sisters-in-law Dorothy Powers and Rita Stepanski; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Cathy will be remembered as a kind and generous soul with a deep love for teaching, volunteering, and, above all, her family. Her enduring love story with George and the special bond she shared with her daughter and granddaughter will remain lasting parts of her legacy. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in Cathy's memory to St. Vincent DePaul Social Ministry, St. Ambrose Parish, 81 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 08857, or Life Choices Resource Center at <https://lifechoicesrc.com/donate>.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 3377 US Highway 9, Old Bridge, New Jersey.

A Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Ambrose Church, 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857.

Interment will be in Holy Cross Burial Park, Jamesburg, New Jersey.

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Judith "Judy" D. Masters, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who died peacefully on April 30, 2026, at the age of 90.

She was born Oct. 14, 1935, in the Bronx, New York. She went on to dedicate much of her life to caring for others as a registered nurse, a profession that reflected her compassion, strength, and generosity of spirit.

Judy spent many years living in New Jersey, where she raised her family. She was the loving

mother of two children, Bonnie Sinclair, who predeceased her on Feb. 25, 2013, and Steven Sinkoff and Lisa Portnoff, who reside in Central New York. She was a devoted grandmother to Kyle, Leo, Amanda, and Micayla. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Irv Kofsky.

In 1978, she married her second husband, Tom Masters. They lived in Edison, New Jersey. Through that union, Judy became a stepmother to Tom Masters Jr., Sherri and Howard Carpenter, Elizabeth and Ed

Smith, and Carol, who predeceased her in 2007. She also had seven step-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

In 1999, she and Tom moved to Pennsylvania, where they built a home in Sweet Valley. There she found great joy in country living on their 40-acre farm. She cherished the peaceful surroundings, the animals living in the woods and fields, and especially her beloved pets.

She was a devoted and loving wife to Tom, who passed away in 2016. After his passing, she moved to Central New

York to be closer to her son.

She will be remembered as a kind, devoted grandmother, a caring mother, and a woman who found happiness in caring for others and the simple beauty of rural life. Her warmth, resilience, and love for her family will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

A private service will be held by the family. In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory.

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# What's better than one Big Boy? Two of them side-by-side

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They don't call it "Big Boy" on a whim. The Union Pacific No. 4014 steam locomotive is scheduled for a cross-country trip into our turf. It weighs 1.2 million pounds, has 24 wheels in a 4-8-4 configuration and can generate 6,200 horsepower. As the National Parks website for our own local, limited-function Big Boy in Steamtown, Scranton notes, "They did the work of three smaller engines, pulling 120-car, 3,800 ton freight trains at forty miles per hour in the mountains of Utah and Wyoming."

The size required innovation: "Swiss designer Anatole Mallet (1837-1919) added a 'hinge' to the middle of a locomotive to allow it to 'flex' slightly. Two pairs of cylinders supplied power to the two sets of drive wheels."

Steamtown aficionados have gawked at the sheer magnitude of this marvel of 1940s engineering for many years, thanks to the park's acquisition of engine No. 4012. It dwarfs the rest of the collection. But even after extensive restoration in 2019, our local Big Boy does not run rail trips, remaining a static — albeit imposing — reminder of the pinnacle of the Iron Horse era.

All 25 Big Boys were manufactured to Union Pacific specs in Schenectady, New York, by the American Locomotive Company (ALCO), yet none ever operated outside of that company's western states property.

That will change this June. As reported in Tuesday's [Times Leader](#), No. 4012's sister engine, the fully functional No. 4014, will chug across the country in celebration of the nation's 250th anniversary. The itinerary includes arrival in Nicholson, Wyoming County, on June 13, then in Nesquehoning, Carbon County and onward to Pittston, with a special public display stop at Steamtown National Historic Site on June 15 and 16. Plans call for an extended stay at the Scranton facility through June 30 for servicing.

And even if you're not a steam engine aficionado, consider this: "It will be the only place to see two Big Boys lined up side-by-side," according to Steamtown's website. That makes this event a singular occurrence well worth celebrating. As the website notes, "for two weeks in June, Steamtown National Historic Site will be the center of the railfan universe!"

Even non-railfans should appreciate how bright the spotlight will shine on our region. The specs for one Big Boy are imposing enough. Again from Steamtown's website:

*Big Boys had more than one mile of tubes and flues installed inside the boiler. Their firebox grate measured 150 square feet. The "Big Boys" had sixteen drive wheels, each measuring 68 inches in diameter. From coupler to coupler, they measured 132 feet 9 inches. The tender held 24,000 gallons of water and 28 tons of coal, and the engine and tender weighed 1,189,500 pounds in working order.*

Double those numbers, and you get a physical scope of just how impressive this visit will be.

But our favorite part may be the "everyman" nature of how these behemoths got their name. Steamtown's site says "Big Boy" was written on one of the drive rods by an unknown worker at ALCO.

A perfect reminder that America's exceptional successes may have been sparked by bold politicians, business tycoons and brilliant engineers, but could never have come to exist without the hard work of regular people.

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## THEIR VIEW

# Relax. Solar panels won't give you cancer

We live in an age of both scientific miracles and superstition about science, increasing more or less in tandem. One year, we're creating novel vaccines that arrest a global pandemic, and four years later, we've got measles outbreaks because people believe nonsense about vaccines, disseminated by the nation's chief health official.

Solar power is another example. Here is a technology that, rather than digging up fossils and burning them to unleash solar energy collected millions of years ago, miraculously sucks that energy directly out of the sky. Unlike those fossil fuels, it's harmless, limitless and on balance doesn't generate greenhouse gases that heat up the planet.

Solar is also cheaper than fossil fuels, which helps explain its exponential growth. Global solar power generation grew by 636 terawatt-hours in 2025, a 30% increase, according to the research firm Ember. That was the fastest growth in a year for any energy source on record, aside from a temporary rebound in coal use after lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. New solar alone met three-quarters of the world's new energy demand last year. Over the past decade, solar power has increased 10-fold, rising 27% a year, on average.

Still, not everybody loves solar. In the U.S., installations actually fell 14% in 2025 from a year earlier, bucking the global trend, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association and the consulting firm Wood Mackenzie.

Solar was still the biggest source of new energy in the U.S. last year, making up 54% of all additions, compared with just 8% for natural gas. Solar and battery storage com-

ined made up 79% of new U.S. energy sources in 2025.

But its growth has decelerated, mostly because of President Donald Trump's whole-of-government assault on clean energy.

But another factor hurting solar in the U.S. is growing local opposition based on fears about the impacts of solar farms on human health, ProPublica reported recently. It cited the county of St. Clair, Michigan, which last year made it harder to build new solar installations on rural land, citing worries about noise pollution, "visual pollution," and the risk of toxic waste. This decision was based on memos from the county health chief suggesting these issues posed "an unreasonable threat to public health."

Noise, ugliness and toxic waste are just a few of the health-related worries cited in recent years in Michigan, Ohio and other places to block or slow down solar development. What follows is a somewhat longer, if still only partial, list. Many of these worries are understandable. All of them are easily refuted.

**Myth:** Solar farms are too noisy.

**Reality:** Solar farms do make noise, but not nearly enough to hurt people physically or mentally. Inverters that change electricity from direct current to alternating current for the grid generate up to 70 decibels (adjusted for human hearing sensitivity, or dBA), according to the Colorado community solar company PureSky Energy. That's about as much noise as a window air-conditioning unit.

Battery storage systems and transformers produce similar sound levels. But once you're about 100 feet away from this equipment, their sounds disappear into the background.

Mark Gongloff  
Bloomberg  
Opinion

A rural solar farm might generate 30 dBA, according to noise control engineer Michael Bahtiarian of the consulting firm Acentech. That's about as loud as a whisper. A tractor, meanwhile, can get up to 100 dBA or more.

**Myth:** Solar farms are too ugly.

**Reality:** Ugliness is subjective, but sure. They're not beautiful. They may even be ugly enough to harm people's mental health. This is easily remedied by locating them remotely and surrounding them with landscaping, which can also help with any lingering worries about noise. Proper positioning and landscaping can also eliminate any glare from the panels that might affect local pilots.

**Myth:** Solar panels release toxic materials.

**Reality:** The amounts of dangerous elements such as lead and cadmium in solar panels are tiny, and they're encased in tempered glass in the panels. Cadmium in panels is typically a variety that is 1/100th as toxic as regular cadmium, according to a Columbia Law School study from 2024. Panels are built to withstand sun, snow, rain, hail and other natural assaults, meaning they won't crumble to bits. They also don't burn easily, and if they do burn, their elements are trapped in the fused glass.

**Myth:** Solar farms' electromagnetic fields (EMF) make people sick.

**Reality:** If you stand next to an inverter, you'll get the same EMF as an electric can opener, notes the Columbia study. If you get 9 feet away from it, that EMF drops nearly to zero. You get much more exposure hanging out by your fridge or microwave.

**Myth:** Solar farms are too hard to decommission

and clean up.

**Reality:** Most solar panels are recycled these days. And developers are typically on the hook to clean up old solar farms, an obligation often secured with a bond. The amount of solar-panel waste is negligible compared with, say, highly toxic coal-ash waste, notes a 2023 study by Heather Mirtetz, a researcher with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

In fact, you can't talk about the health and environmental impacts of solar without weighing them against the alternatives. Fly ash from burning coal leaches far more lead, cadmium and other materials into the ground, harming human health and agriculture. The estimated 2 million unplugged, unused oil and gas wells in the U.S. pump oil and other toxins into the land and water and emit planet-heating methane, as a separate ProPublica investigation in 2024 noted.

The human brain is hardwired to trust things that are familiar and to distrust things that are new. This doesn't make people dumb, but it does make them vulnerable to fear-mongering by the fossil-fuel interests often behind seemingly "grass-roots" resistance to relatively new technologies such as solar and wind. In those cases, increasing familiarity should breed admiration, not contempt.

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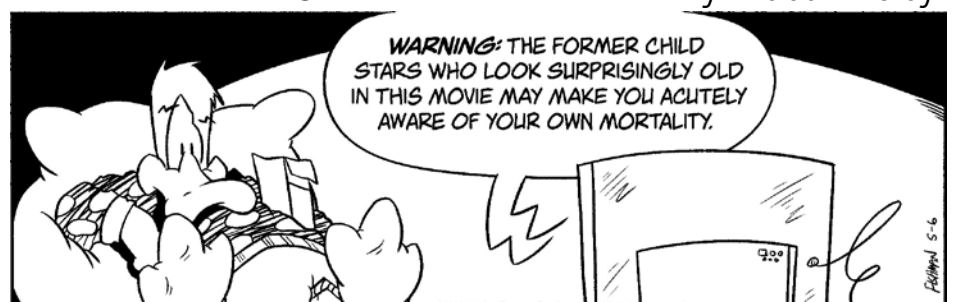
## DOONESBURY: CLASSIC '80s

By Garry Trudeau



## MALLARD FILLMORE

By Bruce Tinsley



**STEPHEN P. MOSS**

Stephen P. Moss, 70, of Shavertown, passed away Monday, April 27, 2026, surrounded by his loving family, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born Feb. 20, 1956, in Plymouth, Steve was the beloved son of Mary (Bogdon) Moss and a devoted brother to Michael Moss, with whom he is now reunited in eternal peace.

Steve was a graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, Class of 1975. He was the owner and operator of Steve Moss Collision in Plymouth for decades, where he was well known and respected not only for his craftsmanship but also for the lasting friendships he built with his customers. He proudly oversaw his son, Stephen, take over the business and enjoyed giving him advice. He took pride in helping his daughter remodel her home and was skilled enough to walk



his son, Patrick, through changing a car battery in California by phone.

Steve was a true jokester with a heart of gold. His playful spirit and infectious sense of humor could brighten anyone's day. He welcomed strangers as friends and had a natural ability to make everyone feel at ease. An avid animal lover, Steve cared deeply for animals, especially strays, always showing compassion and kindness to those in need.

He found great joy in the

outdoors, especially hunting, fishing, and mushroom picking. Steve also had a deep love of music and enjoyed attending concerts. He cherished the time he spent traveling, including memorable trips to Ricketts Glen, Knoebels, Disney, Seaside Heights, and Atlantic City, which he especially enjoyed with his wife, Mary Beth. Steve also enjoyed watching crime shows. Above all, he treasured the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren, who made his blue eyes sparkle, and dear friends, who brought him the greatest happiness in life.

Surviving are his loving wife of 43 years, the former Mary Beth Lombardo; children, Lori Yanchick (TJ), of Mountain Top; Stephen Moss (Samantha), of Hanover Township; and Patrick Moss, of Sacramento,

Calif.; grandchildren, Jax, Alivia, Leona, and Lucille; his "favorite" sister, Cheryl Janicki, of Chalfont; brothers, Jeffrey Moss (Lori), of Apex, N.C., and James Moss (Joanne), of Monroe, N.J.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at noon Saturday, May 9, from S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, 530 W. Main St., Plymouth. Family and friends are invited to call from 9:30 a.m. to service time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions, if desired, may be made in Steve's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Steve's family would like to extend a special thank you to all involved in his healthcare for their kindness and compassion. They are also deeply grateful to Steve's dear longtime friends and many customers for their kindness, support, and thoughtfulness.

**JOSEPH MACIEJASZEK JR.**

Joseph G. Maciejaszek Jr., 70, of Hunlock Creek, passed away May 4, 2026, at Lakewood Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on July 29, 1955, he was the son of the late Joseph G. Maciejaszek Sr. and Dolores Yonkowski Maciejaszek.

Joseph attended Wyoming Valley West High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army. Following his military service, he went on to build a career as a private contractor and later in life, owned his own butcher shop. An avid outdoorsman, Joseph found great joy in hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Lake Silkworth Sportsman Club and a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

He is survived by his daughter, Tessa Medeiros,



her husband, C.J., and his grandson, Luke. He is also survived by two sons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ellen Paquette, and his infant brother, Anthony Maciejaszek.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family with interment in St. Mary of the Maternity Cemetery, West Wyoming.

Arrangements are under the direction of Piatt Funeral and Cremation.

MORE OBITUARIES 4A, 6A

# Kids steal car and initiate a chase into Lackawanna County

**Staff Report**

WILKES-BARRE — Wilkes-Barre City police on Tuesday released information regarding the theft of a vehicle by two children who initiated a pursuit that ended

in Lackawanna County on Friday.

Police responded to the 400 block of Scott Street when a person, delivering newspapers, reported his Honda CR-V was stolen just before 6 a.m. May 1.

Police spotted the vehicle on Coal Street, where the driver was operating the Honda erratically and initiated a pursuit, passing through a red traffic signal at Coal Street and Wilkes-Barre Boulevard.

The pursuit continued on state Route 309, Route 29, Route 6 and Route 11, where it came to an end near Keystone College in La Plume, Lackawanna County, with assistance from the Pennsylvania State

Police that disabled the Honda, police say.

Police say a 13-year-old girl from Wilkes-Barre was the driver and a 12-year-old boy from Plains Township was a passenger. The girl was transported to

a local hospital, while the boy was taken to Wilkes-Barre City Police Headquarters after the pursuit ended.

Police say criminal charges are pending as the investigation remains ongoing.

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From page 3A

Multiple prison correctional officers must transport and guard each inmate requiring medical treatment the entire time they are outside the prison, officials

said. Outside treatment is necessary when the required level of care cannot be provided by the prison's medical unit.

The county had to pay overtime to 135 prison workers in March solely due to medical transport and supervision while inmates received hos-

pital care, he told the committee Tuesday. The figure was 96 workers in April and 60 so far in May, he said.

"This is where our problem lies with overtime," he said.

Councilwoman and Committee Vice Chair LeeAnn McDermott asked if the hospital

supervision must be provided by prison staff.

Crocamo said the prison must handle the duty because the court has ordered the inmates under the custody and control of the county prison. Hospitals also require the prison to guard its inmates, she said.

Hospital security workers won't "interfere" with the county's direct supervision of inmates in their facility, Fiedorczyk said.

Councilwoman Denise Williams asked how the prison determines which inmates must be sent out for treatment.

Fiedorczyk said the

prison medical department is "extremely small and very limited."

Crocamo said Wellpath LLC, the prison's outside medical services provider, determines which inmates require hospitalization and outside medical treatments — not county employees.

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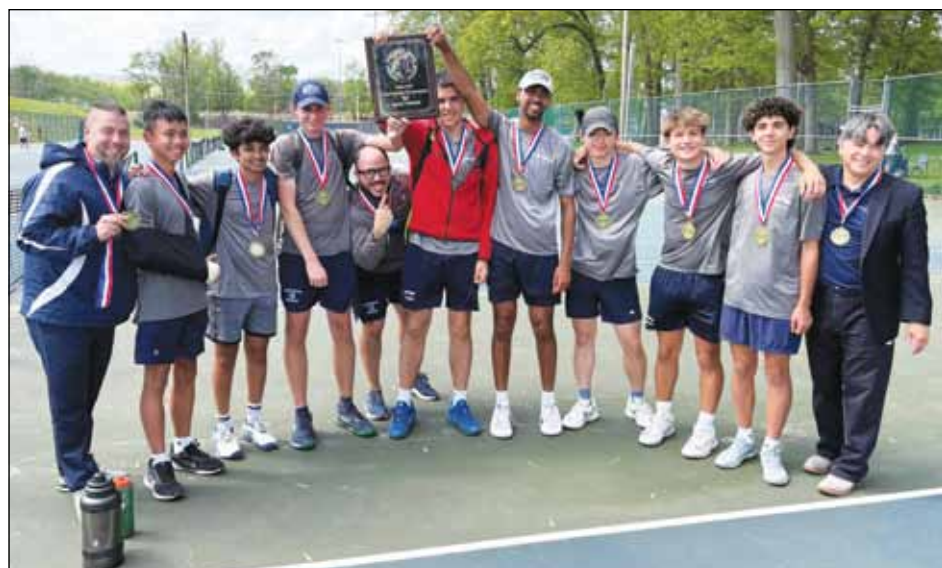
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# Wyoming Sem repeats as D2 team tennis champs



Kevin Carroll | Times Leader

The Wyoming Seminary boys tennis team defeated Holy Cross on Tuesday to win their second straight District 2 Class 2A team championship.

**By Kevin Carroll**  
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**WILKES-BARRE** — Wyoming Seminary arrived at Kirby Park on Tuesday looking to defend its boys tennis district crown, a title won in a nailbiter over Scranton Prep a season ago. There wasn't much drama this year: in a mirror image of the season they've had, the Blue Knights were dominant in a championship repeat. Wyoming Seminary swept the two doubles points in straight sets, and Stefan Zecar sealed

the deal with a 6-0, 6-2 singles win as Sem swept Holy Cross 3-0 in the District 2 Class 2A boys team tennis finals. In the Class 3A final, Abington Heights continued its historic reign atop the district with a 13th straight District 2 Class 3A title, taking down Valley View 3-0 to keep the run intact. Both championship winners started the day with sweeps in the semifinals as well, with the Blue Knights taking down Tunkhannock in short order to get back to the final. Holy Cross triumphed

over Dallas 3-1 in the other semifinal match played Tuesday; Dallas's Nathan Eyet and Zane Brezek won in doubles, scoring the only point for any of the teams eliminated in the semifinals. Much like last year's finals, Sem's advantage in doubles proved to be a huge swing in their favor: James Bobeck and Thomas Hill won a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 1 doubles and the team of Hubert Huang and Aarav Gupta won 6-1, 6-0 in the other doubles match. See CHAMPS | 3B

# Penguins beat Bears in overtime

Times Leader

The Penguins found their scoring touch at exactly the right time. Now Wilkes-Barre/Scranton is one win away from its first playoff series win in four years. Rutger McGroarty deflected home a point shot five minutes into overtime to rally the Penguins to a 4-3 win over Hershey in Game 3 of the Atlantic Division semifinals on Tuesday night at Giant Center. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton leads the best-of-five series 2-1 and can close it out in Game 4 on Thursday in Hershey. For a long stretch of the night, though, it looked like the Penguins would be the ones facing elimination. An early 2-0 lead quickly evaporated as the Bears tied it up before the first period ended and then went ahead on Brett Leason's goal just 37 seconds into the second period. Wilkes-Barre/Scranton was still trailing with three minutes left in regulation when coach Kirk MacDonald pulled the goalie for an extra attacker. The early pull paid off as Avery Hayes whipped a shot from high in the right circle past Bears goalie Clay Stevenson to tie it up with 2:53 left. In overtime, Gabe Klassen won a puck battle and got it back to the blue line, where Sebastian Aho's long range shot was tipped in front by McGroarty for the game-winner. Captain Phil Kemp and rookie Mikhail Ilyin also scored for the Penguins in the first 6:16 of play. Hershey answered with goals by Ivan Miroshnichenko and Bogdan Trineyev. Sergei Murashov stopped 26 of 29 shots for the win in net. Stevenson made 23 saves.



Fred Adams | For Times Leader

Holy Redeemer's Jack Wasiakowski reacts to a score in the second game as do his teammates behind him Max Mohutsky (3), Koirey Tang (1) and Sabastian Cooney (21).

# Royals rally to hand Comets 1st loss

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**WILKES-BARRE** — Holy Redeemer was on the verge of seeing its reign as Wyoming Valley Conference boys volleyball champion end in a painful way Tuesday. Right on its home court. Instead, the Royals did something about it, winning the final two sets against previously unbeaten Crestwood for a 3-2 victory that took nearly two hours. Redeemer never trailed in the fourth set, winning 25-18. The Royals took a 5-4 lead in the fifth set on a ser-

vice error by Crestwood and never looked back, winning 15-10. Crestwood finished its WVC season at 10-1. Redeemer improved to 9-1 in the WVC, with Hazleton Area (8-1) also very much in the mix. "Super intense from the very get-go," Redeemer outside hitter Sebastian Cooney said. "We've been practicing for this match since the start of the season. Serve receives, working on our tempo, staying in rhythm. We've had our ups and downs, especially yesterday to Valley View, but we came back and took it

today and that's all that matters." Redeemer won the opener 25-23, handing Crestwood only its second set loss of the season. Crestwood came back to win the next two 25-21 and 25-23 behind the hitting of Larry Little, Eric Rinehimer and JJ Stec — who recently became the first Comet to record 1,000 career kills. Little closed out the set two with a spike off a double block. Stec added two consecutive spikes for points in the third set to snap a 22-22 tie. In the fourth set, Koirey

Tang and Jack Wasiakowski teamed up for a block to move Redeemer a point from victory. The Royals got it on a Crestwood carry. Wasiakowski took a more cautious approach in serving the final two points to close out the match, opting for finesse over power. "We figured we didn't have to put that much pressure on them anymore," Wasiakowski said. "I just wanted to get the ball in and we just wanted to play a little more volleyball. Keep the ball going, longer rallies." See ROYALS | 3B

# Sixers looking to regroup from blowout loss to Knicks



Seth Wenig | AP photo

Most of the starting lineup for the Sixers watched the end of Monday night's Game 1 from the bench with the Knicks up big. Philadelphia will try to rebound quickly tonight at Madison Square Garden.

**By Brian Mahoney**  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK** — The Philadelphia 76ers looked just as they did in their series against Boston. The beginning of it anyway, when they were run off the floor in Game 1. The 76ers made a huge comeback after that blowout to win the series and they will have to play from behind again in the Eastern Conference semifinals after the New York Knicks routed them 137-98 on Monday night. "Same as last series. They don't get any extra points for going up big tonight," 76ers veteran

Paul George said. "We'll be ready for Game 2." Joel Embiid and the 76ers appeared on fumes while playing just two nights after winning Game 7 in Boston to complete the NBA's 14th comeback from a 3-1 deficit. Coach Nick Nurse said before the game he didn't know what effect the short turnaround would have, saying sometimes it's better when a team is winning to just keep on playing. But it didn't take long to see that wasn't the case. "You can't make excuses, that's for sure," Nurse said. "We knew it might be difficult, but you're

never going to go into the game and say this is going to happen. You've got to see it play out." The 76ers narrowly avoided the worst playoff loss in their franchise history, when they fell 121-81 to Boston in 1982. They came back to win that series, so perhaps that's a good omen on a bad night. This comeback against the Celtics looked improbable after the Sixers lost Game 1 by 32 points, then lost by 32 again in Game 4, when Embiid returned after a recent appendectomy. See SIXERS | 4B

# Flyers respond in Game 2 but still head home down 2-0

By Aaron Beard

AP Sports Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — Rick Tocchet got the response he wanted from his Philadelphia Flyers. Rod Brind'Amour had reason to be frustrated with his Carolina Hurricanes taking too many penalties, disrupting their preferred 5-on-5 rhythm. And yet, the Hurricanes are still unbeaten in the NHL playoffs, thanks to a comeback from their first deficit of the postseason and a gritty-effort overtime winner from Taylor Hall.

Carolina's 3-2 win Monday night gave the Eastern Conference's top seed a 2-0 lead in the second-round series, coming after an uphill climb with the Flyers getting to their game much more effectively than in the series opener to build some

confidence as the series shifts to Philadelphia.

"We don't quit. I think we've shown that all year," said Carolina winger Nikolaj Ehlers, who had a goal and assisted on the tying score in the third period. "If we keep playing the right way and keep putting a lot of pressure on their players, every single shift, we will get back to playing some pretty good hockey and creating a lot of turnovers, a lot of good chances.

"You want adversity. We had that in the Ottawa series as well, because it's going to happen again. And now we know what we need to do for the next time it happens."

Carolina swept that first-round series against the Senators and never trailed. That series started with a home shutout and then a

3-2 double-overtime win in Game 2. The Hurricanes started this series in similar fashion, first with a Game 1 shutout and then another 3-2 win in extra time on Hall's score at 18:54 of OT.

The Flyers host the next two games in the best-of-seven series, with Game 3 set for Thursday night.

The Hurricanes had at least one clear area to clean up: penalties. Carolina committed eight — two for delay of game for putting pucks over the glass, one for too many men on the ice — and had a steady line of players heading to the penalty box.

The penalty kill was good enough to hold Philadelphia to a 1-for-7 showing Monday, pushing Carolina to 30 for 32 (.938) this postseason. Brind'Amour, however, said the rash of

penalties "kills your team, kills your momentum, kills everything."

"We're taking too many," the coach said. "The ones that are self-inflicted for me — the over the glass, little tic-tac ones — you've got to avoid these. Too many men. We've had too many of those here. We've gotten away with it, because we've been able to kill it. But it's not how you draw it up."

As for Tocchet, Monday's loss offered a welcome sign of pushback after Game 1, which left the Flyers coach talking about the need for his players to react quicker against Carolina's aggression and speed, as well as to carry the puck more into the tough areas of the ice.

"Mentally and physically I just thought we had more energy, and I think we

believed that we can compete with this team," Tocchet said. Philadelphia did that early, with Jamie Drysdale and Sean Couturier scoring in a 39-second span of the first period for the Flyers. And they outshot Carolina 15-8 in overtime to carry that competitiveness to the end despite playing again without injured regular-season goals leader Owen Tippett.

Yet this one ended with Hall hopping to his feet after being knocked to the ice by Denver Barkey as Hall charged toward the crease, then grabbing a loose puck kept alive by Jackson Blake to slip it past Dan Vladar's left skate for the winner. That pushed Carolina to a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven series for the 10th time in the Hurricanes' eight-year playoff

run under Brind'Amour. Carolina has won eight of the previous nine, the outlier being a seven-game loss to the New York Rangers in the 2022 second round.

Then again, the Flyers became the first NHL team to make the playoffs after being 10 points out with 22 or fewer games remaining, securing Philadelphia's first postseason appearance since 2020. Then the Flyers beat Pittsburgh in six games in the first round.

"Just the belief in the room, I think that really helps," Tocchet said. "The belief in the room of just staying with it. And we've been dead before, and we've climbed out of the grave. We keep hearing we're dead and dead, but the guys won't give up. So that's why I'm proud of them."

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at KANSAS CITY	-134	Cleveland	+114

National League			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at ST. LOUIS	OFF	Milwaukee	OFF
at SAN FRANCISCO	-131	San Diego	+110
at CHICAGO CUBS	-168	Cincinnati	+142
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LA Dodgers	-228	at HOUSTON	+188
at SEATTLE	-130	Atlanta	+110
at PHILADELPHIA	-166	Athletics	+140
at MIAMI	-120	Baltimore	+102
Minnesota	-142	at WASHINGTON	+120

NHL			
Wednesday			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at BUFFALO	-131	Montreal	+110
at VEGAS	-161	Anaheim	+135

Consensus odds provided by Sportradar

## BULLETIN BOARD

### CAMPS/CLINICS

**LCCC Trailblazers Summer Basketball Camp**, led by coach Ron Strothers, will be held June 22-26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The camp is open to boys and girls in grades 5-8 and is designed for players of all skill levels. Cost is \$100. The camp includes skill development drills; shooting, passing and ball handling instruction; 1-on-1 and 3-on-3 competitions; hot shot and knock-out contests; and a camp T-shirt and refreshments. Register online at luzerne.edu/micro/details.jsp?c=42.

## SPORTS ON TV

### WEDNESDAY COLLEGE GOLF

**4 p.m.** GOLF — 2026 PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship: Final Round, The Park, West Palm Beach, Fla.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

**11 a.m.** ACCN — ACC Tournament: Georgia Tech vs. Notre Dame, First Round, Charlottesville, Va.  
 BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Minnesota vs. Washington, First Round, College Park, Md.  
 SECN — SEC Tournament: TBD vs. Texas A&M, Second Round, Lexington, Ky.

**1:30 p.m.** ACCN — ACC Tournament: NC State vs. Louisville, First Round, Charlottesville, Va.  
 BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Michigan vs. Ohio State, First Round, College Park, Md.  
**2 p.m.** SECN — SEC Tournament: TBD vs. Arkansas, Second Round, Lexington, Ky.

**4:30 p.m.** BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Purdue vs. Wisconsin, First Round, College Park, Md.  
**5 p.m.** ACCN — ACC Tournament: North Carolina vs. Clemson, First Round, Charlottesville, Va.  
 SECN — SEC Tournament: TBD vs. Tennessee, Second Round, Lexington, Ky.

**7 p.m.** BTN — Big Ten Tournament: Penn State vs. Northwestern, First Round, College Park, Md.  
**7:30 p.m.** ACCN — ACC Tournament: Pitt vs. Virginia, First Round, Charlottesville, Va.  
**8 p.m.** SECN — SEC Tournament: Georgia vs. LSU, Second Round, Lexington, Ky.

### MLB

**2 p.m.** MLB — L.A. Dodgers at Houston  
**6:30 p.m.** NBCSP — Athletics at Philadelphia  
**7 p.m.** PRIME VIDEO — Texas at N.Y. Yankees  
**9:30 p.m.** SNP — Pittsburgh at Arizona

### NBA

**7 p.m.** ESPN — Eastern Conference Semifinal: Philadelphia at New York, Game 2  
**9:30 p.m.** ESPN — Western Conference Semifinal: Minnesota at San Antonio, Game 2

### NHL

**7 p.m.** TNT, TRUTV — Eastern Conference Second Round: Montreal at Buffalo, Game 1  
**9:30 p.m.**

TNT, TRUTV — Western Conference Second Round: Anaheim at Vegas, Game 2

### SOCCER (MEN)

**3 p.m.** CBS — UEFA Champions League: Paris Saint-Germain at Bayern Munich, Semifinal - Leg 2  
**7:30 p.m.** FS2 — Canadian Championship: Calgary at CF Montreal, Preliminary Round

**9:30 p.m.** FS1 — CONCACAF Champions Cup: LAFC at Deportivo Toluca FC, Semifinal - Leg 2

### SOCCER (WOMEN)

**10 p.m.** CBSSN — NWSL: Houston at Utah

### TENNIS

**5 a.m. (Thursday)** TENNIS CHANNEL — Rome-ATP/WTA - Live: ATP 1st Round; WTA 2nd Round  
**6 a.m. (Thursday)** TENNIS CHANNEL — Rome-ATP/WTA - Live: ATP 1st Round; WTA 2nd Round

## LOCAL SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY IL BASEBALL**  
 RailRiders at Worcester, 11:05 a.m.  
**H.S. BASEBALL (4:15 p.m. unless noted)**  
 Berwick at Wilkes-Barre Area  
 Crestwood at Nanticoke Area  
 Wyoming Valley West at Dallas

**H.S. SOFTBALL (4:15 p.m.)**  
 Holy Redeemer at Nanticoke Area  
 Wyoming Area at Lake-Lehman  
**H.S. BOYS LACROSSE**  
 Lewisburg at Lake-Lehman, 5 p.m.  
 Wilkes-Barre Area at Crestwood, 5:30 p.m.

**H.S. GIRLS LACROSSE**  
 Crestwood at Scranton Prep, 6 p.m.  
 Holy Redeemer at Delaware Valley, 5 p.m.  
**H.S. BOYS VOLLEYBALL (4:30 p.m. JV, varsity to follow)**  
 Wilkes-Barre Area at Berwick  
 Hazleton Area at Delaware Valley

**THURSDAY AHL**  
 Atlantic Division Semifinals  
 Game 4: Penguins at Hershey, 7 p.m.

**IL BASEBALL**  
 RailRiders at Worcester, 6:05 p.m.

**H.S. BASEBALL (4:15 p.m.)**  
 Holy Redeemer at Hanover Area  
 Lake-Lehman at MMI Prep  
 Nanticoke Area at Wyoming Valley West  
 Wyoming Area at Wyoming Seminary

**H.S. SOFTBALL (4:15 p.m. unless noted)**  
 Dallas at Crestwood  
 Pittston Area at Hazleton Area, 4:30 p.m.  
 Wyoming Valley West at Tunkhannock

**H.S. BOYS VOLLEYBALL (4:30 p.m. JV, varsity to follow)**  
 Holy Redeemer at Tunkhannock  
 Nanticoke Area at Hanover Area  
 Crestwood at North Pocono, 5 p.m.  
 Wilkes-Barre Area at Cumberland Valley, 6 p.m.

**H.S. BOYS & GIRLS TRACK**  
 Northwest at Nanticoke Area, 4:15 p.m.

**H.S. BOYS TENNIS**  
**District 2 Singles Championships**  
 Class 2A, first three rounds

Class 3A, first three rounds  
 9 a.m., Wilkes University

**FRIDAY IL BASEBALL**

RailRiders at Worcester, 6:05 p.m.  
**H.S. BASEBALL (4:15 p.m.)**

Dallas at Crestwood  
 Hazleton Area at Berwick  
 Pittston Area at Wilkes-Barre Area

**H.S. SOFTBALL (4:15 p.m.)**  
 Lake-Lehman at Berwick  
 Wilkes-Barre Area at Crestwood  
 Wyoming Area at Holy Redeemer

**H.S. GIRLS LACROSSE**  
 Midd-West at Holy Redeemer, 4:30 p.m.

**H.S. BOYS TENNIS**  
**District 2 Singles Championships**  
 Class 2A Semifinals

1 p.m., Kirby Park, finals to follow  
 Class 3A Semifinals

1 p.m., Kirby Park, finals to follow

## NHL

**NHL Playoff Glance**  
**All Times EDT**  
**FIRST ROUND**  
**(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Buffalo 4, Boston 2**

Sunday, April 19: Buffalo 4, Boston 3  
 Tuesday, April 21: Boston 4, Buffalo 2  
 Thursday, April 23: Buffalo 3, Boston 1  
 Sunday, April 26: Buffalo 6, Boston 1  
 Tuesday, April 28: Boston 2, Buffalo 1, OT  
 Friday, May 1: Buffalo 4, Boston 1

**Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3**  
 Sunday, April 19: Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 3, OT

Tuesday, April 21: Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2, OT  
 Friday, April 24: Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT  
 Sunday, April 26: Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2

Wednesday, April 29: Montreal 3, Tampa Bay 2  
 Friday, May 1: Tampa Bay 1, Montreal 0, OT

Sunday, May 3: Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 1

**Carolina 4, Ottawa 0**  
 Saturday, April 18: Carolina 2, Ottawa 0  
 Monday, April 20: Carolina 3, Ottawa 2, 2OT

Thursday, April 23: Carolina 2, Ottawa 1  
 Saturday, April 25: Carolina 4, Ottawa 2

**Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2**  
 Saturday, April 18: Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2

Monday, April 20: Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0

Wednesday, April 22: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 2

Saturday, April 25: Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2

Monday, April 27: Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2

Wednesday, April 29: Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0, OT

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Anaheim 4, Edmonton 2**

Monday, April 20: Edmonton 4, Anaheim 3

Wednesday, April 22: Anaheim 6, Edmonton 4

Friday, April 24: Anaheim 7, Edmonton 4

Sunday, April 26: Anaheim 4, Edmonton 3, OT

Tuesday, April 28: Edmonton 4, Anaheim 1

Thursday, April 30: Anaheim 5, Edmonton 2

**Colorado 4, Los Angeles 0**  
 Sunday, April 19: Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1

Tuesday, April 21: Colorado 2, Los Angeles 1

Thursday, April 23: Colorado 4, Los Angeles 2

Sunday, April 26: Colorado 5, Los Angeles 1

**Minnesota 4, Dallas 2**  
 Saturday, April 18: Minnesota 6, Dallas 1

Monday, April 20: Dallas 4, Minnesota 2

Wednesday, April 22: Dallas 4, Minnesota 3, 2OT

Saturday, April 25: Minnesota 3, Dallas 2, OT

Tuesday, April 28: Minnesota 4, Dallas 2

Thursday, April 30: Minnesota 5, Dallas 2

**Vegas 4, Utah 2**  
 Sunday, April 19: Vegas 4, Utah 2

Tuesday, April 21: Utah 3, Vegas 2

Friday, April 24: Utah 4, Vegas 2

Monday, April 27: Vegas 5, Utah 4, OT

Wednesday, April 29: Vegas 5, Utah 4, 2OT

Friday, May 1: Vegas 5, Utah 1

**SECOND ROUND**  
**(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Buffalo vs. Montreal**

Wednesday, May 6: Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 8: Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 10: Buffalo at Montreal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12: Buffalo at Montreal, TBA

x-Thursday, May 14: Montreal at Buffalo, TBA

x-Saturday, May 16: Buffalo at Montreal, TBA

x-Monday, May 18: Montreal at Buffalo, TBA

**Carolina 2, Philadelphia 0**

Saturday, May 2: Philadelphia 3, Carolina 0

Monday, May 4: Carolina 3, Philadelphia 2, OT

Thursday, May 7: Carolina at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 9: Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

x-Monday, May 11: Philadelphia at Carolina, TBA

x-Wednesday, May 13: Carolina at Philadelphia, TBA

x-Saturday, May 16: Philadelphia at Carolina, TBA

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Vegas 1, Anaheim 1**

Monday, May 4: Vegas 3, Anaheim 1

Wednesday, May 6: Anaheim at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, May 8: Vegas at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 10: Vegas at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

x-Tuesday, May 12: Anaheim at Vegas, TBA

x-Thursday, May 14: Vegas at Anaheim, TBA

x-Saturday, May 16: Anaheim at Vegas, TBA

**Colorado 1, Minnesota 0**

Sunday, May 3: Colorado 9, Minnesota 6

Tuesday, May 5: Minnesota at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 9: Colorado at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

Monday, May 11: Colorado at Minnesota, TBA

x-Wednesday, May 13: Minnesota at Colorado, TBA

x-Friday, May 15: Colorado at Minnesota, TBA

x-Sunday, May 17: Minnesota at Colorado, TBA

Donovan at Arkansas (TL) on a rehab assignment.

**TAMPA BAY RAYS** — Placed LHP Steven Matz on the 15-day IL retroactive to May 4. Selected the contract of RHP Chase Solesky from Durham (IL).

**National League**  
 ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent LHP Dylan Dodd and SS Ha-Seong Kim to Gwinnett (IL) on a rehab assignment. Reinstated RHP Raisel Iglesias from the 15-day IL. Designated RHP Carlos Carrasco for assignment.

**CINCINNATI REDS** — Sent LHP Caleb Ferguson to Louisville (IL) on a rehab assignment.

**MIAMI MARLINS** — Designated RHP Chris Paddock for assignment. Recalled RHP William Kempner from Jacksonville (IL).

**BASKETBALL**  
**Women's**  
**National Basketball Association**

LOS ANGELES SPARKS — Waived Gs Sevgi Uzun and Julie Vanloo.

PHOENIX MERCURY — Waived G/F Morgan Maly, G Lauren Jensen and F/C Jillian Alleyne.

WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Waived G/F Madison Scott and Fs Christeen Iwuala and Nyla Harris.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed RB Emmett Johnson to a rookie contract.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed LB Isiah King to a UDFA contract. Waived DB Tucker Larse.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled D Jack Ahan from Colorado (AHL).

**SOCCER**  
**Major League Soccer**

COLORADO RAPIDS — Signed F Darren Yapi to a multi-year contract through the 2028-29 MLS season, with a club option for 2029-30.

**CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS**  
**x-if necessary**  
**ATLANTIC DIVISION FIRST ROUND**  
**Springfield 2, Charlotte 1**

Game 1: Charlotte 8, Springfield 1  
 Game 2: Springfield 5, Charlotte 2  
 Game 3: Springfield 2, Charlotte 1, OT

**Hershey 2, Bridgeport 0**  
 Game 1: Hershey 2, Bridgeport 0  
 Game 2: Hershey 5, Bridgeport 2

**ATLANTIC DIVISION SEMIFINALS**  
**Penguins 1, Hershey 1**  
 Game 1: Penguins 4, Hershey 2  
 Game 2: Hershey 2, Penguins 1

Penguins at Hershey, Tuesday, late  
 Penguins at Hershey, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
 x-Hershey at Penguins, Saturday, 6 p.m.

**Providence 1, Springfield 1**  
 Game 1: Springfield 3, Providence 2

# Cougars outlast Patriots to take Division 1 baseball lead

Times Leader

Up big in the seventh inning, Hazleton Area baseball withstood a five-run rally by Pittston Area and came away with an 11-8 win on Tuesday in a battle for first place in Division 1.

The Cougars moved in front of the Patriots by a half-game at 11-2 in the WVC standings.

Fred Corrado went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI at the plate while striking out seven to pick up the win on the mound. Mason Rinker finished 3-for-4 with a double for Hazleton Area and Jeudi Hidalgo added two singles and two RBI.

Elijah Barr and Dom Salvo (three RBI) both homered and had two hits for Pittston Area. Jacoby Harnen was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

It was the second slugfest between the teams this season as the Patriots pulled out a 13-12 win at home back in March.

## Wyoming Seminary 6, Holy Redeemer 5

After the Royals took the lead in the bottom of the sixth, the Blue Knights answered with two runs in the seventh to prevail in a back-and-forth Division 2 matchup.

Ryan Finlay went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI while Leo Nockley homered and drove in two runs for Seminary. Cash Hanson-Richart and John Comitz had two hits apiece while Caleb Aponick struck out four in two innings for the win in relief.

Redeemer got two hits and two RBI from Dominic Maranca.

## Berwick 9, Wilkes-Barre Area 3

The Bulldogs shook off an early deficit with nine unanswered runs, taking the lead with a five-spot in the top of the sixth.

Braiden DiPippa drove in a pair of runs while Jacob Lisnock (RBI) and Aiden Walsh had two hits apiece.

Cameron Tarreto went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI to lead the Wolfpack. Alex Hufford had two hits while Koleton Davies and Chase Binker also doubled.

## Wyoming Area 16, MMI Prep 0

The Warriors picked up a pair of five-inning victories, sweeping a doubleheader with the Preppers.

Alex Vacula homered in the opener with a team-high three

RBI. Mitchell Rusinchak (double, RBI), Zach Smith (two RBI), Robbie Yatsko and Bruno Pizzano (two RBI) all had two hits apiece. Marco Altavilla threw a three-hit shutout.

Vacula continued his big day in the second game with another home run, finishing with five RBI. Vacula, Pizzano, Dave Favata, Tyler Smith and Michael Wassel each had two hits.

The Preppers' Dillian Garcia drove in two runs in the second game while Andrew Pedri had a double and an RBI.

## SOFTBALL Lake-Lehman 6, Wyoming Area 2

Hannah Chipego struck out 11 and the Black Knights took the lead for good with three runs in the third.

Julia Sholits finished 3-for-4 with four RBI to pace the offense. Kaitlyn Brudnick (RBI) and Gracie James (double) each had two hits for Lehman.

Alexa Gacek doubled and drove in a run for the Warriors. Josie Kivak also had an RBI.

## Tunkhannock 8, Dallas 0

The Tigers broke open a tight game in the top of the fifth, scoring seven runs to earn a road win.

Michaela Howell shined, striking out 14 in a two-hitter. She added two hits with a double and two RBI. Makenzie Bevan homered, driving in two runs. Alli Kinney also had two RBI.

Sydney Haydu and Alyssa Traver singled for Dallas.

## Pittston Area 6, Crestwood 1

Mikaila Sarf went 4-of-4 with a triple and an RBI while Lili Hintze (two RBI) and Gabby Roman (2-4, two RBI) both homered for the Patriots in a road win.

Sam Herbert pitched a two-hitter for the win and added two hits with a double of her own.

Celia Stahlnecker singled and drove in the lone run for the Comets.

## GIRLS LACROSSE Pittston Area 11, Wyoming Area 6

Milania Widdick came through for the Patriots with eight goals and an assist to beat the Warriors.

Maddie Lis finished with five points in the win, racking up two goals and three assists, while Addy Kelly had a goal and two helpers.

Addison Byers scored three times for Wyoming Area. Bree

Harry had two goals while Alana Zdaniewicz added one.

## Dallas 10, Holy Redeemer 9

From Monday, a nailbiter went the way of Dallas as the Mountaineers held off Holy Redeemer.

Leah Ricardo scored five goals for Dallas, while Sarah Snowdon added a hat trick.

Gillian Parsons led the way for Holy Redeemer with five goals.

## BOYS LACROSSE Crestwood 17, Wyoming Area 0

Three seniors found the back of the net on senior night for the Comets, led by three goals by Niko Francisco. Emmet Seyer scored twice and Josh Demarzo added another.

Kevin Schlude, Ty McConnell, Logan Lawson and Trey McConnell all had two goals apiece for Crestwood.

## Lake-Lehman 14, Danville 8

Anthony Magnotta scored five goals and assisted on a sixth as Lake-Lehman picked up a non-conference win on Monday.

Matt Finarelli added four goals and two assists for the Black Knights. Logan Law had three goals and three assists.

## BASEBALL Hazleton Area 11, Pittston Area 8

Pittston Area	AB	R	H	BI		
Innamorati cf	4	1	0	0		
E.Barr dh	4	1	2	1		
Sarti p	0	0	0	0		
Bartorillo	0	1	0	0		
Widdick ss	2	1	0	0		
Bernardi	0	1	0	0		
Harnen c	4	1	3	2		
Salvo lf	4	1	2	3		
Rosenranch 3b	3	0	1	0		
Noone 3b	1	1	1	0		
Wardecki 1b	1	0	0	0		
J.Barr 1b	2	0	2	0		
Bradley p	2	0	1	0		
Kroski	2	0	0	0		
Budzak 2b	3	0	0	0		
Mihalka cr	0	0	0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>		
Hazleton Area	AB	R	H	BI		
Hearity ss	1	2	1	0		
Knely c	1	1	0	2		
Marino dh	2	1	0	1		
Hidalgo 3b	4	0	2	2		
Flemming 3b	0	1	0	0		
Eckert 1b	3	1	1	1		
Rinker cf	4	2	3	0		
Spare cf	0	1	0	0		
Masias 2b	3	0	1	1		
Corrado p	4	0	2	2		
Cunniffe lf	1	1	0	0		
Serra lf	0	1	0	0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>		
Pittston Area	AB	R	H	BI		
Hazleton Area	301	241	x-11			
2B — Harnen, Rosenranch, Corrado, Rinker, HR — E.Barr, Salvo						
Pittston Area	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO	
Bradley, L	4.1	8	9	7	2	6
Lepore	0.2	0	1	1	2	0
Sarti	1.0	2	1	1	0	0
Hazleton Area	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO	
Corrado, W	5.2	6	3	2	1	7
Cunniffe	1.1	6	5	0	1	1

## Wyoming Seminary 6, Holy Redeemer 5

Wyo. Seminary	AB	R	H	BI
Rolland lf	2	1	0	0
Nockley ss	3	2	1	2
Ravaioli rb	3	0	1	1
HansonRichart 1b	4	1	2	0
Comitz cf	4	1	2	1
Weinberger 2b	3	1	1	0
Finlay p	4	0	2	2
Aponick rf	4	0	0	0
Seltzer dh	2	0	0	0
Barry cr	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

Holy Redeemer	AB	R	H	BI	
Marranca ss	4	1	2	2	
Shovlin 3b	4	0	1	0	
Hummel dh	3	1	0	1	
Gordon 1b	4	0	0	0	
Hossage p	4	0	1	0	
Ricko rf	4	1	1	0	
Dunsmuir c	3	0	0	0	
Krakosky 2b	2	1	0	0	
Yakimowicz cf	1	1	1	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	
Wyo. Seminary	AB	R	H	BI	
2B — Finlay; HR — Nockley	120	011	0-5		
Wyo. Seminary	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
Finlay	5.0	4	2	3	4
Aponick, W	2.0	2	1	1	4
Holy Redeemer	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
Hossage	4.0	5	4	4	5
Ricko, L	3.0	4	2	2	3

## Berwick 9, Wilkes-Barre Area 3

Berwick	AB	R	H	BI	
Knorr 3b	4	1	1	1	
Decker 1b	2	1	0	0	
Yosh rf	2	0	1	1	
Lisnock c	3	0	2	1	
Walsh lf	4	2	2	0	
Hinkle	2	2	1	0	
DiPippa ss	1	1	1	2	
Temple cf	4	1	0	1	
McCabe 2b	4	0	0	0	
Scheier cr	0	1	0	0	
Kupsky cr	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	
Wilkes-Barre Area	AB	R	H	BI	
Davies cf	4	0	1	0	
Hufford 2b	4	0	2	0	
Howe ss	4	0	1	0	
Nah dh	3	0	0	0	
Fritz 1b	3	0	0	0	
Flowers c	3	0	0	0	
Binker p	3	0	1	0	
Tarreto rf	3	1	2	2	
Chupka lf	2	0	0	1	
Stahovic cr	0	1	0	0	
Daugherty cr	0	1	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	
Berwick	AB	R	H	BI	
WBA	002	105	1-9		
2B — Tarreto, Binker, Davies	030	000	0-3		
Berwick	IP	HR	ER	BBSO	
Evensen, W	5.0	6	3	1	2
Lisnock	2.0	1	0	0	2
WBA	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
Binker	4.0	2	3	2	4
Kapelan, L	2.0	4	2	0	0
Tarreto	1.0	2	1	0	1

## Wyoming Area 16, MMI Prep 0

Wyoming Area	AB	R	H	BI	
Favata 3b	4	1	1	1	
Argenio	1	1	1	1	
Rusinchak lf	3	2	2	1	
Wassel lf	2	0	0	0	
Snyder cf	2	2	1	1	
Stronski	1	0	1	1	
Rogish rf	1	1	0	0	
Broda	0	0	0	0	
Vacula 1b	2	2	1	3	
Nemshnick	1	0	0	0	
Z.Smith dh	3	2	2	2	
Yatsko ss	3	2	2	0	
T.Smith c	1	2	1	1	
Pizzano 2b	3	0	2	2	
Langdon cr	0	1	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	
MMI Prep	AB	R	H	BI	
D.Radzwich cf	0	0	0	0	
Drobnock ss	2	0	0	0	
Sworcek	1	0	0	0	
Skuba 1b	2	0	0	0	
Serock lf	2	0	1	0	
Garcia 2b	2	0	0	0	
Gombeda p	1	0	0	0	
B.Radzwich 3b	1	0	0	0	
Ungemach	1	0	0	0	
Santana c	1	0	1	0	
Jordan	1	0	0	0	
Pedri rf	1	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	
Wyoming Area	AB	R	H	BI	
WBA	452	14	16		
2B — Rusinchak, Snyder, Argenio, Favata; HR — Vacula	000	00	0-0		
Wyoming Area	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
Altavilla, W	5.0	3	0	0	3
MMI Prep	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
Gombeda, L	3.0	9	11	7	2
Serock	2.0	5	5	4	1

## Wyoming Area 14, MMI Prep 4

Wyoming Area	AB	R	H	BI
D.Radzwich cf	2	1	0	0
Ungemach 2b	2	0	1	1
Serock	0	0	0	0
Skuba 1b	2	1	0	0
Drobnock ss	2	0	0	0
Garcia 3b	2	0	1	2
Gombeda rf	2	1	1	0
B.Radzwich p	2	0	0	0
Santana c	2	0	0	0
Pedri lf	1	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Wyoming Area	AB	R	H	BI
Favata 3b	4	2	2	1
Rusinchak dh	2	3	1	2
Snyder cf	2	2	1	2
Rogish rf	1	2	1	0

Vacula 1b	2	2	2	5	
Yatsko ss	3	1	1	2	
T.Smith c	4	0	2	1	
Wassel lf	3	1	2	0	
Pizzano 2b	3	1	2	0	
Broda cr	0	0	0	0	
Wardell cr	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	
MMI Prep	AB	R	H	BI	
Wyoming Area	146	3x	14		
2B — Pedri, Rusinchak, T.Smith, Favata, Snyder; 3B — Rogish; HR — Vacula					
MMI Prep	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
B.Radzwich, L	3.0	11	11	4	0
Garcia	1.0	3	3	1	2
Wyoming Area	IP	H	R	ER	BBSO
Pavinski, W	4.0	3	3	3	5
Snyder	1.0	1	0	1	3





Matt Rourke | AP photo

The Phillies' Bryce Harper celebrates his home run off of Athletics pitcher Luis Severino during the third inning on Tuesday.

# Phillies stay hot, beat Athletics

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bryce Harper homered twice, Christopher Sánchez struck out 10 batters in eight strong innings and the streaking Philadelphia Phillies defeated the Athletics 9-1 on Tuesday night.

Bryson Stott also went deep, J.T. Realmuto drove in two runs and Brandon Marsh had three singles for the Phillies, who have won seven of eight since interim manager Don Mattingly replaced fired Rob Thomson.

The AL West-leading Athletics have lost three of four.

Sánchez (3-2) limited the A's to just three hits while reaching double-digit strikeouts for the ninth time in his career. The NL Cy Young runner-up last season walked one and hit a batter.

After homering in Philadelphia's 1-0 win at Miami on Monday, Harper went deep again to lift the Phillies to the series-opening victory. He clubbed a 2-2, 84-mph sweeper into the seats in right field leading off the third inning off Luis Severino (2-3). He also cleared the wall in center field in the eighth off Tyler Ferguson.

Severino allowed just that one run on seven hits in five innings with three strikeouts and two walks.

The A's threatened in the seventh with a pair of singles to open the inning. But Sánchez retired the next three batters, two on swinging strikeouts, to get out of the jam.

The Phillies scored five runs in the bottom of the seventh off a pair of relievers.

Jhoan Duran gave up a run in the ninth after being activated from the 15-day injured list prior to the game. Duran had last pitched on April 11 due to a strained left oblique muscle. The 28-year-old right-hander entered 1-1 with a 1.35 ERA and five saves in 6 2/3 innings. Nick Kurtz singled off Duran leading off the frame to extend his on-base streak to 29 consecutive games.

## RED SOX 10, TIGERS 3

DETROIT — Cedanne Rafaela homered and drove in four runs, and Boston beat Detroit for the second straight night.

Framber Valdez (2-2) allowed a career-high 10 runs before being ejected in the fourth inning for hitting Trevor Story, which caused both benches to empty, though no punches were thrown. He also matched a career worst by allowing three homers.

Willson Contreras and Wilyer Abreu also

homered for the Red Sox, who had lost four of five before coming to Detroit. Boston is 4-2 against the Tigers this season.

Matt Vierling homered for Detroit, which has lost five of eight.

Brayan Bello (2-4) allowed one run on four hits in seven innings after replacing opener Jovani Moran for the second inning. He walked one and struck out seven after losing his last three starts.

Boston took a 3-0 lead in the first on Rafaela's three-run homer, but the Tigers got two runs off Moran in the bottom of the inning.

After a scoreless second, the Red Sox used a walk and five straight singles to take an 8-2 lead and set up the fourth-inning drama.

Contreras hit Valdez's first pitch an estimated 449 feet over the Red Sox bullpen in left-center and stayed at the plate to admire its flight. Two pitches later, Abreu hit a 109-mph line drive down the right-field line for Boston's third homer of the night.

Valdez's next pitch was a 94-mph fastball that hit Story in the back. Tigers catcher Dillon Dingler and plate umpire Adam Beck quickly got between Story and Valdez, causing both benches to empty, but Story never attempted to get near Valdez.

As everyone returned to the dugouts and bullpens, Valdez was ejected by third-base umpire Dan Iassogna.

## ROYALS 5, GUARDIANS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Michael Massey hit a go-ahead two-run homer, Isaac Collins also went deep and Kansas City pushed its winning streak to five with a victory over Cleveland.

Stephen Kolek allowed a three-run shot by Rhys Hoskins but little else over six innings in his season debut. The right-hander strained his oblique in his first start of spring training, but Kolek had pitched well in four rehab starts at Triple-A Omaha before the Royals had him make a spot start for Noah Cameron, who's dealing with some lower back tightness.

Nick Mears and Daniel Lynch IV handled a scoreless inning apiece in relief for Kansas City, and Lucas Erceg worked around a two-out walk in the ninth to earn his third save in four games and 10th of the season.

The Guardians' Gavin Williams (5-2) allowed five runs and eight hits with two walks while losing for the first time since March 27, when the Mariners beat him in the second game of the season. Williams had since

won five decisions covering six starts.

The Royals jumped to a 2-0 lead on Salvador Perez's single in the first, but the Guardians pulled ahead in the fourth. With two runners aboard, Hoskins sent a 2-1 pitch from Kolek clanking off the left-field foul pole just above the outfield padding for a 3-2 lead.

Massey answered with his two-run homer in the bottom half, though. The 392-foot drive off Williams' 2-2 pitch came moments after Guardians catcher Bo Naylor had challenged a called ball, which would have produced a strikeout had he been successful.

Collins added his homer in the sixth inning, giving him a 3-for-3 night but leaving him a triple short of the cycle.

## TWINS 11, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON — Byron Buxton hit a three-run homer, Brooks Lee drove in three runs and Taj Bradley struck out eight in six solid innings to help Minnesota beat Washington.

Buxton's homer, his sixth in the last eight games and 11th this season, made it 10-3 in the eighth. Lee was 3 for 5 with two doubles and Trevor Larnach added two hits and two RBIs.

Bradley (4-1) gave up two runs and four hits and walked two.

Cade Cavalli (1-2) gave up six runs — three earned — in four innings for the Nationals, who are 4-13 at home this season.

Kody Clemens was hit by a pitch with two outs in the second and Luke Keaschall followed with an infield single before Lee doubled down right field line to give the Twins a 2-1 lead.

Austin Martin singled before Clemens and Keaschall each walked to load the bases with no outs in the fourth. Martin scored when Lee reached on a fielding error by Cavalli and a sacrifice fly by Royce Lewis drove in Clemens before Larnach's two-run double made it 6-1.

Daylen Lile walked, moved to third when Curtis Mead doubled and scored when CJ Abrams reached on a fielder's choice to give the Nationals a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Mead's double in the fifth drove in Lile.

Mead and José Tena each went 2 for 4 with a double.

Josh Bell singled to drive in Ryan Jeffers, who led off the seventh with a double, to make it 7-2. James Wood hit a liner off the top of the wall in left for a double that drove in Tena in the bottom of the inning and cut the Nationals' deficit to 7-3.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE													
East Division													
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF		
New York	24	11	.686	—	—	—	8-2	W-4	12-5	12-6	192	116	76
Tampa Bay	22	12	.647	1½	+5½	—	9-1	W-4	12-4	10-8	152	141	11
Toronto	16	19	.457	8	1	—	6-4	L-2	10-8	6-11	144	162	-18
Baltimore	15	20	.429	9	2	—	3-7	L-5	9-9	6-11	155	196	-41
Boston	14	21	.400	10	3	—	5-5	W-1	6-10	8-11	135	153	-18
Central Division													
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF		
Cleveland	18	18	.500	—	+½	—	4-6	L-2	9-7	9-11	148	155	-7
Detroit	18	18	.500	—	—	—	4-6	L-1	12-4	6-14	162	145	17
Chicago	17	18	.486	½	—	—	7-3	W-1	7-8	10-10	150	159	-9
Kansas City	16	19	.457	1½	1	—	8-2	W-4	10-7	6-12	146	159	-13
Minnesota	15	20	.429	2½	2	—	3-7	W-1	10-10	5-10	165	170	-5
West Division													
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF		
Athletics	18	16	.529	—	—	—	5-5	W-1	8-8	10-8	149	159	-10
Seattle	17	19	.472	2	½	—	6-4	W-1	11-10	6-9	148	145	3
Texas	16	18	.471	2	½	—	4-6	L-2	7-8	9-10	127	128	-1
Houston	14	22	.389	5	3½	—	4-6	L-1	8-9	6-13	181	209	-28
Los Angeles	13	23	.361	6	4½	—	1-9	L-2	6-10	7-13	158	179	-21
NATIONAL LEAGUE													
East Division													
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF		
Atlanta	25	11	.694	—	—	—	7-3	L-1	12-6	13-5	209	129	80
Miami	16	19	.457	8½	4	—	4-6	L-2	11-9	5-10	146	148	-2
Washington	16	19	.457	8½	4	—	5-5	W-1	4-12	12-7	180	197	-17
Philadelphia	15	20	.429	9½	5	—	7-3	W-2	8-10	7-10	132	174	-42
New York	13	22	.371	11½	7	—	4-6	W-2	6-12	7-10	122	151	-29
Central Division													
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF		
Chicago	23	12	.657	—	—	—	7-3	W-6	15-5	8-7	190	147	43
St. Louis	21	14	.600	2	+1	—	7-3	W-1	10-9	11-5	172	169	3
Cincinnati	20	15	.571	3	—	—	4-6	L-4	10-8	10-7	145	168	-23
Pittsburgh	19	16	.543	4	1	—	5-5	W-3	11-9	8-7	180	149	31
Milwaukee	18	16	.529	4½	1½	—	5-5	L-2	10-8	8-8	175	133	42
West Division													
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF		
Los Angeles	22	13	.629	—	—	—	5-5	W-2	12-6	10-7	183	115	68
San Diego	20	14	.588	1½	+½	—	4-6	L-1	11-8	9-6	147	149	-2
Arizona	16	17	.485	5	3	—	3-7	L-4	9-6	7-11	150	181	-31
San Francisco	14	21	.400	8	6	—	3-7	W-1	8-9	6-12	109	142	-33
Colorado	14	22	.389	8½	6½	—	4-6	L-5	7-10	7-12	152	176	-24

## AMERICAN LEAGUE Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Corbin 1-0) at Tampa Bay (McClanahan 3-2), 1:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Glasnow 3-0) at Houston (McCullers 2-2), 2:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Schultz 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Ureña 0-3), 4:07 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Holmes 2-1) at Seattle (Woo 1-2), 4:10 p.m.  
 Athletics (Springs 3-2) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 1-0), 6:40 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Young 2-1) at Miami (Pérez 2-3), 6:40 p.m.  
 Boston (TBD) at Detroit (Flaherty 0-2), 6:40 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Ober 3-1) at Washington (Mikolas 0-3), 6:45 p.m.  
 Texas (Eovaldi 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 4-0), 7:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Cantillo 1-1) at Kansas City (Ragans 1-4), 7:40 p.m.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE Wednesday's Games

Milwaukee (Misiorowski 2-2) at St. Louis (Liberatore 1-1), 1:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Glasnow 3-0) at Houston (McCullers 2-2), 2:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Waldron 0-1) at San Francisco (Houser 0-3), 3:45 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Holmes 2-1) at Seattle (Woo 1-2), 4:10 p.m.  
 Athletics (Springs 3-2) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 1-0), 6:40 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Young 2-1) at Miami (Pérez 2-3), 6:40 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Ober 3-1) at Washington (Mikolas 0-3), 6:45 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Singer 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Rea 4-1), 7:40 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Scott 0-0) at Colorado (Quintana 1-2), 9:20 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Skene 4-2) at Arizona (Soroka 4-1), 9:40 p.m.

## Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 3

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Springer dh	4	0	0	0	1	0	200	
Piñango lf	4	0	1	0	1	0	455	
Okamoto 3b	4	1	2	1	0	2	244	
Sánchez rf	4	0	0	0	2	241		
Sosa 1b	3	0	1	0	0	267		
a-Guerrero ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	328		
Varsho cf	3	1	1	0	1	0	237	
Clement 2b	4	0	1	0	0	289		
Giménez ss	4	1	2	1	0	1	267	
Valenzuela c	2	0	0	0	1	1	200	
b-Straw lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	291	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>		
Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Simpson lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	304	
Fortes c	0	0	0	0	0	0	264	
Caminero 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	260	
Aranda 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	276	
2-Walls pr-ss	0	1	0	0	0	0	197	
Diaz dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	320	
Fraleigh rf	4	1	2	0	0	1	254	
Williamson ss-2b	4	0	2	1	0	1	266	
Mullins cf	3	0	0	0	2	1	31	
Feduccia c	3	0	1	0	0	0	278	
1-DeLuca pr-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	274	
Palacios 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	192	
Vilade 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	286	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>		

Toronto 110 010 000-3 8 1  
 Tampa Bay 001 100 020-4 11 0  
 a-grounded out for Sosa in the 8th. b-popped out for Valenzuela in the 9th.

1-ran for Feduccia in the 7th. 2-ran for Aranda in the 8th.

E—Gausman (2), LOB—Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 7. 2B—Aranda (5). HR—Okamoto (10), off Rasmussen. RBIs—Okamoto (23), Giménez (17), Piñango (4), Aranda (29), Diaz (22), Williamson (11), SB—Simpson (12), Giménez (5), DeLuca (4), S—Mullins.

Runners left in scoring position—Toronto 2 (Springer, Clement); Tampa Bay 4 (Simpson, Palacios, DeLuca, Diaz). RISP—Toronto 2 for 6; Tampa Bay 3 for 10.

Runners moved up—Springer, Guerrero, Feduccia. LIDP—Aranda. GIDP—Feduccia. DP—Toronto 2 (Clement, Giménez, Sosa, Okamoto, Sosa, Okamoto); Tampa Bay 1 (Mullins, Williamson, Mullins).

Toronto IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Gausman 6 6 2 2 1 3 96 3.09  
 Hoffman, H 4 1 1 0 0 0 1 17 5.74  
 Rogers, L 1-2, BS, 0-2

Varland 1-3 4 2 2 0 0 22 1.62  
 Varland 2-3 0 0 0 0 1 7 5.01  
**Tampa Bay** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Rasmussen 6 7 3 3 1 5 85 2.95  
 Bigge 1 0 0 0 1 2 18 3.27  
 Legumina, W 1-0 1 0 0 1 0 9 0.00  
 Sulser, S 2-2 1 0 0 0 0 12 2.75

Inherited runners scored—Varland 2, 0. IBB—off Legumina (Varsho).  
 ABS Challenge—Gausman (Ball-Confirmed); Gausman (Ball-Overturned to Strike); Gaus-

man (Ball-Confirmed); Giménez (Strike-Overturned to Ball); Sulser (Ball-Confirmed). Pitch timer violations—Legumina (pitcher).  
 Umpires—Home, Chris Guccione; First, Nestor Ceja; Second, Charlie Ramos; Third, David Rackley.  
 T—2:32. A—11,217 (25,025).

## Philadelphia 9, Athletics 1

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wilson ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	296	
Rooker dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	153	
Kurtz lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	244	
Thomas rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	263	
Gelof cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	256	
Soderstrom lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	216	
Wynns c	4	0	0	0	0	3	077	
Hernaiz 2b	3	0	0	1	2	2	212	
B.Harris 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	000	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>		
Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Turner ss	5	2	2	1	0	1	241	
Schwarber dh	5	0	0	0	2	2	205	
Harper lf	4	3	3	1	0			

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
65 42	61 39	60 45	60 50	71 47	62 37	57 39
Breezy and cooler with rain	A shower in the afternoon	Clouds and sun; breezy	A couple of showers	Warmer with a few showers	Rather cloudy	Sun, then clouds

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:55 a.m.
Sunset today	8:06 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:19 a.m.
Moonset today	8:57 a.m.



May 9 May 16 May 23 May 31

## WEATHER HISTORY

On May 6, 1975, near Omaha, Neb., a massive tornado killed three people and injured 133, while causing \$150 million in damage.

## ALMANAC

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport through 3 p.m. Tuesday

### TEMPERATURES

High	79
Low	58
Normal high	69
Normal Low	46
Record high	90 (1949)
Record low	27 (1974)

### PRECIPITATION

24-hour total	Trace
Month to date	0.20"
Normal m-t-d	0.53"
Year to date	11.57"
Normal y-t-d	11.22"

### COOLING DEGREE DAYS

Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to cool.

Tuesday	4
Month to date	4
Year to date	27
Last year to date	16
Normal year to date	9

### RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Susquehanna	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Wilkes-Barre	5.58	-0.69	22
Towanda	3.26	-0.37	16

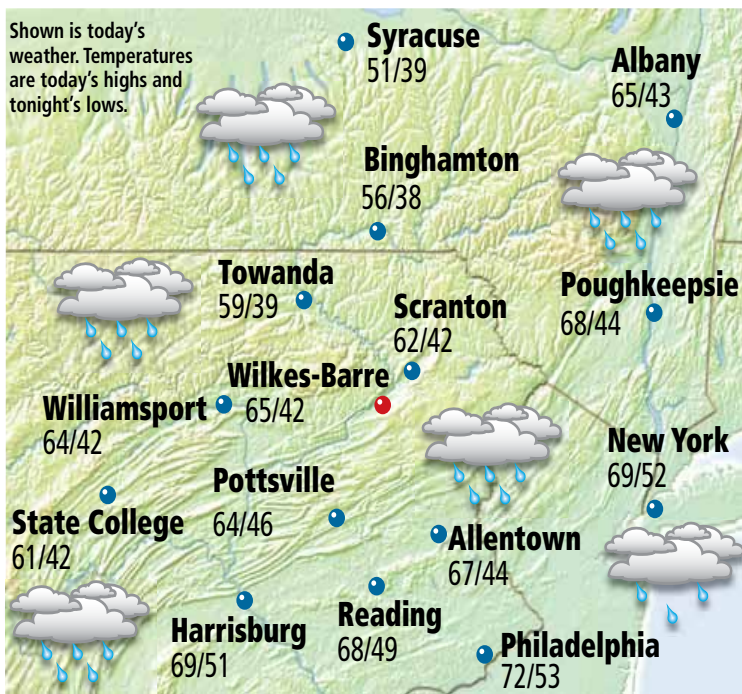
### Lehigh

Bethlehem	2.37	-0.04	16
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### Delaware

Port Jervis	4.27	-0.19	18
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### NEW YORK CITY

**High:** 69. **Low:** 52. Mostly cloudy, breezy and not as warm today with a couple of showers. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of showers.

### PHILADELPHIA

**High:** 72. **Low:** 53. Mostly cloudy and breezy today with a couple of showers. A couple of showers this evening. A passing shower tomorrow.

### POCONOS

**Highs:** 56-62. **Lows:** 37-43. Breezy and cooler today with periods of rain. Colder tonight with a couple of showers. A passing shower tomorrow.

### FINGER LAKES

**Highs:** 48-54. **Lows:** 36-42. Cooler with morning rain followed by a shower or two this afternoon. Mostly cloudy tonight.

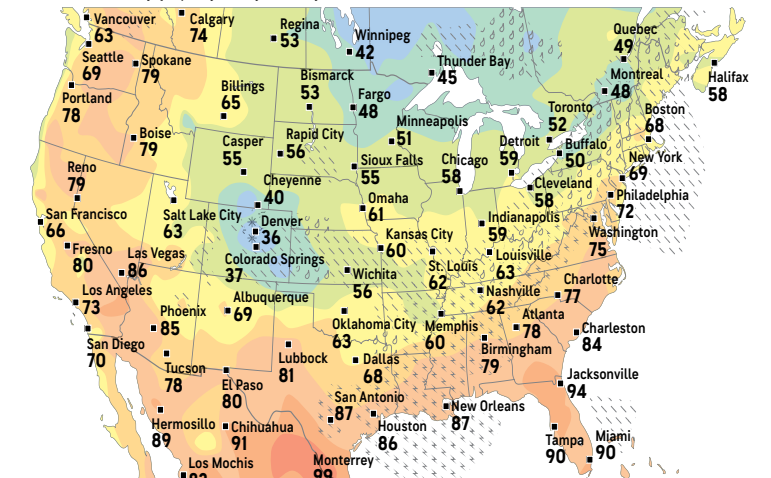
### JERSEY SHORE

**Highs:** 60-66. **Lows:** 52-58. Mostly cloudy and windy today with a couple of showers beginning at midday. A couple of showers tonight.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today	Thursday	Today	Thursday
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	78/66/c	78/56/t	Milwaukee	55/41/c
Baltimore	74/55/t	60/45/c	Nashville	62/50/t
Billings	65/50/pc	66/46/c	New Orleans	87/75/t
Boston	68/52/sh	64/47/c	Norfolk	81/60/c
Buffalo	50/40/r	50/40/pc	Oklahoma City	63/44/c
Charlotte	77/65/c	74/52/t	Orlando	93/69/pc
Chicago	58/41/c	60/47/pc	Phoenix	85/68/s
Cleveland	58/43/r	54/41/pc	Pittsburgh	59/44/r
Dallas	68/54/pc	72/59/pc	Portland, ME	62/47/sh
Denver	36/29/sn	68/43/pc	Portland, OR	78/50/pc
Detroit	59/39/c	57/41/pc	Sacramento	77/53/s
Honolulu	84/71/sh	85/71/pc	St. Louis	62/47/c
Houston	86/68/t	73/65/t	San Francisco	66/54/pc
Indianapolis	59/42/c	59/44/pc	Seattle	69/49/pc
Las Vegas	86/66/s	92/68/s	Washington, DC	75/56/t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice



-10s	-0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110s
Shower	T-storm	Rain	Flurries	Snow	Ice								

**Summary:** Wet weather will extend from Maine to Texas today. Gusty thunderstorms will be confined to areas from Tennessee south. Snow will continue to fall on Colorado as warmer, drier air moves into the West Coast.

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## 'Unhinged in a good way'

I have read and liked several books by this author, which is why I chose to read her new book, "Too Close To Home," a twisty, fast-paced



**Jacquie O'Neil**  
About Books

domestic thriller about 3 suburban women who get caught up in secrets and lies that connect their lives.

The story is set in a quiet, upscale town, Cloverhill Lakes, a Connecticut suburb where nothing bad ever happens. The community has gathered for a Labor Day picnic when Regan's car explodes in the parking lot. Regan

**REVIEW**  
"Too Close to Home"  
By: Seraphina Nova Glass  
Rating: 4.4

had just given her car keys to another woman at the picnic who needed to run an errand. Who was responsible for the explosion, and was it meant for Regan?

Three women, Regan, Sasha, and Andi, have formed a close friendship. Each one of them is harboring secrets, and unbeknownst to them, those secrets are all related. They are all fiercely protective of their families and willing to go to great lengths to keep them safe. Regan is recently widowed and having difficulty holding

everything together. She thinks she has seen her dead husband. Andi had a messy divorce and doesn't get along with her ex-husband's girlfriend, Tia. Sasha is married to Tom, but keeps a connection with her ex-husband, who is the father of her son. Sasha is worried about her son's secretive behavior and even starts following him.

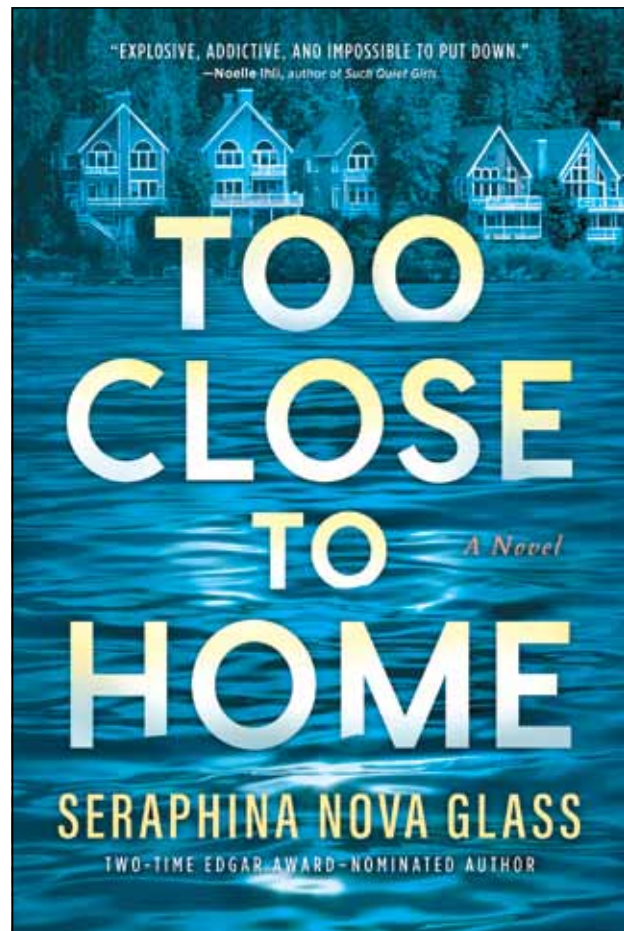
After the explosion, Tia disappears. Her body is discovered by Andi on her property just after finishing target practice with a firearm. Could one of her bullets have hit Tia? What she goes through to keep this secret is mind-boggling. What is happening in all of their lives? Tensions ramp up, and their

behavior becomes erratic.

The plot is unhinged in a good way. Not everything is totally believable. There are lies, betrayals, and questionable decision-making. The chapters go from one crisis to another, giving readers one more clue, one more lie, and another crazy detail. The mayhem will definitely keep you reading right up to the dramatic conclusion.

Readers need to pay close attention because there is so much going on in the lives of these three wacky women. I didn't guess who the guilty party was, but it was a wild, fun ride.

Jacquie O'Neil and her daughter, Times Leader Media Group Publisher Kerry Miscavage, contribute to this column.



'Too Close To Home' by Seraphina Nova Glass is a twisty, fast-paced domestic thriller.



Julian Maza from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, at right, shows students from the Wyoming Valley West School District that a box elder tree in Wilkes-Barre's Nesbitt Park has compound leaves.

## Hundreds of students attend educational event

By Mary Therese Biebel  
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Some of the kids took a step back, some recoiled, and some pulled the necks of their shirts up over their noses — anything to try to forget the smell of the stinky water a conservation specialist had invited them to sniff on Tuesday morning at Wilkes-Barre's Nesbitt Park.

The stinky water was part of a trap for mosquitoes, Lauren Holder from the Luzerne Conservation District told the students, and while humans might agree it smelled bad, a mosquito would consider it an indication of a good place to lay eggs, a place rich in bacteria.

"I'd say it smells like an old gym bag," Holder said, explaining the mix contained lactic acid, which is a compound found in human perspiration — and that's why it might seem bugs are extra interested in you when you're sweating. "You mean we smell like that?" the kids muttered to each other. "Yuck."

The table where Holder talked about mosquitoes and ticks was one of several information stations set up Tuesday morning in



Master Gardener Coordinator Jill Baer, at right, invited youngsters to take turns using hand-held garden cultivators to dig into dead logs and see what they would find.

Nesbitt Park, between the Market Street and Pierce Street bridges, where the Riverfront Parks Committee sponsored "Nature Discovery Day Along the Susquehanna River" for fourth through eighth graders.

About 500 students attended, Riverfront Parks Committee executive director John Maday said.

And Wyoming Valley West teacher Lora Seesock said she was glad to see the students enjoying the outdoors after recently completing the standardized Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) tests.

Her students were

among the first to take a guided nature walk into the forested area along the Susquehanna River, led by forester Julian Maza of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry.

Uprooting a slender plant, Maza held it up and asked the students if he had just done something wrong.

Their consensus was yes. "You killed it!" the kids said.

Actually, Maza told them, in this case, it was good to remove the plant, known as garlic mustard, because it was a non-native, invasive species.

There were plenty of native species around, including sugar maple trees, which have a simple leaf, and box elder trees, which have compound leaves, each consisting of several leaflets.

Meanwhile, back near the bridges, Penn State Master Gardener Jill Baer was encouraging youngsters to take turns using hand-held cultivators to dig into some decaying tree branches.

"We're talking about decomposition, to see what they can find," she said, noting beetles, moss and fungi were in the mix.

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## Culinary Path less taken: Chorizo pasta

This started out as sifting through my venerable Pasta and Pizza Presto book for a single dip into something different, but several recipes caught my eye, turning it into an odyssey of the odd ingredients.

In fairly rapid succession over a week or less, I conjured up this and my next two Test Kitchen efforts, jumping from chorizo to smoked salmon to a whole new spin on tuna.

I present them roughly in order of overall preference, though, as always, when cooking, "best" is definitely in the palate of the taster. I suspect that is particularly true for this concoction, which calls for pepperoni or chorizo as the star flavor. If you like a bit of heat, you'll enjoy this. If you lean toward MT's side of the spicy sausage scale, you may be less enthusiastic. I could have predicted her response:

"I love the flavor of the sauce," she opined, "But the chorizo is a bit too spicy for me."

A few days later, when my brother Joe stopped by during a visit from California, I warmed up the remains, and he provided a very different assessment.

"It's nicely textured. The sausage gives it a touch of pizzazz. It's hot,



**Mark Guydish**  
Times Leader  
Test Kitchen

but not too hot," he said. "It sort of dances in your mouth."

The official title of the recipe is "Pasta Spirals with Pepperoni and Tomato Sauce," but the authors suggest chorizo as an alternative.

Long-time readers may remember I first dabbled in chorizo years ago with a recipe from celebrity chef Sara Moulton.

That one caught my eye almost entirely because it called for [fried spaghetti](#), a notion simply too hard to resist. It also called for the Spanish/Mexican sausage, something that until then I had never knowingly tasted. We both liked it, a bit of a surprise considering MT does not embrace spicy foods very readily.

I think the fact that it was a small portion of a dish that featured a full pound of shrimp made it more palatable. The chorizo complemented other flavors, rather than becoming the dominant taste.

A similar reaction occurred when I made a [chorizo and corn pizza](#) from the same "Presto" book in 2024. The curious combo of ingredients on a pizza worked mostly because the corn just made everything taste fresh and spring-like.

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Pasta with chorizo and tomato sauce. A bit spicy for MT, but I loved it, as did brother Joe, visiting from the left coast.

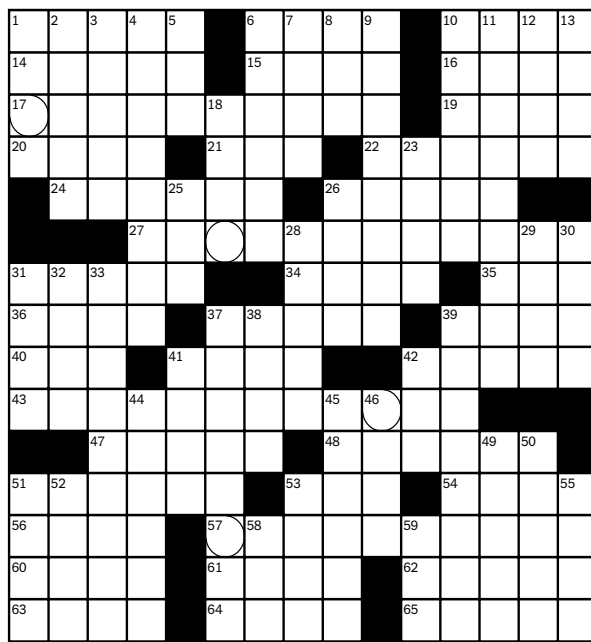
Mark Guydish | For Times Leader

# The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0401

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Don't \_\_\_ me!"
  - 6 Alternative to check or card
  - 10 World traveler's need
  - 14 Old Hollywood nickname that sounds like a golf term
  - 15 Birthplace of seven U.S. presidents
  - 16 They can be bruised or inflated
  - 17 Quip, part 1
  - 19 "Golly!"
  - 20 Epitome of smoothness
  - 21 Nail-biting sports periods, for short
  - 22 Bone that squeaks, maybe
  - 24 Takes care of
  - 26 Implied
  - 27 Quip, part 2
  - 31 Apple pan \_\_\_ (baked pastry)
  - 34 Waze ways: Abbr.
  - 35 Go a-courtin'?
  - 36 Airline predictions, for short
  - 37 Stores selling Snödrotting pillowcases
  - 39 Scottish caps
  - 40 "Fear \_\_\_"
  - 41 Either of two wives of Henry VIII
  - 42 Vault in a mummy movie
  - 43 Quip, part 3
  - 47 Cry from a bandleader
  - 48 "Wow, cool!"
  - 51 Leave undisturbed
  - 53 Environmentally friendly: Prefix
  - 54 Word before market or collar
  - 56 Tennis legend Arthur
  - 57 Quip, part 4
  - 60 Awaken slowly
  - 61 Mine finds
  - 62 Awaken rudely
- DOWN**
- 1 Outdoor events with grills, for short
  - 2 Julia \_\_\_-Dreyfus of "Veep"
  - 3 Light on one's feet
  - 4 Happy Meal chain, informally
  - 5 "Yikes!"
  - 6 Second wedding anniversary material
  - 7 Moments of understanding
  - 8 Walter Scott or Isaac Newton
  - 9 Occasions for getting gussied up
  - 10 Kind of burger that lacks meat
  - 11 "Listen, hear me out on this ..."
  - 12 Meh
  - 13 Like a burnt-out firepit
  - 18 Annual D.C. address, for short
  - 23 Phil who sang the protest song "The War Is Over"
  - 25 Kind of burger that lacks meat
  - 26 "Toodle-oo!"
  - 28 Environmentally friendly
  - 29 Rear end
  - 63 Cheek
  - 64 "Ramona the \_\_\_" (Beverly Cleary book)
  - 65 Nash who wrote "Who wants my jellyfish? / I'm not sellyfish!"



- PUZZLE BY JESS SHULMAN AND AMIE WALKER**
- 30 Word repeated while trying out a microphone
  - 31 Cozy rooms
  - 32 Midwestern native
  - 33 "Look what I can do!"
  - 37 Genre that combines mainstream and underground music
  - 38 Do some crafting
  - 39 Amphibian with specialized toe pads
  - 41 Opposed
  - 42 MS NOW competitor
  - 44 Edmonton's hockey team
  - 45 Swarming insect
  - 46 Restaurant chain with locations in more than a dozen countries, thus justifying the first letter in its name
  - 49 So others can hear
  - 50 Nervous
  - 51 Gal in Glasgow
  - 52 "Cómo \_\_\_ usted?"
  - 53 What hearts represent in the face of a love emoji
  - 55 Subject line abbr.
  - 58 "How \_\_\_ you?"
  - 59 Natural hairstyle, for short

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



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**WHAT'S UP, NEPA?**

**GREATER WILKES-BARRE**

**Wilkes-Barre Greek Food Festival.** Enjoy a taste of the Mediterranean. Food may be picked up at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 32 East Ross St., Wilkes-Barre, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 6, 7 and 8. Pre-orders are not required, but are appreciated. Please pre-order at 570-417-4465 or greekfoodwb.org at least 2 hours before you would like to pick up your food.

**Free community lunch at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church,** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at the church, 667 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre, with hot dogs, snacks and drinks. For more info, call 570-822-8233

**Fine Arts Fiesta 70th anniversary gala, 70 Trips Around the Square,** 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Westmoreland Club, 59 South Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, \$170 per person, with entertainment by Eddie Day and TNT. Ticket information will be coming soon at [fineartsfiesta.org](http://fineartsfiesta.org).

**"Inspired Bites: A Pop-Up Lunch Series" in honor of the Fine Arts Fiesta,** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 11, Wilkes University's Sordoni Art Gallery, 141 South Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Volunteers from the Fine Arts Fiesta will be on hand to share their enthusiasm for this year's "70th trip around the Square." Free lunch is sponsored by Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald, while supplies last. You may register at [wilkes.edu/about-wilkes/arts/sordoni-art-gallery/exhibitions-and-events/event-registration.aspx](http://wilkes.edu/about-wilkes/arts/sordoni-art-gallery/exhibitions-and-events/event-registration.aspx).

**Spring Bingo at St. Luke's United Church of Christ,** 471 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre, May 17, from 2 to 6 p.m. Grand prize is a 55-inch smart TV. There will be other specials, gift cards and cash prizes, plus a 50-50 raffle, gift baskets and pull-offs. Homemade food for sale includes sausage and peppers, pierogies, haluski, grilled hot dogs, macaroni salad, desserts and beverages. Prepaid reservations are \$25. Call 570-899-1704. Admission at the door is \$30. Doors open at noon.

**KINGSTON/WEST SIDE**  
**The Edwardsville Hometown Committee's annual community-wide yard sale** is set for Saturday, May 9. Participation is free. Interested

persons should email their address to [edw-pierogi@gmail.com](mailto:edw-pierogi@gmail.com) to be added to the list of participating homes.

**Swoyersville American Legion Post 644 will replace flags on the graves of Veterans** at Denison Cemetery in Swoyersville at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16. Volunteers are needed to help get this done. Come out and show your support for our Veterans laid to rest at Denison. We thank you in advance for your help.

**Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 644 of Swoyersville,** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Post home. Nomination of Officers will take place. 2026 Membership dues are still being accepted. All members are encouraged to attend. Commander Thomas Walsh will preside. Visit our Facebook page @ Sons of the American Legion Squadron 644

**Good Shepherd Polish National Catholic Church,** 269 E. Main St., Plymouth, will join the Plymouth Celebrate250 on May 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the church. We will serve halushki with homemade noodles, pierogi in butter and onion, piggies and a bake sale. In case of inclement weather, we will serve in the hall. Parade begins at 11 a.m. Festivities will be held throughout the town.

**Edwardsville Hometown Committee** is accepting vendor applications for the 12th annual Edwardsville Pierogi Festival, set for June 12-13 in John Hopkins Memorial Park, Edwardsville. We expect more than 80 vendors, carnival rides, a pierogi cookoff, a parade, live entertainment and fun for all. Sponsors are also needed. Please visit the website [edwpierogi.com](http://edwpierogi.com) for vendor applications, cookoff entry forms, parade participation form and sponsorship form. This year's theme is "Celebrating America's 250, Patriots and Pierogie."

**LAKE SILKWORTH**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 2011 PA-29, Hunlock Creek, will hold a chicken barbecue** on Saturday, May 30, from noon to 3 p.m. Dinner includes a half barbecue chicken, parsley potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and a dinner roll for \$15. Eat-in or take-out available. Pre-orders are encouraged; call Steve Maurer at 570-417-5167.

**FACES OF OUR COMMUNITY**



Shown from left are: Nancy Jeffers, Vice President, Senior Commercial Loan Officer, PSBT; Joseph Ferriti, Executive Vice President, Northeast Market President, PSBT; Ashley Monetta, speech therapist, Allied Services; Atty. Bill Conaboy, President & CEO, Allied Services; Catherine Colosimo, Speech Language Pathologist, Allied Therapist; Lynne Duncan, Speech Language Pathologist, Allied Services.

## Peoples Security Bank & Trust donates \$75K to Allied Services for pediatric care

Allied Services recently welcomed representatives from Peoples Security Bank & Trust (PSBT) to the John P. Moses, Esq. Pediatric Rehabilitation Center in Scranton to celebrate a generous \$75,000 contribution through the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP). This investment underscores PSBT's continued commitment to enhancing pediatric rehabilitation services for children in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania.

The donation, made possible through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's NAP Tax Credit Program, helps ensure that Allied Services can continue providing life-changing therapies and specialized care to more than 1,200 children annually. "We are incredibly grateful for the continued partnership and generosity of Peoples Security Bank & Trust," said Atty. Bill Conaboy, President and CEO of Allied Services. "Partners like PSBT are essential to our mission. Their support allows us to expand access to

innovative therapies and provide the highest level of care to children and families throughout our region. Together, we are making a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of those we serve." For more than 30 years, the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) has encouraged community participation and partnerships among nonprofits, businesses, and residents to benefit distressed areas and low-income populations. NAP tax credits incentivize corporate partners to invest in nonprofit

projects, helping revitalize Pennsylvania communities and support vital services like pediatric rehabilitation at Allied Services. Allied Services extends its heartfelt appreciation to Peoples Security Bank & Trust for their generous \$75,000 investment in the John P. Moses, Esq. Pediatric Rehabilitation Center. Their support directly impacts the lives of children in need of specialized rehabilitation, empowering them to grow, thrive, and reach their fullest potential.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHORD ELECT BARREL LOOSEN  
Answer: The Barbie she wanted was expensive, so they hoped she'd settle for the - "DOLL-HER" STORE

# Family travel 5: Trips for animal lovers

By Lynn O'Rourke Hayes  
FamilyTravel.com

For animal lovers, observing your favorite creature in its natural environment can be one of life's great thrills. Here are five ideas to consider.

## Manta Rays in the Maldives

With the largest brain to body ratio of any living fish, these gentle giants are reported to be among the most intelligent creatures on the planet.

Large, flat and oddly shaped, they take their name from the Spanish word for blanket or cloak. Adventurers can learn more about these iconic creatures in their natural playground — the Maldives. Between May and early December, the Maldives Baa Atoll UNESCO Biosphere Reserve draws hundreds of reef manta rays to its plankton-rich currents. Guests at Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru enjoy access thanks to two decades of pioneering on-site work with the Manta Trust.

The resort's "Manta on call" experience rings up the guests when the graceful sea creatures are in the area. A speedboat is at the ready to whisk guests to the area at which point snorkelers can swim along as the Mantas feed in the current.

In addition, the resort's Marine Biologist Trainee program immerses youngsters in ground-breaking conservation and research, perhaps sparking a career interest with hands-on discoveries. For those who prefer terra firma, guests can learn more about the wonders of the ocean in the Manta Hologram Room — the Maldives' only immersive holographic experience, offering cutting-edge encounters with mantas and other marine marvels.

And for manta enthusiasts at home, the latest collaboration between Four Seasons and The Manta Trust is an interactive app (The Manta Story) that enables users to deepen their connection to these awe-inspiring creatures from anywhere in the world.

For more: [www.fourseasons.com/maldives/](http://www.fourseasons.com/maldives/); [www.mantatrust.org/](http://www.mantatrust.org/)

## A wildlife wonderland: Yellowstone

When you see a gaggle of cars stopped alongside the road, it's your first clue. Other visitors to this storied national park, America's first, have stopped to ogle what they came for. Perhaps it's a grizzly with cubs, a lone wolf or a moose snacking in the marshy grass.

Yellowstone, a nearly 3,500-square-mile wilderness recreation area, sitting atop a volcanic hot spot, is a nature lover's nirvana. Beyond the wildlife, visitors come to hike or snowshoe alongside alpine rivers, through lush forests and to marvel at the gushing geysers, most notably, Old Faithful. Stay in one of the park lodges and you'll wake right in the middle of the action.

For more: [www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yell/index.htm)

## Whale sharks in Cancun

Swimming with the largest fish in the sea is a thrill worth seeking. Whale sharks reach lengths of 40 feet and can weigh 15 tons. Despite their imposing presence, the gentle creatures peacefully share the warm seas with visitors who arrive via boat from the shores of nearby Cancun.

Two at a time, along with a guide, you'll don a life jacket or wet suit and fins before jumping in for a swim with these plankton-slurping vegetarians. No touching is

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Retired DCNR environmental education specialist Diane Madl and John Maday from the Riverfront Parks Committee share information with young visitors about how long it might take a shoe, an aluminum can, Styrofoam and other objects to decompose.

## Nature

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Some of the wood had signs of damage from an insect known as the Emerald Ash Borer, so those limbs would have been from an ash tree. Other branches "are too far gone to identify," Baer said.

Back at the insect station, Holder was advising kids to check themselves for ticks after they had been outdoors.

"Check all over," she said. "Check behind your ears and under your armpits. Have somebody look through your hair."

Ticks can be so tiny in their nymph stage, she said, it's like looking for a poppy seed. Holder had, in fact, brought poppy seeds along to

sprinkle onto animal pelts so youngsters could practice looking for something that small.

At another station, Diane Madl, who retired from Nescopeck State Park last year, and Maday talked to students about how long it might take various discarded items to decompose in a landfill.

"How long do you think it would take for this aluminum can?" Madl asked, holding up a soda can.

"Two months?" one child said. "Five years?" said another.

"Two hundred to 500 years," Madl said, explaining that was why it would be good to recycle the can and let it be transformed into a new product rather than putting it in a landfill.



Students recoil and hold their noses as Lauren Holder from the Luzerne Conservation District offers to let them smell the kind of 'stinky water' that she uses to lure mosquitoes into a trap. A mosquito will be attracted to water that smells like human perspiration in 'an old gym bag' as an ideal place to lay eggs, she explained, because the larvae will have bacteria for nourishment after they hatch.

While a leather boot, which contains some natural components, might be decomposed in 50 years, most other items would last much longer.

"How long do you

think Styrofoam will last?" Madl asked.

"One hundred years?" a girl suggested.

"No one really knows," Madl said, suggesting it would be a very long time, indeed.

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# Kennedy Early Childhood Center names Students of the Month



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Kennedy Earl Childhood Center in Nanticoke announces its Students of the Month, who have excelled in Being Safe, Caring, and Responsible. First row: A'maree Mullins, Sheyla Melendez, EJ Espailat, Liam Carl, Ethan Laton, Giavanna Seise, Sariah Tullis, Blake Roediger, Lyla Parkes, Sania Yarofulani-Boyd, and Marcellus Mendez Ramirez. Second Row: Zachary Sczyrek, Quinn Pientka, Emilett Cardona Rivera, Emily Richards, A'legasie Brinson, Emerald Durham, Viktor Ostrom, Orion Corsino, Hadley Wright-Fullerton, Lylah Meyers, Emerott Pena Mojica, Miriam Castillo Munoz, and Daleyza William-Figueroa. Absent: Lham Suarez Pena. Our Super Student of the Month was Sheyla Melendez

# Meadows celebrates National Volunteer Appreciation Week



Submitted Photo

Shown from left are, back row: Rachel Dunn (Marketing/Volunteer Program Director), Don Recicar, Norman Johnstone, Rosemary Krispin, Nancy Space, Mike Marino, Ann Klione, Carle Welter, Lou Ellen Zekas, Jayne Haefele, Linda Schuler, Kerrigan Miller, Jill Giunta, Deborah Justice, Nancy Vanderhook, Ellianna Miller. Front row: Toni Straigis, Mary Urban, Justin Sarker, Susan Worth, Lisa Buzalka, Betsy Pitcavage, Claudia Briggs, Marie Belasco, Mary Ladish, Sandra Simon

The Meadows recently hosted a volunteer appreciation luncheon at the Irem Clubhouse in recognition of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, celebrating the dedicated individuals who generously give their time and talents to support residents.

The event brought together members of The Meadows Auxiliary and staff for an afternoon of gratitude and recognition, highlighting the vital role volunteers play in enriching residents' lives through companionship, programming, and ongoing support.

Several volunteers were recognized for their years of service and commitment: Jean Alaniz (10 Years), Mary Ladish (10 Years), Toni Straigis (10 Years), Marie Belasco (30 years), Betsy Pitcavage (30 years) In addition, Mary Urban was honored by the

Activities Department for her exceptional dedication and continued support of resident programs. The Meadows Auxiliary, comprised of more than 60 active members, continues to make a meaningful impact through event planning, fundraising initiatives,

and hands-on involvement with residents. Signature efforts include organizing community events such as the annual Market on the Pond. In 2025, the Auxiliary donated more than \$14,000 to benefit residents, reflecting the group's ongoing com-

mitment to enhancing the quality of life at The Meadows. "The generosity and compassion of our volunteers truly make a difference every day," said Rachel Dunn, Marketing & Volunteer Program Director. "We are deeply grateful for their continued dedication and support."

For more information about volunteer opportunities at The Meadows, please visit their website [www.themeadowsdallas.com](http://www.themeadowsdallas.com) or call (570) 675-8600.



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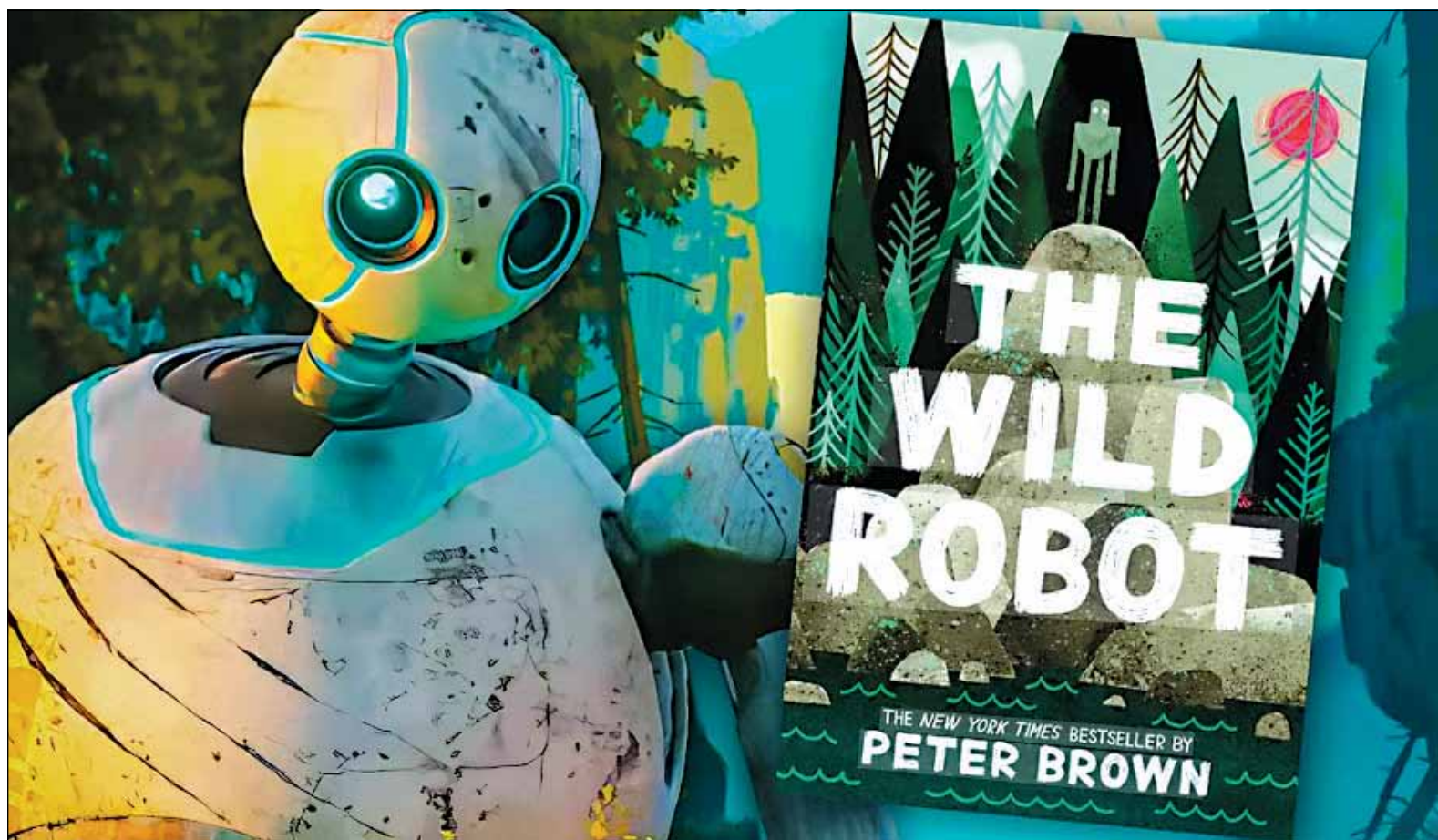
Owen Naperski, son of Edward and Shelby Naperski of Forty Fort, is celebrating his ninth birthday today, May 6. Owen is the grandson of Jack and Pat Schultz of Kingston and Edward and Carol Naperski of Larksville. Owen has a sister, Bryn, 12 years old.

# Dietrich to debut Pages and Popcorn: The Wild Robot

The Dietrich Theater is inviting young readers on an adventure that begins with a book, continues with a movie, and ends with a flurry of lively comparisons, popcorn crumbs, and big ideas. This May, the theater will debut Pages and Popcorn: The Wild Robot, a brand-new, delightfully imaginative three-day book club designed for 6th graders who love stories, snacks, and spirited conversation.

Over the course of three Thursdays, participants will journey alongside Roz the robot as she navigates the wilderness, friendship, and the mysteries of nature.

The series begins on Thursday, May 7, from 4 to 5 p.m. with a book discussion that promises thoughtful chatter and light snacks. One week later, on Thursday, May 14, from 4 to 5:45 p.m., students will settle into the theater for a special screening of "The Wild Robot," complete with a small popcorn and a small drink. The adventure wraps up on Thursday,



Submitted Artwork

**Pages and Popcorn: The Wild Robot is a three-day book club designed for sixth graders.**

May 21, from 4 to 5 p.m., when readers and viewers alike will compare the book to its film adaptation, discovering what changed, what stayed true, and what surprised

them most.

Guided by facilitators Sara Ergott and Kristy Ritz, this free program invites sixth graders (ages 11-12) to explore storytelling in all its

forms. Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of "The Wild Robot," provided in part by The Little Book Place and the Dietrich Theater. Students are encouraged

to pick up their book at the Dietrich Theater in advance and read it before the first session.

Pages and Popcorn is generously sponsored by Rand Whipple & Eliza-

beth Dowd.

Admission is free; to register, call the Dietrich Theater at 570-836-1022 x3, then stop by to collect your book and begin your journey into the wild.

## Trips

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allowed (the mega-fish are considered a "vulnerable species") but you can swim alongside as they thrust forward their supersize square jaws and begin filtering everything in their path like a water-born vacuum cleaner.

For more: [www.can-cun.travel](http://www.can-cun.travel); [www.solobu-ceo.com](http://www.solobu-ceo.com).

### Burros in Oatman, Arizona

Yep, it's true. There are more wild burros

than people in this small town tucked within a Bureau of Land Management wilderness area along the famous Route 66. The burros are the offspring of the original critters that worked alongside gold miners back in the day. Some shops even sell carrots that can be fed to the four-legged creatures. The colorful town might have faded into history were it not for the resurgence of interest in the Mother Road. And the burros, of course.

Today visitors channel the Wild West his-

tory (be on the lookout for staged shoot outs on Main Street), stroll along wide-planked wooden sidewalks, go for a hike in the adjacent wilderness areas and briefly consider adopting a burro.

For more: [www.visit-arizona.com](http://www.visit-arizona.com)

### Pryor Mountain Wild Mustang Center, Wyoming and Montana

Learn about the evolution, habitat, social interaction and historical significance of this mustang herd during a tour of the extraordinary landscape that

is their home. Many believe the magnificent creatures are descendants of Spanish horses brought to the area by Native American tribes, including the Crow. The daylong tour, available May through October, might include bear, bighorn sheep and other wildlife sightings as you traverse land that straddles the Montana and Wyoming border.

For more: [www.visitmt.com](http://www.visitmt.com); [www.travel-wyoming.com](http://www.travel-wyoming.com).

### Bison at Custer State Park, South Dakota

Each year the public

has been invited to hear the thunder of hooves and photograph the moment as experienced riders roundup a herd of some 1,300 buffalo during the state's Buffalo Round Up and Arts Festival. Considered a critical management tool in maintaining a healthy herd, the buffalo are corralled and then tested, branded and sorted.

The fall event typically includes a pancake feed, Western and Native American entertainment, and the chance to peruse the fine art and crafts

offered by more than 150 vendors. Weather permitting, you can snag top-notch views of wildlife via the 18-mile Wildlife Loop State Scenic Byway. Possible sightings include elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and the resident bison roaming the park.

For more: <https://www.travelsouthdakota.com/things-do/events/custer-state-park-buffalo-roundup>

Lynn O'Rourke Hayes ([LOHayes.com](http://LOHayes.com)) is an author, family travel expert and enthusiastic explorer. Gather more travel intel on Twitter [@lohayes](https://twitter.com/lohayes), Facebook, or via [FamilyTravel.com](http://FamilyTravel.com)

## Pasta

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But chorizo is the star here, and to make matters worse, I inadvertently cut up a bit more than called for. Of course, you can adapt this to your tastes, using milder or hotter sausage, with as much or as little as you want.

*Dobru chut!*

### Pasta Spirals with Pepperoni (or Chorizo) and Tomato Sauce (Pasta and Pizza Presto)

- 1 medium onion
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for tossing the pasta
- 1 3/4 pound canned chopped tomatoes

- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
  - 2 teaspoons paprika
  - 6 ounces pepperoni or chorizo
  - 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
  - salt and pepper
  - 1 pound pasta spirals (fusilli)
- Chop the onion. Halve and seed the bell peppers, removing the cores, then dice the flesh.

Heat oil in a medium saucepan. Add the onion and cook for 2-3 minutes until beginning to color. Stir in the bell peppers, tomatoes, tomato paste and paprika. Bring to a boil and simmer, uncovered, for 15-20 minutes until reduced and thickened.

Slice the pepperoni/chorizo (I cut it into

smaller pieces, first quartering it lengthwise and then slicing it) and stir into the sauce with two tablespoons chopped parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste. While the sauce is simmering, cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain and toss with more parsley and a little olive oil. Divide into bowls and top with the sauce. Or, as I did, mix the drained pasta with the sauce in the pan and serve.



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Ingredients for a fairly simple pasta turned spicy with the addition of chorizo. The recipe actually calls for pepperoni, suggesting the Mexican sausage as an alternative.

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# Making cut flowers last well beyond Mother's Day

By Jessica Damiano  
The Associated Press

There's nothing quite like receiving a fresh bouquet of cut flowers. They can cheer up a room, bring a bit of nature indoors and, if you're lucky, release a heavenly fragrance.

But nothing kills that vibe quicker than stinky, slimy, wilted flowers poking out of a vase full of brown water.

Bacteria is one of the main causes of premature bouquet deaths. Its presence in vase water clogs stems and speeds up decay. Dehydration, either from a lack of water or a stem's inability to absorb it, results in wilting. And exposure to ethylene gas exuded by neighboring decaying flowers or ripening fruit hastens aging.

But with proper preparation and care, you can greatly increase the lifespan of your bouquets.

First, I'd like to put an end to some bad advice that's been floating around: Despite what you might have read, smashing the cut ends

of flower stems does not increase water uptake. In fact, it would destroy a portion of the stems' vascular system, responsible for transporting water through the stem. It would also expose fresh plant tissue to water, which accelerates rotting. Don't do it.

If you are cutting flowers from your garden, do so in the morning when stems are the most hydrated, then immediately place them into a container of water.

Regardless of whether your bouquets are picked or purchased, these tips will greatly improve their longevity.

1. Always start with a clean vase.

2. Remove any leaves that land below the container's water line, or they will introduce bacteria as they rot.

3. Using a clean, sharp knife or garden pruners, trim 1-2 inches off the bottom of each stem at a 45-degree angle. This will maximize the surface area, allowing flowers to take up more water and preventing blockages that can result when



An arrangement of flowers, their stems trimmed and lower foliage removed, appears in a clean vase filled with water on May 2, 2024.

stems lay flat against container bottoms. For woody stems, scrape a bit of bark away from the sides of angled cuts.

4. Add flower food. The little packet that comes with your bouquet contains sugar, citric acid and bleach, which lower the water's pH and inhibit bacterial growth. Follow the dosing instructions on the packet; using too much can burn foliage and shorten the life of your flowers.

5. Add ¼ cup of sugar-sweetened citrus soda or a tablespoon of vodka (or other clear spirit) as a booster. Soda helps keep water acidic and feeds

flowers; vodka inhibits spoilage.

6. Keep flowers away from drafts, such as open windows, ceiling fans, forced-air heaters or air conditioning units, out of direct sunlight and away from fruit, which releases ethylene gas as it ripens.

7. Wash the vase, remove fading flowers and leaves, trim another one-quarter to one-half inch off stem bottoms and replace flower food and booster every other day.

8. There's a reason florists store flowers in a refrigerated case. Just as it does food, refrigeration keeps flowers fresher



An arrangement of flowers, with their stems trimmed on an angle and lower foliage removed, is prepared on May 2, 2024.

longer. Tuck your bouquet into the fridge every night to slow the aging process.

Jessica Damiano writes regular gardening columns for the AP and publishes the award-winning Weekly Dirt Newsletter. You can sign up here for weekly gardening tips and advice.

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## NURSES WEEK 2026

### MAGNET EXCITEMENT EVENT IS A HOME RUN

The nursing teams at Geisinger Wyoming Valley (GWV), Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre (GSWB) and Geisinger Healthplex Centerpoint hit it out of the park with a Magnet excitement event — celebrating their current Magnet designation, earned in 2024, and setting their sights on Magnet designation #3. A Magnet designation is awarded for a 4-year period.

Magnet designation is the gold standard in nursing, awarded by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to

healthcare organizations that demonstrate excellence in nursing practice and patient care. Achieving Magnet recognition involves passing a rigorous and lengthy application process that demands widespread participation from leadership and staff. It's teamwork in its truest form and was made possible with the support of all Geisinger team members at GWV, GSWB and Healthplex Centerpoint. This designation validates

the high quality of care that Geisinger's nurses, and the entire care team, provide — and they continue to rise to the challenge.

To continue celebrating this achievement and the ongoing work behind it, nursing team members rounded at the different locations with interactive carts that covered all the Magnet ballpark. From classic ballpark snacks to hands-on activities, the excitement was contagious and team spirit was on full display.



(Left to right) Dr. Lindsey Ford DNP, RN, NP-BC: System Senior Director of Nursing Excellence & Nurse Residency/Fellowship Programs; Danielle Pieczynski, ASN, RN: GWV Inpatient RN Obstetrics; Wendy Franklin, BSN, RN, CCRN, PHRN: GWV Inpatient RN PeriOp; Michele Polney, BSN, RN: GWV Inpatient RN Critical Care; Raphael Ferro, BSN, RN: GWV Inpatient RN Critical Care; Rachel Cuniffe MSN, RN, RNC-OB, NP-BC: System Magnet Program Director





Alexandria Dunnion, Outstanding Adult Learner, left, is congratulated by Julie Lenio, Director of Scranton Extension Center. Submitted Photo

# LCCC student honored as Outstanding Adult Learner

Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) student Alexandria Dunnion of Scranton has been recognized as an Outstanding Adult Learner by the Luzerne County Council on Adult Higher Education (LCCAHE).

Dunnion was honored during the 37th Annual Outstanding Adult Learner Award Reception held April 21 at King's College. The annual event celebrates the achievements and contributions of adult learners from institutions across Luzerne County, including Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Misericordia University, King's College, Luzerne County Community College, and Wilkes University.

A Human Services

major at LCCC's Scranton Center, Dunnion has distinguished herself academically with a 3.94 grade point average while earning 53 credits toward her Associate in Applied Science degree. She is a member of several academic honor societies, including Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Beta, Alpha Sigma Lambda, and Sigma Kappa Delta, and has received multiple academic awards and scholarships recognizing her excellence and leadership.

Beyond the classroom, Dunnion is actively engaged in her community. She volunteers with youth scouting programs, assists with food distribution at St. Paul's Food Bank, coordinates holiday meals for homebound residents, and

provides advocacy and care for elderly individuals in the Scranton area.

Dunnion's journey to higher education is one of resilience and transformation. "My entry to LCCC wasn't just about getting a degree; it was about a total transformation of character," she said. "Today, I am over 12 years clean and sober and have become a leader in my program."

She credits her experiences with shaping her academic drive and future goals. After graduating from LCCC, Dunnion plans to transfer to Marywood University to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work. She hopes to build a career in drug rehabilitation, specializing in co-occurring disorders.

"I intend to spend my career helping others realize that no matter how difficult their past may be, a bright future built on integrity is possible," Dunnion said.

Dunnion said her greatest motivation is her 11-year-old son, whom she describes as a high-achieving student and leader. "Every academic achievement and every award I earn is a brick in the foundation I am building for my son's future," she said.

The LCCAHE Outstanding Adult Learner Award highlights the dedication, perseverance, and accomplishments of adult students who balance academics with work, family, and community responsibilities.

## Hints

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**SEND A GREAT HINT TO:** [Heloise@Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise@Heloise.com)

### LESS DISHES TO WASH

Dear Heloise: I've recently adopted a very environmentally conscious system for managing my drinking glasses. Instead of recklessly tossing a perfectly usable glass straight into the dishwasher after a single use, I thoughtfully leave it on the counter so that it can continue its productive use throughout the day. Coffee in the morning, milk at lunch, iced tea in the afternoon — same dependable glass, multiple missions.

By reusing the same glass several times

before finally loading it into the dishwasher the next day, I'm dramatically reducing the number of dishes that need to be washed. Fewer dishwasher cycles, less water used, and less work overall! — Bill C., in Kenosha, Wisconsin

### SHREDDED PAPER USES

Dear Heloise: The trash/recycling company that services our neighborhood doesn't accept shredded paper. We've started using it to soak up grease from cooking and frying. We pour some shredded paper into the trash bag, followed by grease and possibly more shredded paper depending on the amount of grease.

Another use for it is to soak up latex paint prior to disposing of it in our household trash. — Anni, via email

## Horoscope

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### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Life looks worse than it is today. Keep this in mind and remind yourself to stay positive — because you can. Sometimes happiness is a state of mind; it's a choice. Nevertheless, you might feel hurt, slighted or separated from a family member today. Things will look better by Friday. Tonight: You're strong.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Home and family are your focus, and today you want to socialize. Nevertheless, for some reason, you feel cut off

from others, which is why you might seek solitude. Don't listen to criticism. It's not real. Things look worse than they are today. Courage! Tonight: Solitude.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might be disappointed in a friend today. They might criticize you or fail to respond to your needs. You might even feel cut off from someone. Possibly this relates to financial matters, money or a possession or something you own. Let it go, because this is a temporary, negative confusion today. Tonight: Friendships.

### BORN TODAY

Actor George Clooney (1961), actress Leslie Hope (1965), actress Adrienne Palicki (1984)

## Annie

From page 7C

Dear Annie: My sister and I have always been close, but ever since she retired, she has become far more involved in everyone else's lives than anyone asked her to be. She comments on how I run my house, what my children should be doing and even what I ought to say to my husband during disagreements. If I push back, she says she is "only trying to help" and acts hurt, as though I am ungrateful.

I know she means well, but her constant opinions are exhausting. I have started screening her calls because I do not have the energy for another lecture disguised as concern. At the same time, I do not want to damage our relationship, because I do love her and know she has been there for me through difficult times.

How do I tell someone I love that their "help" feels more like control? — Smothered by Sisterly Love

Dear Smothered: Your sister may be calling it help, but if it leaves you feeling managed instead of supported, then it is time for a gentle boundary. Love does not require unlimited access to your decisions.

Tell her kindly that you value her concern, but you need less advice and more trust. She may be hurt for a moment, but better a brief sting than a lasting resentment.

Families stay closer when everyone minds their own garden a little more.

"Out of Bounds: Estrangement, Boundaries and the Search for Forgiveness" is out now! Annie Lane's third anthology is for anyone who has lived with anger, estrangement or the deep ache of being wronged — because forgiveness isn't for them. It's for you. Visit <http://www.creatorspublishing.com> for more information. Follow Annie Lane on Instagram at @dearannieofficial. Send your questions for Annie Lane to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com).

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Applications can also be dropped off at the Secondary Center, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 pm. Only complete application packets will be considered.

Deadline for applications is Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 12:00 noon.  
 Please see full description on the Wyoming Area website at www.wyomingarea.org

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#### NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 10, 2026, the Petition for Change of Name of **Jessica Elodia Muniz**, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, docket number 2931 of 2026, praying for a Decree to change his/her name to Jessica Velazco. The Court has set a hearing date on May 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711, as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested parties may appear and show good cause why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

#### ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of **JON JEFFERY MERTIS**, AKA JEFF, late of CITY OF WILKES BARRE. Letters Testamentary have been granted to the individual named below, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the Estate of the Decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payments without delay to: Shelly Lynn Mertis Executor, Number: 4026-0673 188 Riverside Dr, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

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#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **Joseph Reilly a/k/a Robert J. Reilly**

Late of Hanover Township  
 Hanover Township PA 18706

Date of Death:  
 February 27, 2026

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons owing said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against it make known the same without delay. Thomas Charles Reilly, Executor c/o Robert A. Bull, Esquire Law Offices of Bull & Bull, LLC 106 Market Street Berwick, PA 18603 Attorney

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Nanticoke will hold a Board of Appeals for Property Maintenance Appeals hearing scheduled for **May 13, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.**, in Council Chambers at the Nanticoke Municipal Building, 15 East Ridge Street, Nanticoke, PA 18634. At such hearing, the appeal of Lynn Humanik will be heard relative to property situated at 279-281 East Church Street, Nanticoke, PA.

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ESTATE OF **GEORGE RICHARD EVANS** a/k/a Richard Evans, late of Avoca (died January 24, 2026), Donna Evans, Executrix; Anthony J. Lumbis, Esquire, 3 Kyra Way, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

#### ESTATE NOTICE

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#### NAME CHANGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April, 24, 2026, the Petition for Change of Name of **Jamie Gibson**, was filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Luzerne County, docket number 4864 of 2026, praying for a Decree to change Amin Romeo Skibinski to Amin Romeo Gibson. The Court has set a hearing date on June, 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brominski Building, 3rd Floor, 113 West North Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711, as the time and place for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all interested parties may appear and show good cause why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of **Joseph Reilly a/k/a Robert J. Reilly**

Late of Hanover Township  
 Hanover Township PA 18706

Date of Death:  
 February 27, 2026

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary in the above-named estate have been granted to the undersigned, to whom all persons owing said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against it make known the same without delay. Thomas Charles Reilly, Executor c/o Robert A. Bull, Esquire Law Offices of Bull & Bull, LLC 106 Market Street Berwick, PA 18603 Attorney

#### TINSLEY, SUE A

Estate of **SUE A TINSLEY**

Court Term No. 4026-0502

Late of **DALLAS TOWNSHIP LUZERNE COUNTY** deceased

#### ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the above estate, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

**BRIAN F LEVINE** administrator  
 22 EAST GRANT STREET  
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#### TITLE REQUEST

Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, Civil Division, No. 05242 of 2026, Bandit Trailer, AND NOW, this 5th day of May, 2026, IT IS ORDERED, upon consideration of the Petition for Involuntary Transfer of Motor Vehicle ownership, a hearing in the above-captioned matter is scheduled for: June 8, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 N. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Legal Notices / Notices To Creditors

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#### Public Notice

Pursuant to the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Rules and Regulations and Clean Streams Law, notice is hereby given that Northampton Fuel Supply Co., Inc, 1 Horwith Drive, Northampton, PA 18067-9728, has made application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for renewal of its existing surface coal mine (coal refuse reprocessing) permit. The current permit number 40900203 was issued on October 3, 1991, and will expire on October 3, 2026. The receiving stream for the permit area is Newport Creek.

The operation is located in Newport Township, Luzerne County, and is known as the Glen Lyon South Operation. The 49.5 acre permit area is located approximately 0.2 miles northwest of the village of Glen Lyon and can be located on the Nanticoke Quadrangle U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographic map by measuring 9 1/4 inches north and 11 3/4 inches west from the printed area on the lower right hand corner of the map.

A copy of the renewal application is available for public viewing and copying (for a fee) at the PA DEP Northeast Regional Office, 2 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915. It is also available for public viewing and copying (for a fee) at the PA DEP Pottsville District Office, 5 West Laurel Boulevard, Pottsville, PA 17901. Written comments, objections, or a request for a public hearing or informal conference may be submitted to Mr. Michael Kutney, District Mining Manager, at the Pottsville District Office address listed above, no later than June 12, 2026, and must include the person's name, address, telephone number, and a brief statement as to the nature of the objection(s).

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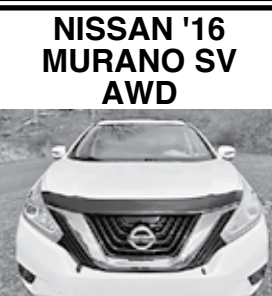
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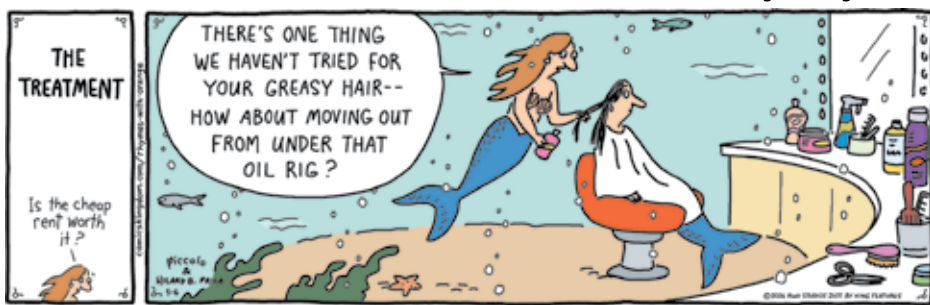
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By Vic Lee



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King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★

**Today's Solution**

Difficulty: ★★★

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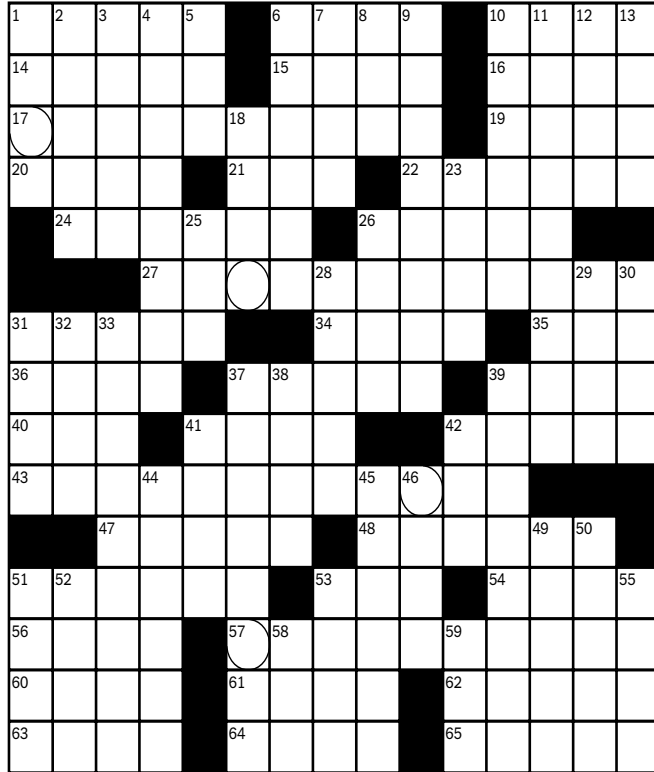
- 1 "Don't \_\_\_ me!"
- 6 Alternative to check or card
- 10 World traveler's need
- 14 Old Hollywood nickname that sounds like a golf term
- 15 Birthplace of seven U.S. presidents
- 16 They can be bruised or inflated
- 17 Quip, part 1
- 19 "Golly!"
- 20 Epitome of smoothness
- 21 Nail-biting sports periods, for short
- 22 Bone that squeaks, maybe
- 24 Takes care of
- 26 Implied
- 27 Quip, part 2
- 31 Apple pan \_\_\_ (baked pastry)

- 34 Waze ways: Abbr.
- 35 Go a-courtin'?
- 36 Airline predictions, for short
- 37 Stores selling Snödrottning pillowcases
- 39 Scottish caps
- 40 "Fear \_\_\_"
- 41 Either of two wives of Henry VIII
- 42 Vault in a mummy movie
- 43 Quip, part 3
- 47 Cry from a bandleader
- 48 "Wow, cool!"
- 51 Leave undisturbed
- 53 Environmentally friendly: Prefix
- 54 Word before market or collar
- 56 Tennis legend Arthur
- 57 Quip, part 4
- 60 Awaken slowly
- 61 Mine finds
- 62 Awaken rudely

- 63 Cheek
- 64 "Ramona the \_\_\_" (Beverly Cleary book)
- 65 Nash who wrote "Who wants my jellyfish? / I'm not sellyfish!"

### DOWN

- 1 Outdoor events with grills, for short
- 2 Julia \_\_\_-Dreyfus of "Veep"
- 3 Light on one's feet
- 4 Happy Meal chain, informally
- 5 "Yikes!"
- 6 Second wedding anniversary material
- 7 Moments of understanding
- 8 Walter Scott or Isaac Newton
- 9 Occasions for getting gussied up
- 10 Kind of burger that lacks meat
- 11 "Listen, hear me out on this ..."
- 12 Meh
- 13 Like a burnt-out firepit
- 18 Annual D.C. address, for short
- 23 Phil who sang the protest song "The War Is Over"
- 25 Kind of burger that lacks meat
- 26 "Toodle-oo!"
- 28 Environmentally friendly
- 29 Rear end



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- 30 Word repeated while trying out a microphone
- 31 Cozy rooms
- 32 Midwestern native
- 33 "Look what I can do!"
- 37 Genre that combines mainstream and underground music
- 38 Do some crafting
- 39 Amphibian with specialized toe pads
- 41 Opposed
- 42 MS NOW competitor
- 44 Edmonton's hockey team
- 45 Swarming insect
- 46 Restaurant chain with locations in more than a dozen countries, thus justifying the first letter in its name
- 49 So others can hear
- 50 Nervous
- 51 Gal in Glasgow
- 52 "Cómo \_\_\_ usted?"
- 53 What hearts represent in the face of a love emoji
- 55 Subject line abbr.
- 58 "How \_\_\_ you?"
- 59 Natural hairstyle, for short

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Yesterday's answer

### ACROSS

- 1 Mimics
- 5 Stetson, e.g.
- 8 Scored 100 on
- 12 Arrive
- 13 Hot temper
- 14 Prolonged sleep
- 15 Calculates
- 17 During
- 18 Repair a roof
- 19 Venue
- 21 Tavern order
- 22 Similar
- 23 Actor Cage, to friends
- 26 Branch
- 28 Bags
- 31 Italy's silhouette
- 33 Spanish pronoun
- 35 Persian leader
- 36 Curry spice
- 38 Dean's list stat
- 40 CBS logo
- 41 Within (Pref.)
- 43 Prof's helpers
- 45 Bloody Mary spirits
- 47 Teeing off
- 51 Author Wiesel
- 52 Clara or Robert Schumann
- 54 Rip
- 55 "Aladdin" monkey
- 56 Sitarist Shankar
- 57 Taxpayer IDs
- 58 Edge
- 59 Frog's kin
- 2 Milne bruin
- 3 "The New Colossus" poet
- 4 Nasal partitions
- 5 Casual greeting
- 6 Verb for you
- 7 Inventor Nikola
- 8 Spiny trees
- 9 Uto-Aztec language
- 10 Actor Jannings
- 11 Miami — County
- 16 Golden State sch.
- 20 Agrees to
- 23 "SNL" network
- 24 Chit
- 25 Late night host, usually
- 27 Food additive
- 29 Jay follower
- 30 "Ain't — Sweet"
- 32 Fiddles (with)
- 34 Very best
- 37 Secret-protecting doc.
- 39 50-and-over org.
- 42 Grouchy Muppet
- 44 Hybrid garment for women
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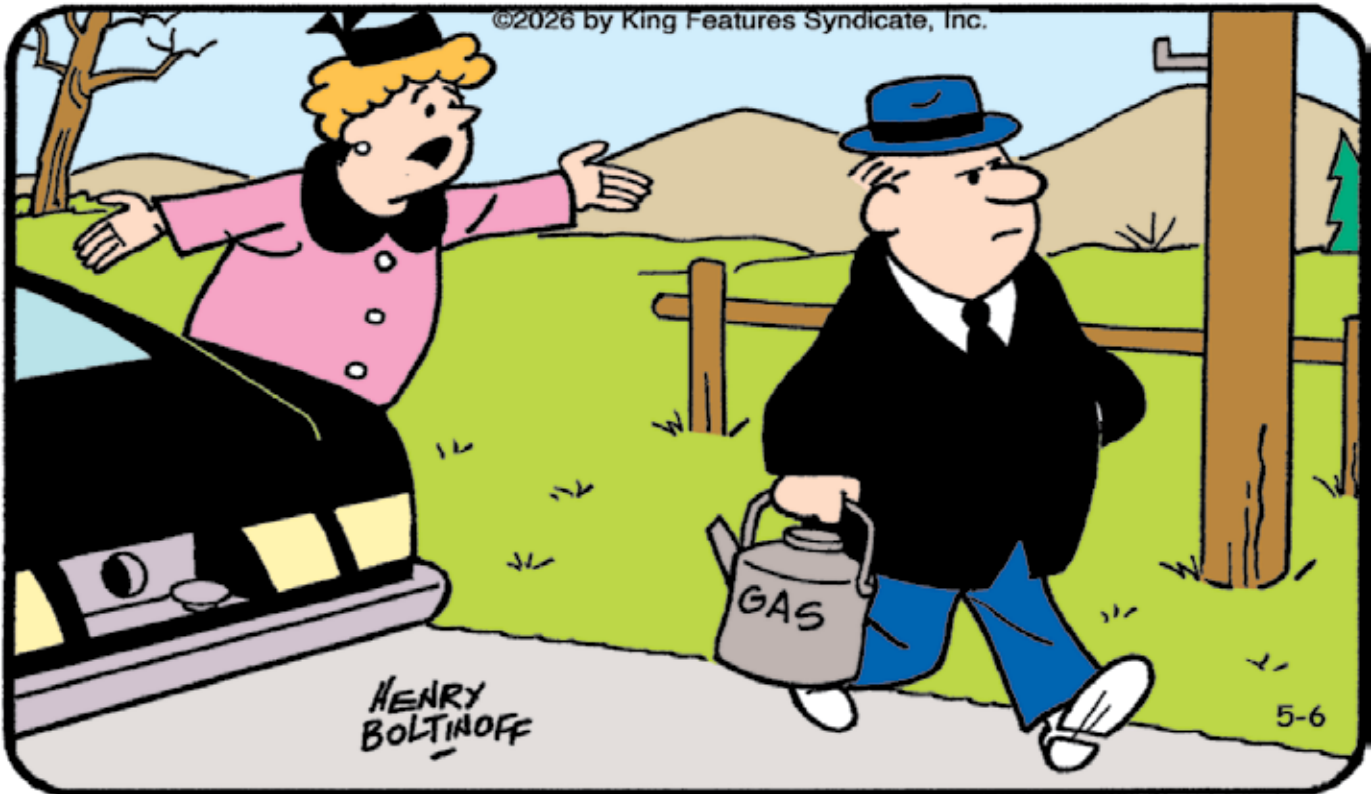
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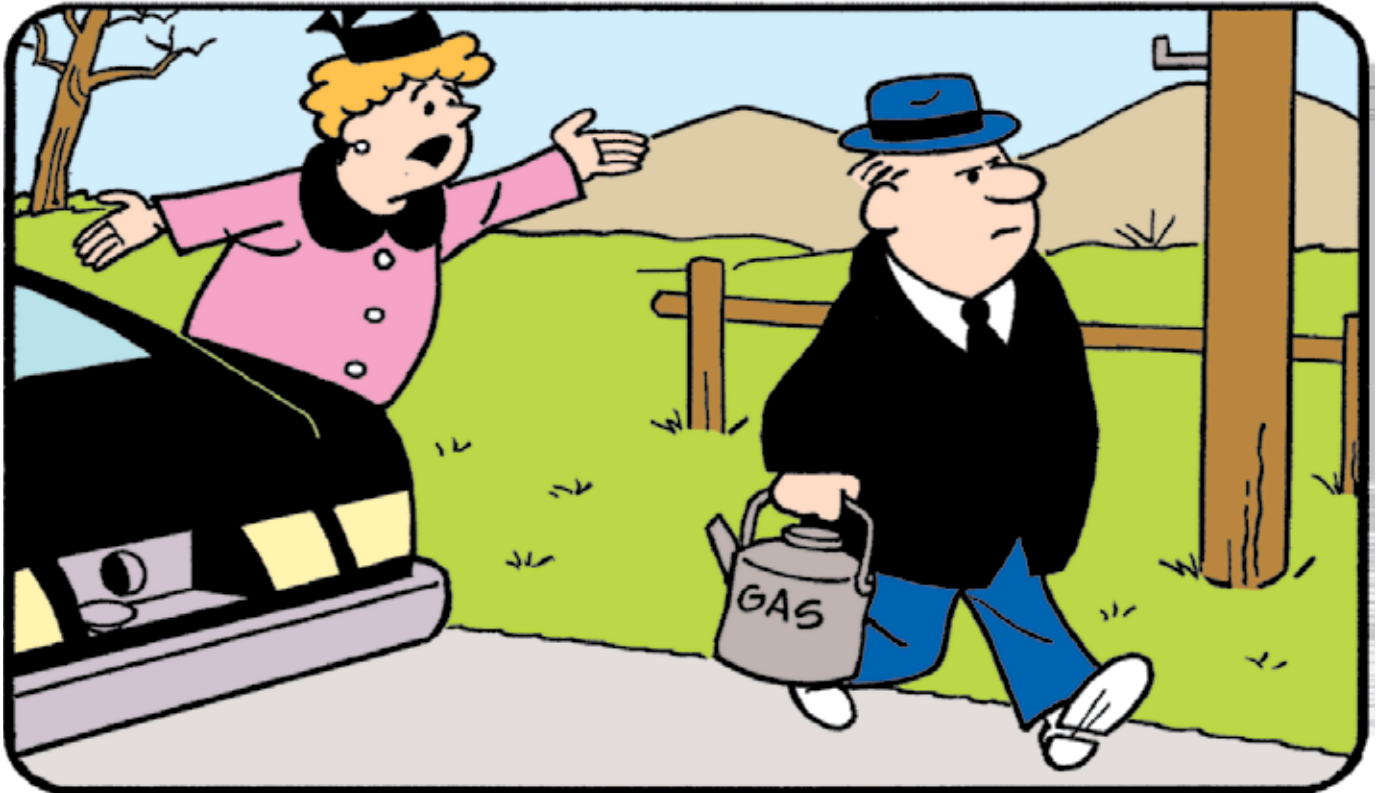
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# PRINTABLE PUZZLES



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree is missing. 2. Arm is raised. 3. Bumper is larger. 4. Mountain is missing. 5. Arm is not showing. 6. Gas cap is moved.



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## SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

### Subject: POPULAR BREAKFAST CEREALS

Complete the two-word cereal name. The number of letters in the answer is given. (Example: Honey \_\_\_\_ (6). Answer: Honey Smacks.)

#### FRESHMAN LEVEL

- Corn \_\_\_\_ (6)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- Rice \_\_\_\_ (8)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- Raisin \_\_\_\_ (4)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

#### GRADUATE LEVEL

- Frosted \_\_\_\_ (6)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- Froot \_\_\_\_ (5)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- Lucky \_\_\_\_ (6)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

#### PH.D. LEVEL

- All-\_\_\_\_ (4)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- Cocoa \_\_\_\_ (5)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_
- Cap'n \_\_\_\_ (6)  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. Corn Flakes. 2. Rice Krispies. 3. Raisin Bran. 4. Frosted Flakes. 5. Froot Loops. 6. Lucky Charms. 7. All-Bran. 8. Cocoa Puffs. 9. Cap'n Crunch.

#### SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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