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TODAY

HIGH 83

Partly sunny and very warm

WINDS: 5-6 mph POP: 0%

TONIGHT

LOW 64

Cloudy and warm

WINDS: SE 4-8 mph POP: 25%

MONDAY

75 / 63

A shower and thunderstorm

WINDS: S 6-12 mph POP: 90%

TUESDAY

71 / 63

Couple of thunderstorms

WINDS: SE 6-12 mph POP: 95%

WEDNESDAY

75 / 60

Morning showers; cloudy, humid

WINDS: SW 6-12 mph POP: 100%

THURSDAY

74 / 52

Mostly cloudy

WINDS: NW 4-8 mph POP: 25%

POP: Probability of Precipitation

Heat index today

An indication of how hot it feels based on the humidity and temperature. The graph reflects the highest value for the day.

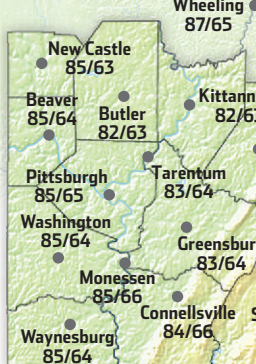
9 a.m. 67 12 p.m. 75 3 p.m. 83 6 p.m. 76

Highest 4 p.m.

Lake Erie forecast

Wind from the east-south-east at 4-8 knots today. Seas less than a foot. Visibility clear to the horizon.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



River stages as of 7 a.m. Saturday

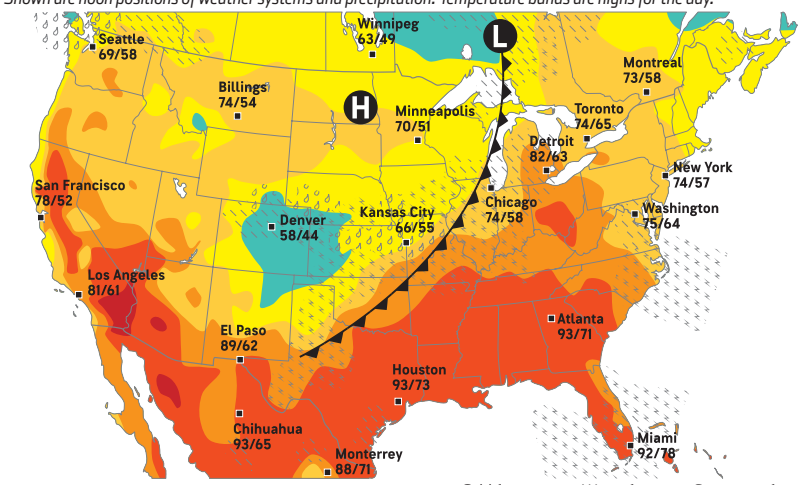
Allegheny	Flood stage	Stage Sat.	24 hr. chg.
Franklin	17	3.23	-0.02
Clinton L&D	21	9.57	+0.01
Freeport L&D	23	9.64	-0.06
Natrona L&D	21	10.29	none
C.W. Bill Young L&D	17	9.91	none
Sharpsburg L&D	21	10.07	none
Loyalhanna Creek	Flood stage	Stage Sat.	24 hr. chg.
Kingston	17	1.47	-0.01
Latrobe	17	5.26	N.A.
Youghiogheny	Flood stage	Stage Sat.	24 hr. chg.
Connellsville	12	2.11	+0.01
Sutersville	20	3.01	none

Regional forecast

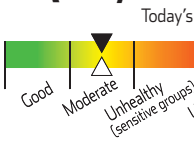
Partly sunny today; a shower in spots in eastern parts of the area during the morning.

National weather today AccuWeather Visit [AccuWeather.com](http://AccuWeather.com)

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



Air Quality Index







Saturday's cause: Ozone  
Statistics for Southwestern Pennsylvania from Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Weather Trivia™

Q: How long are the vertical rays of the sun south of the equator?

Sun & Moon

	Today	Mon.	
Sunrise	7:08 a.m.	7:09 a.m.	
Sunset	7:17 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	
Moonrise	9:57 p.m.	10:46 p.m.	
Moonset	12:49 p.m.	2:01 p.m.	
<b>Last Quarter</b>	<b>New Moon</b>	<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>Full Moon</b>
			
Sept. 24	Oct. 2	Oct. 10	Oct. 17

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Ozone recovery

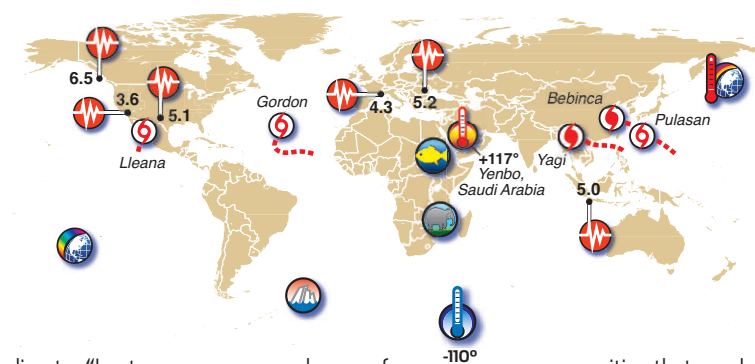
The U.N.'s weather agency reports that the planet's protective ozone layer is on a "path to long-term recovery" despite a temporary setback from the massive volcanic eruption near Tonga in early 2023. The eruption shot water vapor into the stratosphere, briefly accelerating ozone depletion over Antarctica. However, a new World Meteorological Organization report concludes that the ozone layer is gradually thickening after decades of depletion caused by human-made chemicals, which are being phased out. According to the agency, if current policies remain in place, the ozone layer could return to 1980 levels, without a hole, by about 2066.

Earthquakes

One of the strongest quakes in Texas history was felt widely from West Texas to Dallas and San Antonio. Earth movements also were felt around Los Angeles, coastal British Columbia, the French Riviera, eastern Romania and Indonesia's West Java province.

Antarctic ice

The ring of sea ice surrounding Antarctica reached near-record low levels for the second consecutive year in early September, suggesting a potential permanent shift in the region's



climate. "Last year we were talking about whether Antarctic sea ice is undergoing a regime shift. Not anymore," Edward Doddridge from Australia's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies told New Scientist. "Antarctica is pretty definitively answered that question for us. Now we are talking about what the impacts of that regime shift will be." The effect of this trend on Antarctic wildlife is among the greatest concerns.

overhangs of the coral reefs, while its large canines are used to catch passing prey.

Jumbo cull

Zimbabwe announced it will kill around 200 elephants to address a surging population of the animals amid an unprecedented drought. Most of the elephants will be culled in areas where they have clashed with people, with the meat being dried and packed to supply "some

communities that need the protein." Similar culls of elephants and other wild animals have already been conducted in neighboring Namibia.

The new normal

Sports of intense global heating, interspersed with relatively "normal" conditions, should be considered the new normal for the world's climate, according to studies from the University of Miami. Atmospheric scientist Ben Kirtman points to a

period in the mid-2000s when there was a slowdown in climate change, prompting some climate deniers to argue that global warming was over and that carbon emissions were not a problem. "But then it started to warm again," said Kirtman. "The fact is, Mother Nature doesn't draw straight lines. There's natural variability."

Tropical cyclones

Remnants of Typhoon Yagi took another 226 lives in Myanmar. Typhoon Bebinca lashed Shanghai with the highest winds and heaviest rains since Typhoon Gloria struck in 1949. Weaker Tropical Storm Pulasan took a more southerly course days later. Tropical Storm Lleana drenched southern Baja California, while Tropical Storm Gordon churned the central Atlantic Ocean.

'Grumpy' fish

Saudi and American researchers have discovered a new "grumpy" fish species swimming among the coral reefs of the Red Sea. Despite its small size — less than one inch in length — the grumpy dwarfgoby stands out with its long canines and fierce expression. The team first encountered the species in the Farasan Banks of Saudi Arabia. The fish's bright red coloration helps it blend in with the walls and



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Those who discovered the new fish say it was named grumpy because of its "rather unhappy appearance."

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Pick 2	Day: 91	Night: 06
Pick 3	Day: 924	Night: 441
Pick 4	Day: 2017	Night: 1016
Pick 5	Day: 58342	Night: 20213
Wild Ball	Day: 5	Night: 5
Treasure Hunt	10 13 14 17 29	
Cash 5	11 14 30 31 39	
Cash4Life	22 44 47 51 57	
Cash Ball	3	
Match 6	2 19 25 26 36 40	

Matches	Winners	Prize
5 of 5	1	\$12,000
4 of 5	39	\$100
3 of 5	1,125	\$6
2 of 5	8,535	\$1

Today's jackpot at least \$12,000

Matches	Winners	Prize
5 of 5	0	\$0
4 of 5	33	\$200
3 of 5	1,667	\$10
2 of 5	21,280	\$2

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

Pick 2	Day: 26	Night: 68
Pick 3	Day: 521	Night: 445
Pick 4	Day: 8872	Night: 9975
Pick 5	Day: 02424	Night: 72547
Wild Ball	Day: 1	Night: 5
Treasure Hunt	13 15 16 21 27	
Cash 5	10 13 24 28 42	
Cash4Life	17 19 20 49 50	
Cash Ball	2	
Match 6	9 10 37 38 45 49	
Powerball	1 11 22 47 68	
Powerball/Powerplay	7 / 4	
Double Play	16 23 50 53 66	
Powerball	14	

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

Pick 2	Day: 07	Night: 12
Pick 3	Day: 372	Night: 745
Pick 4	Day: 3140	Night: 4166
Pick 5	Day: 53867	Night: 72412
Wild Ball	Day: 5	Night: 9
Treasure Hunt	2 14 20 22 27	
Cash 5	15 17 21 38 40	
Cash4Life	3 11 33 36 45	
Cash Ball	1	
Cash 5	22 30 33 34 43	
Match 6	8 15 34 36 38 41	
Mega Millions	14 31 48 57 64	
Mega Ball/Megaplier	9 / 3	

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

Pick 2	Day: 92	Night: 48
Pick 3	Day: 709	Night: 242
Pick 4	Day: 6549	Night: 3059
Pick 5	Day: 11574	Night: 63079
Wild Ball	Day: 0	Night: 2
Treasure Hunt	8 11 23 26 28	
Cash 5	15 17 21 38 40	
Cash4Life	18 22 31 38 55	
Cash Ball	4	
Match 6	1 15 27 28 32 46	
Powerball	8 9 11 27 31	
Powerball/Powerplay	17 / 5	
Double Play	13 25 38 40 63	
Powerball	23	

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

Pick 2	Day: 88	Night: 79
Pick 3	Day: 508	Night: 200
Pick 4	Day: 3177	Night: 5726
Pick 5	Day: 32918	Night: 29490
Wild Ball	Day: 3	Night: 9
Treasure Hunt	9 14 16 24 26	
Cash 5	2 13 17 23 38	
Cash4Life	5 15 40 51 57	
Cash Ball	2	
Match 6	9 11 22 23 24 33	

# 1 dead, several missing amid flooding in Japan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Heavy rain pounded Japan's northcentral region of Noto on Saturday, which triggered landslides and floods and left one person dead and several missing, officials said.

The deluges caused swollen rivers to overflow, flooding homes and stranding some residents in the region still recovering from the deadly Jan. 1 earthquake.

The Japan Meteorological Agency issued the highest level of heavy rain across several cities in the Ishikawa prefecture, including hard-hit cities Suzu and Wajima on the northern coast of the Noto peninsula.

In Suzu, one person died and another was missing after being swept into floodwaters. One other went missing in the nearby town of Noto, according to the prefecture.

In Wajima, four people were missing following a landslide at a construction site. They were among 60 construction workers repairing a tunnel damaged by January's quake, NHK said, adding that one other was missing because of floods at a different location in the city.

NHK footage at a coastal area of Wajima showed a wooden house torn and tilted after it was apparently hit by a landslide from a steep hill, with muddy water still flowing down. No injuries were reported from the site.

In Noto town, two people were seriously injured while visiting their quake-damaged home when a landslide struck them.

At least 16 rivers in Ishikawa breached their banks as of Saturday afternoon, according to the Land and Infrastructure Ministry. Residents were urged to use maximum caution against possible mudslides.

By late afternoon Saturday, about 1,350 residents were taking shelter at designated community centers, school gymnasiums and other town facilities, authorities said.

Up to 7.8 inches of rain is predicted in the region through noon on Sunday.

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# Franklin Regional inks exclusive merchandising contract

Booster groups worried about how deal will affect sales of Panther products

By PATRICK VARINE

Franklin Regional booster groups are worried their fundraising efforts will be hurt as school district leaders enter into an exclusive agreement with a Unity printing company to create official merchandise. “I implore you not to grant rights to just one company,” said Joy Siegman, president of the Franklin Regional Football Boosters. “My biggest fear is that with one vendor, we’ll be limited in our timelines and what we can have access to. We do all our own fundraising, and a lot of it comes through clothing, so it would impact

us greatly if this is where it’s going.” At issue was use of the trademarked logo and branding that school officials have developed over the past decade. Board members voted 6-3 to approve an exclusive merchandising agreement with Fancy Fox, a Murrysville printing company recently acquired by Unity Printing, based near Latrobe. “We created a brand that we could have control of, and we looked at it as a future revenue opportunity,” school district Superintendent Gennaro Piraino said. “We also knew, at that time, that we weren’t

ready for that just yet, because we didn’t have someone who could meet the demand, have a storefront in the community, be online and work with our booster organizations. So we allowed our boosters to take that logo and do with it as they may.” **Store created** That would change with the exclusive merchandising agreement, which creates the Panther Den, an online and brick-and-mortar store that would be open year-round to sell Franklin Regional-branded merchandise. The school dis-

trict holds seven trademark licenses with the state for things such as the school logo and panther mascot. The three-year contract’s exclusive aspect had boosters concerned. “I have children who play multiple sports, and we buy merchandise from multiple local vendors,” said Laura Vrable with the Franklin Regional Soccer Boosters. “If we have one vendor who everyone has to use, there’s a huge push at the beginning of the school year for merchandise.” Booster representatives said

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Members of the Franklin Regional baseball team wear branded shirts printed by local vendors.

# CELEBRATING *Scottdale in style*



PHOTOS: RENATTA SIGNORINI | TRIBLIVE



**Clockwise from left:** Jayne Canose wears period attire while waiting for the start of the Scottdale Fall Festival; Jack Scott, a participant in the Scottdale 150th Anniversary Committee’s parade float, hands out candy; other parade participants toss candy to the crowd.

# Borough observes its 150th anniversary

By RENATTA SIGNORINI

For years, Jayne Canose walked in parades around the Scottdale area outfitted in handmade regalia of a different time. On Saturday, she rode, waving a gloved hand at those who lined the streets to watch the parade. Canose was at one time the leader of the Scottdale American Women, also known as the “Victorian ladies,” a group of about 20 women who donned Victorian or suffragette-era attire and walked in parades. She made many of the dresses that the members wore. The group traveled to Harrisburg in 2006 to represent the area during the centennial celebration of the dedication of the state Capitol. Any funds the group received went to help community charitable causes, Canose said. “Jayne is an icon in this community because of the Victorian ladies and her participation and volunteerism,” said Rhonda Hamrock, a member of the

Scottdale 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Canose, 91, returned to the streets of Scottdale on Saturday to participate in the parade during the community’s fall festival. She and 15 others wore sashes and period-specific outfits as part of the committee’s float to represent different decades of the town’s evolution over the last 150 years. Canose portrayed the 1890s in an exquisite pink gown she made with lace detailing and a pink sash, topped with a flower-adorned hat. She described herself as a fourth-generation seamstress. Her outfit was quite a culture shock from Hamrock’s, who represented the 1990s grunge era with a nose ring, pink wig, studded choker, T-shirt and denim shorts topped with temporary tattoos on her arms. Canose rode in a replica of the town’s gazebo while the decade representatives hit the parade route on foot during summer’s final day. The autumnal equinox is at 8:44 a.m. Sunday.

With summer warmth still holding on, the parade wound through Scottdale with farm tractors, youth organizations, fire trucks and members of Southmoreland High School’s homecoming court, sports teams and marching band. Candy littered the street as politicians waved. Some watched from their front porch, many of which were decorated with pumpkins, chrysanthemums and Halloween items. The Scottdale 150th Anniversary Committee has been focused all year on drumming up community involvement, said member Lindy House. Many of those who represented decades were part of the committee and the historical society, but others volunteered. House portrayed the 2000s in a baby blue velour tracksuit and sunglasses. “They decided what decade they wanted to represent and let their hearts lead them,” she said. Susan J. Ansell’s heart has always

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# N. Huntingdon preps vote on sports complex

*Officials review proposed lease with developer for 42-acre site*

By JOE NAPSHA

North Huntingdon officials are expected to vote next month on whether to lease 42 acres of undeveloped land at the township’s public works property to a private developer for an estimated \$30 million sports complex. The township would receive only \$1 a year for at least 29 years from the lease but would get the benefit of having a multi-field sports complex and use of certain portions of the property for community-focused events up to 10 times a year. North Huntingdon officials have been discussing the project publicly since Josh Zugai and David Ponsoby, partners in NHT Investment Partners, revealed in May they were working in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Riverhounds soccer team on the development. Township commissioners plan to hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at the North Huntingdon Town House to discuss the ground lease with NHT Investment Partners. Commissioners are scheduled to hold a workshop meeting Oct. 10 and their regular monthly meeting Oct. 16. The township released the latest version of the lease, a 39-page document, after Zugai met last week with Faulk, Assistant Manager Ryan Fonzi and Commissioners Fran Bevan and Tom Hempel. Zugai could not be reached for comment. The lease commits the developers to building one outdoor multi-sport community field in the first phase of the project along with site preparation work. One outdoor multi-sport field also is

to be built in the second phase. An indoor soccer training facility would be constructed and sub-leased to the Pittsburgh Riverhounds professional soccer team or its affiliate in the third phase. Unnamed amenities would be constructed in the third and fourth phases, according to the lease. Some commissioners and residents have raised concerns over the township giving the developers a 29-year lease for \$1 a year, plus options for three 29-year extensions. In theory, the developers and successors could control the property until the year 2140. The lease gives the developers the right to subdivide the property and assign it to affiliates. They can terminate the lease if they don’t get the necessary approvals from government agencies within 180 days of submitting an application. Fonzi, the township’s former planning director, said he had suggested breaking down the project into phases, with each phase having a separate developer’s agreement. Under that proposal, the developers would have to post a separate performance bond for each phase, which would be an incentive to complete what was promised. Commissioner Jason Atwood said Saturday he read through the lease and is still reviewing it. The lease outlines what is to be done in phases of the athletic complex, as with any large development. It also has language protecting the township in case the developers default on provisions in the lease, Atwood said. The lease also spells out the circumstances under which the township can terminate the lease. “I think it is a great project for the township,” Atwood said.

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Greater Latrobe seniors (from left) Bailey Olson, Nicholas Pershing and McKenna Brackney test the pH levels of water samples taken from the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association’s abandoned mine drainage treatment system near the village of Lowber in Sewickley Township.

# Students get hands-on knowledge about mine drainage

*Water treatment site near Lowber spotlights environmental science*

By JEFF HIMLER

Greater Latrobe senior McKenna Brackney recalled visiting an acid mine drainage treatment system near Saint Vincent College when she was in grade school. She took a more hands-on approach during her Friday trip to a similar passive wetland treatment site in Sewickley Township. Brackney was among

about 140 area high school students who took part in an environment-themed field day at the Sewickley Creek Watershed Association’s Lowber mine drainage treatment site. Her student team tested water samples, recording a neutral pH of 7 at the end of the treatment process. That’s an improvement from a more acidic 6.5 pH where drainage discharged from the abandoned Marchand coal mine enters a series of six ponds that allow iron to settle to the bottom, improving the water quality.

**“Acid mine drainage is such an issue in this region that I thought it would be really valuable for them to see it in action.”**

JOYCE MUCHONEY  
NORWIN TEACHER

“I’ve always been into environmental stuff,” said Brackney, who wants to major in biochemistry in college and possibly pursue a career as a veterinarian. “It’s cool to learn all this stuff and see it again in more depth,” she said of the treat-

ment site near the village of Lowber. “I’ve definitely learned more that I’m going to remember.” “I think these projects are good because they protect our streams and the wildlife in the streams,” said classmate Hayden Porterfield, who wants to major in business and marketing when he graduates from Greater Latrobe. Greater Latrobe instructor Patrick Roberts accompanied 25 seniors from his capstone program in the school’s second year sending a group to the field day.

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# Fashion rules Scottsdale's 150th anniversary party

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been with sewing. A retired Southmoreland home economics and family and consumer sciences teacher, Ansell said she created the dress she wore in the parade to illustrate the 1870s — 1874, specifically — in about a week and a half.

"The real problem was I didn't have a pattern," she said.

Through her research, Ansell said, she learned that skirts got straighter and flatter in the front in the 1870s, but all that volume went to the bustle. She made sure to get that part right.

"I hadn't made a dress for me in decades," she said.

The demure 1800s dresses clashed with the bright colors and wild patterns of the outfits selected by those representing the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s. Ellen Millslagle Daugherty got a little help to characterize the 1890s — her daughter shared a red long-sleeved dress and blue apron she made.

A Scottsdale native, Daugherty left the area for about 50 years but has gotten involved in the community since returning.

"I've wanted to do this since I came back to Scottsdale," she said as the parade stepped off.

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# Board approves licensing dealin 6-3 vote

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they hadn't been told about the exclusive merchandising contract, and many found out about it the morning of the school board meeting.

"I just think we should wait, so that the organizations who sell and buy this stuff can understand and participate," Vrable said.

The board did not wait. It rejected a motion by board member John Fallat to delay a vote on the contract at its committee-of-the-whole meeting, before approving it immediately afterward at its voting meeting by a 6-3 vote. Board members Deb Bucciero, Traci Eshelman Ramey and Fallat voted against the contract.

Piraino said the reality of the situation is that other businesses have been using a trademarked logo without explicit permission from the district.

"So right now we're working with them to allow them to fulfill their contracts and run out their stock," he said. "But we are looking at this as a way to create new revenue, something the school board has asked this administration to do."

Piraino said the district will work with boosters to choose product lines with a range of options for customization. Ensuring Unity Printing can handle the workload was part of the district's due diligence, he added.

"If there's a performance issue, this contract gives us an out," Piraino said. "If they fail to meet our demands, we can exercise that."

**Revenue growth potential**

Piraino said the district's hope is that booster organizations can have items for sale year-round through the online store and physical storefront and potentially bring in more revenue than if they were selling a piece of merchandise for a limited period through a traditional fundraiser.

The terms of the agreement with Unity Printing include an initial guaranteed payment of \$2,500 to the district in the first year, a 10% exclusive licensing agreement fee on the highest annual sales growth, using 2024-25 sales figures as the baseline for comparison, and per-

item payments to the district, outlined in a tiered fee structure in the contract.

Jamie Lingg of Murrysville owns a small business, Three Little Fishies, which has created school-branded merchandise in the past.

"I believe a single-source contract is going to hurt many small businesses in Murrysville and the surrounding area," Lingg said, adding that she also supported a licensing agreement for local vendors and getting more feedback from local business owners before voting.

"I've brought this up before, but it's very frustrating for the school board to have these back-to-back committee and voting meetings, where items go on the agenda, there's a little bit of discussion for the people who are able to make it to the meeting, and then it's voted on right afterward at the next meeting," she said.

Vrable said she is concerned the contract will cause prices to go up for boosters and the people they count on to buy fundraising merchandise.

Patrick Varine is a TribLive staff writer.

# 2 commissioners have announced opposition

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Commissioner Ronald Zona said Saturday he is in favor of the overall plan for a sports complex in the township, if the township and the developers can come to the right agreement.

"This could be a premier sports complex in the state and make North Huntingdon a destination for sports (teams) in the state," Zona said, adding that it would be at no cost to taxpayers.

Two of the seven commissioners — Richard Gray and Hempel — announced before the latest version of the lease was released that they would oppose it.

Hempel said Saturday he had read the lease and still is not in favor of leasing township land.

"I'm not denying that we need this. This is township property, and we might want to use that property," Hempel said.

Gray has repeatedly expressed his opposition to leasing the property and voted against giving the developers a 120-day exclusive right to negotiate a lease. That exclusivity period expired Sept. 12. He had questioned

whether it would be better for the developers to purchase land and be free of any lease with the township and the conditions placed in that lease.

Commissioners Frank Bevan, Eric Gass and Zachary Haigis could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Bevan pointed out last Wednesday that the development of a community sports complex has been considered for decades. She said Wednesday she had yet to decide on whether to support the project.

Once again, the commissioners heard last week from several residents living near the public works property where the sports complex would be built, that they are opposed to the development because of the light pollution, noise and increased traffic.

Jon Minor of Charles Drive contended the project will increase traffic throughout the year.

"You guys (commissioners) should be protecting us against these guys," Minor said, referring to the developers of the complex. "It's terrible."

Joe Napsha is a TribLive staff writer.

# Students learn how iron filtered out of water affected by drainage

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"The capstone program is based on environmental science," he said, explaining the students also will complete stream studies and visit farms and a recycling center. "We want the kids to be out doing fieldwork as much as possible, so this is right up our alley."

"I want them to see all the opportunities that are out there for a career in the environmental field."

Sophomore Ava Bobby was among members of Norwin High School's Envirothon club who participated for the first time in the Lowber event. The club took first place last year in the Westmoreland County Envirothon competition.

"Acid mine drainage is such an issue in this region that I thought it would be really valuable for them to see it in action," said Norwin teacher Joyce Muchoney.

"I'm really interested in the environment in general, and I'm looking at environmental

engineering possibly in the future, so I'm taking a lot of science classes," Bobby said.

She paid close attention to a map displaying the Sewickley Creek watershed, adding, "The process they use to filter out the iron is super interesting to me."

The Lowber site on average reduces iron content in the water flowing from the mine from 70 parts per million to 7 parts per million, which is low enough for aquatic life to tolerate, according to Jim Pillsbury, a hydraulic engineer with the Westmoreland Conservation District.

Pillsbury manned one of nine learning stations during the Lowber field day. He engaged students in a scaled-down demonstration that illustrated the importance of properly using fertilizer, herbicides or insecticides and curbing runoff of chemicals and sediment into local waterways.

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# Hezbollah head wanted by U.S.

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Hezbollah that used exploding pagers and walkie-talkies, thwarted the group's chain of command while taking out Akil, who he said was responsible for Israeli deaths and who was on the U.S. wanted list for years.

"This is our commitment to the fallen and their loved ones. This is our commitment to the residents of the north. And this is a clear message to all those who seek to harm us," he posted on X.

Lebanon's health minister, Firass Abiad, told reporters that at least seven women and three children were killed in Friday's airstrike on the building. He said another 68 people were injured, including 15 who were hospitalized. It was the deadliest strike on Beirut since the 2006 Israel-Hezbollah war, and the casualty count could grow, with 23 people still missing, a government official said.

Akil, the main target, had been wanted by the U.S. for years for his alleged role in the 1983 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut and the taking of American and German hostages in Lebanon in the 1980s. The U.S. State Department last year announced a reward of up to \$7 million for information leading to his "identification, location, arrest, and/or conviction."

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan called Akil's death "a good outcome" and said he had "American blood on his hands" for the embassy attack.

"You know, 1983 seems like a long time ago," Sullivan said. "But for a lot of families and a lot of people, they're still living with it every day."

Wahbi was described as a commander who played major roles within Hezbollah for decades and was imprisoned in an Israeli jail in southern Lebanon in 1984. Hezbollah said he was one of the "field commanders" during a 1997 ambush in southern Lebanon that left 12 Israeli troops dead.

Hezbollah announced overnight that 15 of its operatives had been killed by Israeli forces but didn't say how or where they died. Meanwhile, Israeli



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Mourners carry the coffins of Hezbollah fighters who were killed in Friday's Israeli strike, during a funeral procession Saturday in the southern suburb of Beirut, Lebanon.

army spokesperson Lt. Col. Nadav Shoshani said Saturday 16 Hezbollah fighters were killed in Friday's strike.

It wasn't immediately clear whether anyone was killed or wounded in the back-and-forth attacks between Israel and Hezbollah on Saturday. The Israeli military confirmed about 90 rockets had been fired at northern Israel and that Israel had struck more than 400 rocket launchers in Lebanon during the day.

Expecting a surge in rocket attacks, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, an Israeli defense spokesman, announced updated safety guidelines for areas north of Haifa, including caps on gatherings of 30 people in open spaces and 300 in enclosed spaces. Work and school can continue if people can reach protected areas in a timely manner. But since students and teachers in some places wouldn't be able reach shelters in the required time, Sunday classes were canceled in at least two border regions within an hour of the announcement.

Earlier in the week, Israel's security cabinet said stopping Hezbollah's attacks on the country's north, which would allow displaced residents to return to their homes, is now an official war goal, as Israel considers a wider military operation in Lebanon that could spark an all-out conflict. Israel has since sent a powerful fighting force to its northern border.

Hezbollah has said it will halt its strikes only when a cease-fire is reached between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

Israel and Hezbollah have traded fire regularly since Hamas' Oct. 7 assault on southern Israel ignited the Israeli military's devastating offensive in Gaza. But previous cross-border attacks have largely struck areas in northern Israel that had been evacuated and less-populated parts of southern Lebanon.

Friday's strike came hours after Hezbollah launched one of its most intense bombardments of northern Israel in nearly a year of fighting, largely targeting Israeli military sites. Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system intercepted most of the Katyusha rockets.

The militant group said its latest wave of rocket salvos was a response to Israeli strikes on southern Lebanon. However, it came days after mass explosions of Hezbollah pagers and walkie-talkies killed at least 37 people, including two children, and wounded about 3,000 others.

Abiad, the Lebanese health minister, said Saturday that hospitals across the country were filled with the wounded.

The pager and walkie-talkie attacks have been widely attributed to Israel, which hasn't confirmed or denied involvement. They marked a major escalation in the past 11 months of simmering conflict along the Israel-Lebanon border.

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income, so I feel the effect more because I can't take extra shifts," he said. "On the one hand, I see all these reports about job growth ... but at the same time, prices are still high, and many of my friends and family are still making subpar wages." Trump's handling of the Jan. 6, 2021, attack at the U.S. Capitol, his criticism of election integrity, Muslim travel ban and appointment of three conservative Supreme Court justices are some of the reasons Roma said he dislikes the former president. "He's not a man who believes in democracy unless he wins it," he said.

Avery Heller 20, MURRYSVILLE, REPUBLICAN

November will be Avery Heller's first opportunity to vote in a presidential election. He plans to vote for Trump.

Heller, 20, of Murrysville works for the Postal Service as a mail handler assistant, and though he said he's not the biggest fan of Trump's character, Heller likes Trump's worldview and policies.

"I haven't always been the biggest fan of him, but recently I've come to like him more," he said.

As a registered Republican, Heller said he's politically active, having voted previously since turning 18.

Harris hasn't done a good job as vice president, he said. He believes issues at the border have gotten worse.

The economy is the issue most important to Heller, along with securing the border, veteran health care and no taxes on tips.

"There's been quite a bit of inflation under the Biden and Harris administration,"



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"There's been quite a bit of inflation under the Biden and Harris administration. Trump ... he'll do a good job of keeping it down," Avery Heller said.

Heller said. "Trump ... he'll do a good job of keeping it down."

Heller said he's fortunate to still be living with his parents but intends to become more independent.

"I'm hoping to be able to get my own home, whether that

be an apartment or house, in the next four years," he said. "The state of the economy right now is really bad, especially since the cost of living is higher than (the) average income."

Trump has taken too much blame for the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, Heller said. The day wasn't "entirely" Trump's fault, he said.

"I think most of the people who were involved in the march were peaceful," he said. "I think that President Trump really didn't do much wrong on Jan. 6."

Many voters are more moderate than what the media portray, Heller said. Many of his friends align with Republican values, but he knows many college students are more liberal.

"These are the people that are going to be buying the most houses, cars, starting families, having kids," Heller said of young voters. "With them being first-time voters, it can shake up the elections a lot."



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"I'd rather pay more for gas and still have basic freedoms. I'd rather abortion be allowed and pay 30 cents more in gas," Darcy Bowman said.

Darcy Bowman  
24, BELL TOWNSHIP, DEMOCRAT

The biggest issue on the ballot for Darcy Bowman is abortion rights — alongside health care and gay rights.

"I'd rather pay more for gas and still have basic freedoms," she said. "I'd rather abortion be allowed and pay 30 cents more in gas."

A registered Democrat, Bowman, 24, of Bell Township, Westmoreland County, is studying at Pitt to become a physician assistant. Her dad is a township supervisor.

In 2020, Bowman voted for Biden. She plans to vote for Harris this fall.

"I think she's just better equipped for the job," she said. "I just really didn't like how Trump handled himself the last time. I think we should just have a decent human being being president."

Bowman said she supported the Biden-Harris administration's student loan approach, adding that she has received extensions for repaying hers.

Trump caused the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, she said. "There's no other way to dance around that," Bowman said.

During the covid-19 pandemic, she said, Trump "blew everything out of proportion" with misinformation. She also disagrees with Trump's stance on the border, saying not as much border control is needed.

Young voters are important, Bowman said, because they are part of the next generation. She said she's noticed young voters tend to be more liberal.

"I feel like a lot of things have, like, turned with us with rights, knowledge," she said. "I find it harder to find more conservative people in our generation. ... There's definitely a tide that is changing."

About two-thirds of voters ages 18 to 24 associate with the Democratic Party, according to Pew Research Center.

Bowman emphasized the importance of voting.

"I kind of go with the philosophy if you don't vote, you can't say anything about what happens," she said.

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Mike Chiarlone 24, SOUTH SIDE, REPUBLICAN

The economy is Mike Chiarlone's primary concern heading into the presidential election. "It doesn't help when you're spending all of your money at the grocery store," he said.

As chair of the Allegheny County Young Republicans, Chiarlone, 24, of Pittsburgh's South Side said he will once again vote for Trump.

"The Biden-Harris administration kind of rolled back all of the policies," he said, which led to somewhat of a decline in the country, especially in terms of the economy and immigration.

Chiarlone works as a financial analyst for Wesco and is a registered Republican. Trump enacted policies during his presidential term that "pushed the country forward," Chiarlone said.

Chiarlone said he supports Trump because Trump is trying to "trim out the bureaucracy" and regulation in various areas of the public sector. On the other side, Chiarlone said, he can't really pinpoint what Harris has done as vice president.

In the Allegheny County

Young Republicans group, Chiarlone said, he and others work to engage with local voters and campaigns, helping with door-knocking, community events and outreach, and encouraging people to vote.

"I try to vote any time I can," he said. "I've been voting by mail, helping out at polling places."

Chiarlone, who attended the University of Pittsburgh for his undergraduate degree and was a member of the College Republicans group, described the Jan. 6 riot on the Capitol as "a tough day."

"It's crazy that we're still talking about it almost four years later," he said. "It's another aspect of how polarized we are as a society."

It's important that young voters show up Nov. 5, Chiarlone said, as they make up a "big voter bloc."

"There's been a lot of headlines about older people being the elected officials in our country, and the only way to fix that is to get young people out to the polls to get their ideas out," he said.

Patrick Francis 21, SHADYSIDE, DEMOCRAT

To Patrick Francis, Harris has been successful in appealing to young voters.

"I find her energy and enthusiasm very refreshing in sort of this dull era in which it seemed like our election choices were going to be two ... old men again," he said. "She's also, I think, the most progressive Democratic nominee to ever be put forward."

As a first-year law student at Pitt and registered Democrat, Francis, 21, of Shadyside said he will vote for Harris this fall.

"I think that she has a better plan for the economy," he said. "I'm satisfied with what the Biden administration has done the past four years."

The biggest political issues for Francis deal with the Supreme Court in relation to Roe v. Wade and democracy in general, as well as economic policy, defending the rights of labor and getting access to health care for more American citizens.

"The attempt to overturn the election in 2020 by Donald Trump was unforgivable," he said. "Jan. 6 was probably one of the darkest days in the history of the United States."

He acknowledged prices remain high, but he doesn't believe the Republican Party has a solution to inflation.

"There's really ups and downs about the current economic situation," he said.

Voter turnout will decide Pennsylvania, Francis said.

"If young people don't turn out," he said, "that will hurt particularly the Democratic Party's chances."

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# Social media ‘burnout’ sets in

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and TikTok and are engaging with traditional news media through social media by using links or outlets’ social profiles. “Content that produces the most reactions and engagement is gonna be accelerated into people’s feeds,” she said. “Negative engagement is as accelerating in general as positive engagement.”

News on social media can include traditional news media sources but also influencers and other commentators posting about news, Putnam said.

“A lot of our experience of the world and what we think is our assessment of what is happening in this city, in this region, in this country is coming to us curated by digital devices,” Putnam said. “It is a mix of media and social media original sources, but what slice we’re seeing is not the same.”

Social media content has reinforced Darcy Bowman’s choice in the presidential election rather than changed it. “Social media definitely has a big influence,” she said. “I think at the core, no, it doesn’t influence me, but I think it definitely brings about issues that are important.”

A registered Democrat, Bowman, 24, of Bell Township said she follows social media on both sides of the aisle.

Looking at social media also has confirmed Avery Heller’s choice in former President Donald Trump. He believes social media “can certainly be dangerous if you’re not following the right people” and looking at accounts on both sides of a debate.

“There’s certain people, certain accounts that put out disinformation, misinformation,” he said.

On the X platform, Heller, 20, of Murrysville said he utilizes the “community notes” feature to add context to posts that may be misleading. On Instagram, he said, he tends to look at comments to learn about people who disagree.

**“I don’t think I would be able to sit through the news all the time like every day, but now, in so many different formats, I think it should be so much more accessible to people — they should at least look at stuff.”**

DARCY BOWMAN  
REGISTERED DEMOCRAT

“I’ve seen certain posts that are spreading blatant lies,” Heller said.

Because of algorithmic and personal curation on social media, Putnam said, each person is only getting a narrow slice of the amount of news and opinion content being circulated online.

“Of course, people don’t perceive ... either media or social media as determining our political decisions or our political perceptions, but when the lens from which we look out at the world is shaped by our devices, what we end up seeing there is gonna shape what we think is happening in the world,” Putnam said.

Mike Chiarlone, 24, of Pittsburgh’s South Side said social media hasn’t swayed him as a voter, as he tries to put posts through the “smell test” before believing them outright. He does believe social media is an “effective strategy” for politicians.

“That’s where young people are on a daily basis,” he said. “I know there’s some stuff that’s out there in the age of artificial intelligence, manipulation of different images, which is kind of concerning.”

Cory Roma believes social media played a “huge” part in convincing President Joe Biden to drop out of the race.

“I just saw everyone like five-alarm fire panicking online,” he said of his experience on X this summer.

Roma, 24, of Crafton said that, despite social media discourse, his position on who should be the next president hasn’t changed — he plans on voting for Harris. However,

he believes social media “absolutely” has affected the election.

“All of the negative context surrounding Kamala changed around due to social media,” he said.

## Feelings of burnout

For at least the past eight years, Chiarlone said, he has seen a lot of young voter fatigue.

“It’s been tiring for everyone. There’s a lot of burnout,” he said.

Although about half of Americans say they are following political news extremely or very closely, about 6 in 10 say they need to limit how much information they consume about the government and politics to avoid feeling overloaded or fatigued, according to a survey from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and USAFacts.

Heller said he has noticed burnout among young voters, but, for him, politics and “peaceful conversations” are intriguing. “You don’t actually need to hate people who disagree,” he said.

Though Roma said he understands people’s feelings of burnout, it’s still frustrating.

“I get mad at my fellow young voters for feeling that way and just not engaging in the process because our futures are at stake,” he said. “(But) even I can admit like doing this every year ... it’s very draining ... there’s never an off switch because every election is so important.”

Megan Swift is a TribLive staff writer.

# Rhetoric a ‘fabrication’

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Trump claimed there was a 2,000% increase in Haitian immigrants in Charleroi since President Joe Biden took office in January 2021. Trump also claimed the influx of Haitian immigrants has left the borough — with a \$3 million budget — virtually bankrupt.

“That’s a complete fabrication,” said Manning, a former City of Washington firefighter who has been borough manager since April.

## ‘Divisive rhetoric’

Borough council President Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, a registered Democrat, took Trump to task for his comments about the Haitian community in Charleroi.

“Trump chose to exploit our town for political purposes, using divisive rhetoric to unfairly target the Haitian immigrant community,” Hopkins-Calcek said in a statement.

“They looked at the fact that Haitians are living here and they exploited that,” Manning said of the Trump campaign, which also has attacked immigrants from Mexico.

Hopkins said Charleroi is a borough steeped in a rich history of immigration from European countries who sought freedom and happiness.

“Yet, unlike their predecessors, they’ve

faced a markedly less-welcoming reception. Haitian immigrants have been unfairly scapegoated for many of Charleroi’s problems,” Hopkins-Calcek said.

Trump’s comments have put Haitians in danger of being attacked, said Edward Larson, executive director of Haiti Friends, a Pittsburgh-based support agency for Haitians in the region.

“It is never positive to sow the seeds of division and hate,” Hopkins-Calcek said following a meeting Wednesday of the Charleroi Regional Police board.

The former president’s comments have not caused the kind of backlash against the Washington County community that has occurred in Springfield, Ohio. Trump claimed the town was being destroyed by Haitians who are eating people’s pets, something that has been refuted by Springfield officials, residents and multiple media fact-checkers.

“We’re grateful we haven’t seen the problems that are going on in Springfield,” said Manning, referring to the bomb threats the community has experienced since Trump’s campaign speech. Manning said he has been in contact with Springfield’s city manager, Bryan Heck, on how they are dealing with the aftermath of Trump’s comments.

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# Officials worry about safety of Haitians because of Trump’s claims

HAITIANS · FROM A7

## Why Charleroi?

The question some in the community have asked is how the Haitian immigrants came to Charleroi.

Word of mouth spread among the Haitian people that Charleroi was a good place to live, with affordable housing and factories offering jobs, Larson said.

“They felt it was a safe community and a good place for their children to attend school,” Manning said.

The political unrest in Haiti was a big reason people wanted to leave their native country, Larson said.

“They were trying to escape the gang violence,” Manning said.

They also saw business opportunities where there were empty storefronts along Fal-lowfield and McKean avenues in the town’s business district, he added.

In addition to Occimable’s boutique, there is Queen’s Market, which is stocked with food from Caribbean coun-tries.

The impact of the pending closure of the Anchor Hock-ing Corp. glass plant, which makes Pyrex cookware, on the

community has yet to be deter-mined. It will result in the loss of some 300 jobs by the end of the year, putting Charleroi’s legacy as a glassmaking hub at risk, Hopkins-Calcek said. In addition to that plant, the clos-ing of the Quality Pasta plant in the borough will mean an-other 80 jobs lost.

Churches have reached out to make the Haitian commu-nity welcome in Charleroi.

St. Andrew the Apostle Church operates a monthly food pantry that distributes about 130 bags of food a month to the needy, many of whom are Haitians, said the Rev. Levi Hartle.

A social worker operates out of space at the church to help the Haitians navigate the intricacies of government systems when they need as-sistance.

They are working to have a person able to translate the church bulletin and the Mass into Creole for those parish-ioners who need it, Hartle said. As these efforts devel-op, word of mouth likely will spread through the Haitian community that St. Andrew is a welcoming church and more families will attend Mass, Har-tle said.

He sees it as an important



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Charleroi has been dealt several economic blows recently, including the pending closure of the Anchor Hocking Corp. glass plant and closure of the Quality Pasta plant, which likely will result in the loss of nearly 400 jobs.

mission of the church, where parishioners are making sac-rifices for the whole commu-nity.

“St. Andrew has been work-ing on a number of initiatives in order to make the Haitian community integral to the parish life,” Hartle said.

“The church remains com-mitted to working alongside

community partners to en-sure that these families find stability, support and a sense of belonging during this tran-sition,” Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese Bishop David Zubik said.

## Education

The local school district has seen an influx of Haitian

students in the past few years, said Charleroi Area Superin-tendent Edward Zelich, whose district has an enrollment of about 1,560.

Trump claimed the recent surge in Haitian immigrants has caused the district to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to provide English teachers for the students. The district said it went from one English language learner teacher in the 2019-20 school year to four ELL teachers this year. The jump in enrollment also resulted in two more full-time kindergarten teachers being hired this year.

The ELL program includes students from more than 26 countries. There were just 12 ELL students in the 2019-20 school year, jumping to 175 last year and 225 this year, the district said. The elemen-tary grades have more than half — with 133 elementary students who are ELLs, the district said.

The additional Haitian students have created chal-

lenges in hiring ESL teachers because not many teachers understand Creole, said Ed-ward Killiger, elementary principal and English as a Sec-ond Language coordinator.

Donald Martin, executive di-rector of Washington-Fayette-Greene Intermediate Unit 1, said additional teachers are undergoing instruction to be certified as ESL teachers.

“It’s been a great partner-ship. I think everyone (at UIU and Charleroi Area) has worked so well together,” Martin said.

What is even more chal-lenging, Killiger said, is that, while the parents speak Cre-ole at home, the children, who have gone through Spanish-language countries en route to the United States, speak Spanish and in some cases Por-tuguese, depending on their migration route from Haiti.

“Creole is like Pittsburgh-ese,” Zelich said.

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# IMPACT ADDITIONS



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BY JOE RUTTER

For the Pittsburgh Steelers to have Joey Porter shadow the opposing team's top wide receiver, they need a dependable cornerback to cover the other side of the field. They believe they have that player in Dontre Jackson. For the Steelers to allow Minkah Fitzpatrick to return to his free-wheeling nature at free safety, they need a capable strong safety to play closer to the line of scrimmage. They believe they have that player in DeShon Elliott. Jackson and Elliott were two of the biggest additions — along with inside linebacker Patrick Queen — on defense this

## Newcomers Elliott, Jackson make presence felt throughout secondary

offseason. And with the Steelers off to a 2-0 start heading into their matchup Sunday against the 2-0 Los Angeles Chargers, their contributions have been as evident as leaves falling from the trees in autumn. The Steelers head into the game having allowed the second-fewest points — the Chargers rank first — and they have permitted the fifth-fewest yards. The play from the newcomers on the back end is one of the reasons for the defense's hot start

and why the Steelers are tied for the NFL lead with four interceptions and tied for the most pass breakups with 11. Elliott and Jackson had interceptions in the season-opening win at Atlanta. Elliott led the team in tackles and had an impressive third-down stop on running back Javonte Williams in the 13-6 victory at Denver. Pretty seamless, right? "I'm not going to say there haven't been any issues," Jackson

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### Fautanu goes on IR

The rookie tackle will miss at least 4 games, meaning Broderick Jones will return to the starting lineup. B3



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## Steelers preach patience with run game



Najee Harris is averaging 3.8 yards per carry this season.

No team in the NFL had more rushing attempts (77) through the first two weeks of the season than the 2-0 Pittsburgh Steelers. Granted, it's a small sample size. Some of those runs are scrambles from plays that started as designed passes for quarterback Justin Fields, and the Steelers haven't had to play a lot of catch-up football. Still, as advertised when the Steelers hired Arthur Smith as the team's new coordinator this offseason, the franchise has followed through on plans to be committed to the run game.



TIM BENZ

Now it just needs to pay off more frequently. For as much as the Steelers have been leaning into the ground attack, they are only a modest 12th in rushing (278 yards), and average just 3.6 yards per carry (28th in the NFL). On an individual level, running back Najee Harris is a microcosm of the larger conversation about the run game. He's drawn extensive praise (and rightfully so) for how hard he has been running. Harris has been punishing defenders with

BENZ • B3

## Rookie skates on Pens' top line

McGroarty records assist in preseason debut, but Sabres win

BY JUSTIN GUERRIERO

The Pittsburgh Penguins made it clear how highly they thought of Rutger McGroarty by being willing to part with their top prospect, Brayden Yager, to acquire him from the Winnipeg Jets in late August. McGroarty, whom Penguins management and fans have their eye on during preseason camp as a strong candidate to crack the NHL roster, is showing his new organization what he's about. "I love the game, and I always compete every day," he said. "Showing (coaches) my compete level, I feel like I have a pretty good hockey IQ, as well. Showing that I can make plays in tight areas, get pucks around the net and make the right plays. "Off the ice, same thing: I come to work every single day. I love hockey, it's my life and I surround everything around it. I come into the rink every single day with the same energy. I seriously just come to work every single day. Hopefully, I leave a good impression in that aspect." The 20-year-old winger got his first opportunity to make an impression outside of a practice setting Saturday night, as the Penguins took on the Buffalo Sabres at KeyBank Center to begin their slate of six preseason games. In a 7-3 defeat, McGroarty skated for 16 minutes, 24 seconds, including 1:31 on the power play, recording an assist in the third period. Goalie prospect Joel Blomqvist started, making 18 saves on 24 shots while taking the loss. He was pulled at 5:24 of the second period after allowing his sixth goal of the game, five of which came in the second period, with Filip Larsson taking over in net.

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The Penguins' Rutger McGroarty, practicing earlier this week, skated for 16 minutes, 24 seconds in Saturday's preseason game.



### Allar, PSU roll

Lions QB accounts for 4 TDs as Penn State sets a school record for total yardage in a 56-0 rout of Kent State. B5  
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» Michigan edges Southern Cal B5

PITT 73, YOUNGSTOWN STATE 17

## Blowout of YSU personal for Narduzzi

Pitt coach honors dad as Panthers race to 1st 4-0 start since 2000

BY JERRY DiPAOLA

Pitt's 73-17 victory — more like a suffocation — of Youngstown State on Saturday was the product of superior athletes beating on inferior ones. Also, you should not minimize the aggressive nature

of the Pitt offense that scored nine touchdowns — the defense added a 10th — and amassed 644 yards of total offense, tied for fifth-most all-time. Pitt was scoring at will in the first half and the latter portion of the second. "We wanted to put the foot to the pedal and show who we are," coach Pat Narduzzi said. "You feel like no matter what you call, it's going to work," said quarterback Eli Holstein, who completed 16 of 24 passes for 247 yards and

three touchdowns. "It's a great feeling." But there was more to Pitt's fourth victory in four games than just numbers on the scoreboard or a stat sheet. The victory was personal for Narduzzi, and his players knew it. "There's 12 games in a season," he said, "11 are for you. Give me this one here. (I) just kind of challenged them to (do) that." Narduzzi's father, Bill, was

PITT • B5



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Pitt receiver Censere Lee catches an 82-yard touchdown pass from Eli Holstein in the first half against Youngstown State on Saturday.



# POINTS at a PREMIUM

## Steelers, Chargers feature 2 of NFL's elite defenses



### FOURDOWNS

Written by Chris Adamski, Four Downs is a weekly feature composed of quick-hit thoughts and analysis on the Steelers and the NFL.

#### 1. Dominant D's

With all the caveats that it's been a mere two weeks of the NFL season, there is a strong statistical case to be made that Sunday's Pittsburgh Steelers home opener will feature the two best defenses in the league. The Steelers and Los Angeles Chargers are each 2-0, and they have *combined* to allow 29 points and two touchdowns.

The Steelers (260.5) and Chargers (227.5) rank among the top five in the league in yards allowed. Each team ranks in the top three in opponent first downs through two weeks (Los Angeles, 21; Steelers, 28) and are Nos. 1-2 in opponents' drive score rate. Just 12.5% of Chargers defensive series have ended in a touchdown or field goal. The Steelers defense has permitted a score on a mere 14% of opponent possessions.

The more advanced metrics — both objective and subjective — also like the Steelers' and Chargers' defenses. "Expected points added," as calculated by pro-football-reference.com, aims to represent the estimated point value added or lost by a unit during a given play. Its computation has Los Angeles as the NFL's best defense, with the Steelers at No. 4.

Pro Football Focus grading also deems each of these defenses a top-four NFL unit. Broken down further, PFF grades the Steelers among the league's top four for tackling and pass rush, with the Chargers in the top four for run defense and pass coverage.

The teams, by far, lead the league in opponent points per drive, with the Chargers at 0.54, Steelers 0.76, and the Minnesota Vikings are third best at 1.10. For context, last year the Baltimore Ravens had the best opponent points per

### By the numbers

Where the Steelers and Chargers rank in several defensive categories:



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Category	PIT (rank)	LAC (rank)
Points allowed	8.0 (2nd)	6.5 (1st)
Yards allowed	260.5 (5th)	227.5 (2nd)
Opp. drive score rate	19% (2nd)	12.5% (1st)
Opp. first downs	14.0 (3rd)	10.5 (1st)
Opp. touchdowns	0.5 (T-2nd)	0.5 (T-2nd)
Pro Football Focus grade	77.6 (4th)	86.7 (2nd)

drive at 1.35.

#### 2. The big 'Bos' man

In a season that has begun as something of a Year of the Kicker, Chris Boswell is standing out more than most. Across the league, kickers made 35 of 39 field goals from 50 or more yards over the first two weeks of the season. Boswell (four) joined the Houston Texans' Ka'imi Fairbairn (six) as the only players in league history to make more than three 50-plus-yard field goals over the first two games of a season.

For his career, Boswell's 82.9% success rate (34 of 41) on field goals of 50-plus yards is the highest in the NFL for such kicks since the AFL/NFL merger in 1970.

In home games alone over his 10 years with the Steelers, Boswell has 23 field goals of at least 50 yards. For context, over the first 14-plus years at what was then called Heinz Field before Boswell joined the Steelers, there had been just four 50-or-more-yard field goals from *all* kickers on the Steelers or their opponents.

#### 3. Flag man

Broderick Jones' six-snap sequence in which he committed three penalties cost him playing time in last week's game, and it might have cost him an opportunity to start in the short term. But a dive into penalty data reveals just how rare and destructive getting flagged three times over the course of one possession truly is.

There are only four players across the entire league — regardless of position — who have had more flags thrown on

them over two weeks of the season than Jones had in that 123-second span of game time.

Only two players have had more holding calls *all season* than the two Jones took over a three-snap span of the second quarter in Denver.

Counting an unsportsmanlike conduct infraction during Week 1 that was offset by an Atlanta penalty, Jones has had four flags thrown on him in just one full game and 14 snaps (counting special teams) in another. Just one NFL player was flagged more often through two full games this season, the Broncos' Patrick Surtain II.

#### 4. J.K. is A-OK

After four largely injury-riddled seasons with the Baltimore Ravens, J.K. Dobbins with the Chargers in 2024 finally is looking like the highly regarded running back who was the fifth player drafted from his position in 2020 after having a 2,000-yard season his final year at Ohio State. Through two weeks, Dobbins leads in the NFL in rushing (266 yards) and yards per attempt (9.9) while ranking tied for second in rushing touchdowns (two).

In pro-football-reference.com's advanced stats for running backs, Dobbins, by far, leads the league in yards after contact (157) and YAC per attempt at 5.8. Only Tony Pollard (six) has more than Dobbins' five broken tackles. Then again, Dobbins has been so dominant that he also ranks third in the NFL among running backs in yards per carry before contact (4.0).

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### Steelers roster

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Ex
2	Justin Fields	QB	6-3	227	4
3	Russell Wilson	QB	5-11	206	13
4	Kyle Allen	QB	6-3	210	6
6	Patrick Queen	LB	6-0	232	5
8	Corliss Waitman	P	6-2	210	2
9	Chris Boswell	K	6-2	185	10
10	Roman Wilson	WR	5-10	186	R
11	Van Jefferson	WR	6-1	200	5
13	Scotty Miller	WR	5-9	174	6
14	George Pickens	WR	6-3	200	3
19	Calvin Austin III	WR	5-9	162	3
21	Darius Rush	CB	6-2	198	2
22	Najee Harris	RB	6-1	242	4
23	Damontae Kazee	S	5-11	174	8
24	Joey Porter Jr.	CB	6-2	193	2
25	DeShon Elliott	S	6-0	210	7
26	Donte Jackson	CB	5-10	180	6
27	Cory Trice Jr.	DB	6-3	206	2
28	Miles Killebrew	S	6-2	222	9
30	Jaylen Warren	RB	5-8	215	3
31	Beanie Bishop Jr.	CB	5-9	182	R
32	Jalen Elliott	S	6-1	205	2
34	Terrrell Edmunds	S	6-1	217	7
39	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	6-1	207	7
41	Payton Wilson	LB	6-4	242	R
46	Christian Kuntz	LS	6-1	228	4
50	Elandon Roberts	LB	6-1	238	9
51	Nick Herbig	LB	6-2	240	2
54	Zach Frazier	C	6-3	310	R
56	Alex Highsmith	LB	6-4	242	5
57	Montravius Adams	DT	6-4	304	8
62	Ryan McCollum	C	6-5	300	2
65	Dan Moore Jr.	OT	6-5	315	4
66	Mason McCormick	G	6-5	315	R
73	Isaac Seumalo	G	6-4	303	9
74	Spencer Anderson	OL	6-5	305	2
76	Troy Fautanu	OT	6-4	317	R
77	Broderick Jones	OT	6-5	311	2
78	James Daniels	OL	6-4	327	7
80	Darnell Washington	TE	6-7	264	2
81	MyCole Pruitt	TE	6-2	258	9
83	Connor Heyward	TE/FB	6-0	230	3
84	Cord. Patterson	RB/KR	6-2	220	12
87	Rodney Williams	TE	6-4	235	2
88	Pat Freiermuth	TE	6-5	258	4
90	T.J. Watt	LB	6-4	252	8
92	Isaiah Loudermilk	DT	6-7	293	4
93	Mark Robinson	LB	5-11	235	3
94	Dean Lowry	DT	6-6	296	9
95	Keeanu Benton	DL	6-4	309	2
97	Cameron Heyward	DT	6-5	295	14
98	DeMarvin Leal	DE	6-4	290	3
99	Larry Ogunjobi	DT	6-3	305	8

**INJURY REPORT**  
OUT: G Isaac Seumalo (pectoral), TE MyCole Pruitt (knee), OL Troy Fautanu (knee). QUESTIONABLE: QB Russell Wilson (calf). FULL: DT Cameron Heyward (NIR/rest), WR Roman Wilson (ankle), RB Najee Harris (NIR/rest), LB T.J. Watt (NIR/rest), DL Larry Ogunjobi (knee).



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### Chargers roster

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Ex
0	Daiyan Henley	LB	6-1	225	2
1	Quentin Johnston	WR	6-4	215	2
2	Easton Stick	QB	6-1	224	6
3	Derwin James Jr.	S	6-2	215	7
4	Gus Edwards	RB	6-1	238	7
5	Joshua Palmer	WR	6-1	210	4
6	Denzel Perryman	LB	5-11	240	10
7	Kristian Fulton	CB	5-11	197	4
8	Taylor Heinicke	QB	6-1	210	10
9	Justin Herbert	QB	6-6	236	5
11	Cameron Dicker	K	6-1	216	3
12	Darius Davis	WR	5-8	165	2
15	Ladd McConkey	WR	6-0	185	R
16	JK Scott	P	6-5	208	6
20	Cam Hart	CB	6-2	207	R
22	Elijah Molden	CB	5-10	191	4
24	AJ Finley	S	6-0	188	2
25	Junior Colson	LB	6-4	231	5
26	Asante Samuel Jr.	CB	5-10	180	4
27	J.K. Dobbins	RB	5-10	215	5
28	Hassan Haskins	RB	6-2	228	3
29	Tarheeb Still	CB	6-1	196	R
30	Kirmani Vidal	RB	5-8	215	R
32	Alohi Gilman	S	5-10	201	5
33	Deane Leonard	DB	6-0	195	3
36	Ja'Sir Taylor	DB	5-10	185	3
43	Troy Dye	LB	6-3	231	5
44	Scott Matlock	FB/DL	6-4	296	2
45	Tuli Tuipulotu	OLB	6-3	266	2
47	Josh Harris	LS	6-1	224	13
48	Bud Dupree	OLB	6-4	269	10
52	Khalil Mack	OLB	6-3	269	11
56	Morgan Fox	DL	6-3	275	8
64	Brenden Jaimes	OL	6-5	300	4
68	Jamaree Salyer	OL	6-4	325	3
70	Rashawn Slater	T	6-4	315	4
71	Jordan McFadden	OL	6-2	303	2
73	Foster Sarell	T	6-6	322	3
75	Bradley Bozeman	C	6-3	312	7
76	Joe Alt	T	6-8	327	R
77	Zion Johnson	G	6-3	316	3
79	Trey Pipkins III	T	6-6	307	6
81	Will Dissly	TE	6-4	265	7
82	Brenden Rice	WR	6-3	210	R
83	Eric Tomlinson	TE	6-6	263	8
84	Stone Smartt	TE	6-4	226	3
87	Simi Fehoko	WR	6-4	218	4
88	Hayden Hurst	TE	6-4	245	7
90	Tearl Tart	DT	6-2	304	5
92	Justin Eboigbo	DL	6-5	292	R
93	Otito Ogbornia	DL	6-4	320	3
95	Poona Ford	DL	5-11	310	7
97	Joey Bosa	OLB	6-5	280	9

**INJURY REPORT**  
OUT: LB Junior Colson (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: OLB Bud Dupree (illness), WR Joshua Palmer (elbow/calf), DB Alohi Gilman (knee), QB Justin Herbert (ankle), DB Ja'Sir Taylor (fibula). FULL: LB Joey Bosa (hip), TE Hayden Hurst (ankle), LB Khalil Mack (NIR/rest).



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## Scouting the Chargers

#### Last meeting

Chargers beat Steelers, 41-37, on Nov. 21, 2021 in Los Angeles

#### Key matchup

**Mike Tomlin vs. Jim Harbaugh:**

Though Tomlin and John Harbaugh have the second-most career meetings of any coaching duo in NFL history (35), this is only the second time Tomlin has matched up against John's brother. Jim Harbaugh's San Francisco 49ers beat Tomlin and the visiting Steelers, 20-3, in December 2011. This is Harbaugh's first season as coach of Los Angeles.

#### Key injuries

L.A. starting quarterback Justin Herbert has a high-ankle sprain and didn't practice this week. He is questionable for Sunday's game.

#### Series record

Steelers lead 24-11 (including 1-2 in the playoffs)



Series notes

This is only the second time the Chargers have served as the opponent for the first Steelers' first home game of a season. To open Chuck Noll's final season Sept. 1, 1991, the then-San Diego Chargers lost, 26-20, at Three Rivers Stadium. ... The Steelers have won 14 of 16 regular-season meetings in Pittsburgh. The Chargers, though, have won two of three times they faced the Steelers in the playoffs. ... Since the 1970 NFL/AFL merger, the Steelers are 37-16 at home against

teams from the West Coast, including 11-6 under Tomlin.

#### Notable

Believe it or not, the Steelers have lost five of their past six home openers, including the past three. Before that stretch, they had gone 14-1 in home openers between 2003-17. ... The Steelers have never lost four consecutive home openers. ... The Chargers (6.5 points allowed per game) and Steelers (8.0) rank 1-2 in the NFL in scoring defense through two weeks. It's been 18 years since two teams met in Week 3 or later with both allowing fewer than 10 points per game. ... It's been 15 years (the 2009 Denver Broncos) since any NFL team allowed 10 or fewer points during each of their first three games of a season.

#### Fantasy tip

The Chargers' **J.K. Dobbins** ranks fourth among running backs in fantasy points earned over the first two weeks (per NFL.com's standard scoring format).

#### Statistical leaders

PASSING	Player	Comp%	Yds	TD	Int
	Justin Fields	69.8	273	1	0
RUSHING	Player	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD
	Najee Harris	37	139	3.8	0
	Justin Fields	22	84	3.8	0
RECEIVING	Player	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	TD
	George Pickens	8	114	14.3	0
	Pat Freiermuth	8	66	8.3	0
	Jaylen Warren	4	32	8.0	0
	Van Jefferson	3	15	5.0	0

#### Steelers over/unders

Passing yards	Justin Fields	162.5
Rushing yards	Najee Harris	53.5
	Justin Fields	42.5
Receiving yards	George Pickens	49.5
	Pat Freiermuth	25.5
	Van Jefferson	16.5

—FanDuel

#### Statistical leaders

PASSING	Player	Comp%	Yds	TD	Int
	Justin Herbert	67.4	274	3	1
RUSHING	Player	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD
	J.K. Dobbins	27	266	9.9	2
	Gus Edwards	29	85	2.9	0
RECEIVING	Player	Rec.	Yds	Avg.	TD
	Quentin Johnston	8	89	11.1	2
	Ladd McConkey	7	65	9.3	1
	Will Dissly	4	42	10.5	0
	Joshua Palmer	4	34	8.5	0

#### Chargers TD score props

Anytime	J.K. Dobbins	+120
	Gus Edwards	+220
	Quentin Johnston	+320
First TD	J.K. Dobbins	+500

NOTE: OVER/UNDERS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AS OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON BECAUSE OF JUSTIN HERBERT'S INJURY STATUS

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**WHAT TO WATCH** **PREGAME** NFL Network at 9 a.m., ESPN at 10 a.m. **Fox** N.Y. Giants at Cleveland, 1 p.m. • Baltimore at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. **CBS** Steelers vs. L.A. Chargers, 1 p.m. **NBC** Football Night in America, 7 p.m. • Kansas City at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

AFC EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo .....	2	0	0	1.000	65	38
N.Y. Jets .....	2	1	0	.667	67	52
Miami .....	1	1	0	.500	30	48
New England .....	1	2	0	.333	39	57

SOUTH

Houston .....	2	0	0	1.000	48	40
Indianapolis .....	0	2	0	.000	37	45
Jacksonville .....	0	2	0	.000	30	38
Tennessee .....	0	2	0	.000	34	48

NORTH

Steelers .....	2	0	0	1.000	31	16
Cleveland .....	1	1	0	.500	35	46
Baltimore .....	0	2	0	.000	43	53
Cincinnati .....	0	2	0	.000	35	42

WEST

Kansas City .....	2	0	0	1.000	53	45
L.A. Chargers .....	2	0	0	1.000	48	13
Las Vegas .....	1	1	0	.500	36	45
Denver .....	0	2	0	.000	26	39

NFC EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas .....	1	1	0	.500	52	61
Philadelphia .....	1	1	0	.500	55	51
Washington .....	1	1	0	.500	41	55
N.Y. Giants .....	0	2	0	.000	24	49

SOUTH

New Orleans .....	2	0	0	1.000	91	29
Tampa Bay .....	2	0	0	1.000	57	36
Atlanta .....	1	1	0	.500	32	39
Carolina .....	0	2	0	.000	13	73

NORTH

Minnesota .....	2	0	0	1.000	51	23
Chicago .....	1	1	0	.500	37	36
Detroit .....	1	1	0	.500	42	40
Green Bay .....	1	1	0	.500	45	44

WEST

Seattle .....	2	0	0	1.000	49	40
Arizona .....	1	1	0	.500	69	44
San Francisco .....	1	1	0	.500	49	42
L.A. Rams .....	0	2	0	.000	30	67

WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

Thursday's result

N.Y. Jets 24, New England 3

Today's games

**1 p.m.**  
L.A. Chargers (+2.5) at **Steelers**  
Chicago (+1) at Indianapolis  
Denver (+6.5) at Tampa Bay  
Green Bay (+3) at Tennessee  
Houston (-2) at Minnesota  
N.Y. Giants (+6.5) at Cleveland  
Philadelphia (+2.5) at New Orleans

**4:05 p.m.**  
Carolina (+6) at Las Vegas  
Miami (+4.5) at Seattle  
**4:25 p.m.**  
Baltimore (-1) at Dallas  
Detroit (-3) at Arizona  
San Francisco (-6.5) at L.A. Rams  
**8:20 p.m.**  
Kansas City (-3) at Atlanta

Monday's games

**7:30 p.m.**  
Jacksonville (+5) at Buffalo  
**8:15 p.m.**  
Washington (+7.5) at Cincinnati

GAMES TO WATCH



**Eagles at Saints**  
**Notes:** Eagles QB Jalen Hurts has 42 TDs rushing in his career and can tie Steve Young (43) for third most by a QB in NFL history. ... The Saints have scored 91 points, the most by a team in the first two games of a season in 15 years and tied for fourth most by a team in its first two games of a season in NFL history. ... Saints QB Derek Carr has five TDs passing and a TD rushing in two games. WR Rashid Shaheed has caught two long TDs.



**Ravens at Cowboys**  
**Notes:** The Ravens are 0-2 for the first time since 2015, when they lost their first three games and missed the playoffs. ... Ravens TE Mark Andrews needs one TD receiving to tie TE Todd Heap for the most in franchise history at 41. ... Since 2021, the Cowboys are 12-2 coming off a loss. ... Dallas has allowed 92 points in its past two home games. ... Cowboys QB Dak Prescott needs 69 yards passing to join Tony Romo and Troy Aikman as the only Dallas QBs to reach 30,000 yards.



Steelers safety DeShon Elliott intercepts a pass during the first half against the Falcons in Week 1.

# Elliott, Jackson mesh well

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said. "There were growing pains in OTAs and camp and even now we're still getting used to things. You search for things to grow at and to learn from. There has been a learning curve, but it hasn't taken that long.

"One, I'm a veteran player so I've played in a lot of defenses. Two, you go with the pack. If you see these guys put the work in every single day, you come in and do the same."

Jackson said the transition has been eased because of All-Pro Cameron Heyward, T.J. Watt and Fitzpatrick.

"Being around this group, these type of guys, every single day it's a battle of the greats," he said. "It raises the floor. Being the new guy, I want to come in and do my part and make plays."

Seeking to add speed to the secondary and upgrade a group that relied on Patrick Peterson and Levi Wallace last year, the Steelers gave up wide receiver Diontae Johnson so they could acquire Jackson from the Carolina Panthers. In six seasons with the Panthers, Jackson never appeared in a playoff game, and he became expendable after not collecting a single interception last year in 16 starts.

Jackson immediately paid dividends with his interception late in the Steelers' 18-10 victory against the Falcons.

"Since Day 1, he's been very vocal," Porter said. "He's been a great asset for our team, and he's always helping me. If I have questions, I'm going to him for the answer."

In the first two games, Porter drew the assignment of covering Atlanta's Drake London and Denver's Courtland Sutton, the top receiving threats on their respective teams. Porter allowed one reception to each receiver.

"That's where Donte comes in," defensive coordinator Teryl Austin said. "We think we do (have the right corner at the other spot), and we think that's been a big proponent of our success so far, in terms of being able to move Joey but not losing anything on the other side."

Jackson hasn't minded ceding the spotlight to Porter.

"I feel like I've been a great playmaker in this league," he said. "I get a chance to get a fresh start. This brings out the best of you, this environment."

Elliott also has benefited from a

## Rookie tackle Fautanu goes on IR

A day after reinjuring his knee in practice, Steelers rookie first-round pick Troy Fautanu was placed on injured reserve, meaning the offensive tackle will miss at least four games.

Broderick Jones will reclaim his starting job at right tackle and start in place of Fautanu beginning Sunday against Los Angeles Chargers in a matchup of 2-0 teams.

Fautanu supplanted Jones last weekend in Denver when he made his first NFL start. The Steelers had a rotation planned that involved both tackles, but Jones was yanked after his first series when he committed three penalties in a six-play span.

Fautanu originally injured his

knee during the preseason opener against Houston. He did not play again the rest of the preseason and was one of just two players who didn't see any snaps in the season opener at Atlanta.

But coach Mike Tomlin was impressed enough by Fautanu's swift development that he nudged him ahead of Jones on the depth chart this week.

The Steelers already ruled out left guard Isaac Seumalo and tight end MyCole Pruitt from dressing against the Chargers.

Offensive lineman John Leglue and defensive back James Pierre were elevated from the practice squad.

— Joe Rutter

change of scenery. After spending his first three seasons in Baltimore, Elliott went to Detroit in 2022 and Miami last year before joining the Steelers in free agency on a two-year contract.

"I like the AFC North because it's physical football," Elliott said. "It's not that pansy stuff around the league. It's pretty cool, I like being here."

Elliott hasn't been afraid to mix it up. He ranks second on the team in tackles, and his third-down stop of Williams for a 4-yard loss was one of the big defensive plays against the Broncos.

"He's done a really nice job," coach Mike Tomlin said. "He's new to us but not unfamiliar to us. We saw a lot of tape on him when he was in the AFC North in Baltimore. Always appreciated (his contributions). It's proven to be very evident over the course of the two weeks, he's made quite a few plays, not to mention splash plays — interceptions, tackles for loss on third-and-1, those weighty plays that shape football games."

"I'm excited for him and really excited about continuing to utilize his talents as we get to know him more."

Elliott's presence has helped the Steelers use Fitzpatrick the way they did after acquiring him in 2019, last year notwithstanding.

Given the spate of injuries in the secondary last year, plus the late three-game suspension to Damon-tae Kazee, Fitzpatrick was unable to freestyle at free safety. He was

needed to plug leaks elsewhere, taking more than half of his defensive snaps in the slot and in the box. In fact, just 41.3% of Fitzpatrick's snaps last year came at free safety, which contributed to his lack of big plays.

After leading the NFL with six interceptions in 2022, Fitzpatrick had none last season.

Fitzpatrick still hasn't factored into a turnover this season and leads the team in tackles, but he's doing it from his more customary spot. He has played all but five of his 117 snaps at his natural position.

"That's where we want him," Austin said. "That's where he's effective, that's where he's dangerous. I think the thing that's good about Minkah back there is people can say what they want, but I think he discourages sometimes where the quarterback says, 'I'm just going to indiscriminately throw this ball down the field.'"

"Because if they do that with (No.) 39, there's a chance he's bringing it back the other way. As long as he's doing that for us, we feel like we're in pretty good shape as a defense."

Elliott isn't surprised that he and Jackson have fit so seamlessly into the defense.

"We're vets, we've played football for a while," he said. "You try your best to get the playbook down, do what you do and play within the system. If you can do that, you should be able to play at a high level."

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# Big plays lacking in ground game

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his effort and demeanor. He is tied for sixth in the NFL with former Steeler James Conner in rushing attempts at 37 apiece.

Yet the former first-round draft choice is only netting 3.8 yards per carry. Conner is at 4.6. Bijan Robinson, who the Steelers faced in Week 1, is at 5.2. Their opponent this week, J.K. Dobbins, leads the NFL in rushing at 266 yards and is averaging 9.9 yards per carry. Those last two backs have fewer carries than Harris does.

"It's about being consistent," Harris said. "For me, being consistent with the tracks. Keep hitting it. For the line, being consistent on knowing who to get to, and when they do it, just finish."

Harris has one 20-yard run. Unfortunately, that's as explosive as it has gotten for him. Jaylen Warren, who has battled a hamstring injury, posted an 11-yard carry last week against the Broncos. On his other 10 attempts this year, he has accumulated just 38 yards.

"Sometimes it's easy to get frustrated, but you've got to look at the process — what's really going on on the ground," Smith said Thurs-

day. "The most encouraging thing. Are they getting the intent?... There's been some impressive stuff by the line, especially in the run game, with our intent. Wearing people down. It hasn't been perfect by any means. I've just been through this enough (as coordinator in Tennessee) where you felt like you're getting close."

Tackle Dan Moore Jr. echoed his coordinator's message.

"It's about playing the attrition game. Hopefully, when we get into the third and fourth quarter, those guys start wearing down and we start hitting some of those bigger runs," Moore said. "You see so many runs on film when we are just so close to breaking a 4-yard run into a 40-yard run."

That better be the case. Because for as much scrutiny as the thin wide receiver group is getting, and for as much analysis that is being foisted on the quarterback position, this is supposed to be a run-first offense.

Thus far, that aspect of the unit has been decent at best.

Decent at best has been good enough to win in Atlanta, 18-10, and in Denver, 13-6. But it may not be good enough to beat the

Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday. They are allowing just 80.5 rushing yards per game, sixth best over the first two weeks in the NFL, just one spot behind the Steelers at 76.5.

If you listen to coach Mike Tomlin talk about the moderate amount of yards yielded by the high-volume run total, it sure sounds like he is acutely aware of that reality — and may be inclined to tweak the approach.

"The newness of all the people (on offense) coupled with the environmental components (playing on the road twice) and the lack of development that we all share in September, really dictated that we play a certain way," Tomlin added. "But that is probably subject to change as we grow and as the venue changes."

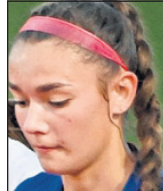
The venue is changing to Acrisure Stadium this week. The crowd there is just going to want to see a few touchdowns. And it's not going to matter how they are scored, just so long as there is more than one in the game on offense ... for the first time this year.

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## H.S. ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Morgan Gesinski

**School:** Mt. Pleasant  
**Class:** Junior  
**Sport:** Soccer  
**Claim to fame:** Gesinski has scored 18 goals, a total that leads the WPIAL. She has helped Mt. Pleasant to an 8-0 start and the No. 1 ranking in WPIAL Class 2A. She had a pair of two-goal games last week — a 6-1 win over Southmoreland and a 3-0 shutout of Yough.



### Is this undefeated start what you have expected?

Yes, because we are always trying to keep a clean sheet no matter who we play. If the other team doesn't score, they can't win.

### What has your team been best at?

Being supportive and wanting to work hard to see the team do good.

### Did you think you could lead the WPIAL in goals?

I was surprised to hear I am the leading goal scorer in the WPIAL. It's not a goal of mine to win the scoring title, but it would be extra nice to have on top of a WPIAL championship. **How many career goals do you have?** I have 79 career goals.

### What makes you and Rylin Bugosh such a good scoring tandem?

Rylin and I work well together, and we just know what we both have to do to help each other.

### How effective has Maddie Barrick been, too?

Maddie helps a lot, especially in games when we need her. She has scored many important goals for us.

### What colleges are showing interest in you?

Some smaller Division I schools. **What has it been like not having your sister, Riley, on the field with you?** It's been weird not playing with Riley because we have always played together for the school at some point, and now we don't. But I've learned a lot playing with her, and I looked up to her a lot.

### What is coach Rich Garland's favorite saying?

Keep the ball on the deck. **What are your favorite hobbies?** Playing sports and baking.

### Jack Sacriponte

**School:** Latrobe  
**Class:** Junior  
**Sport:** Golf  
**Claim to Fame:** The junior tied for medalist in the WPIAL Class 3, Section 1 qualifier at Birdsfoot Golf Course in Freeport with Kiski Area's Max Mottura. Each shot a 5-under-par 67 to advance to the WPIAL semifinals Tuesday at Southpointe Golf Club in Canonsburg. They posted the lowest scores heading into the semifinals.



### How many birdies did you have during your round?

I had seven birdies and two bogeys. I made a 20-footer and made a lot inside 15 feet. I made a big putt on No. 15 because I knew Max was playing well. I also made a big birdie on No. 17.

### What were you doing well in your round?

I was getting off the tee well and stayed away from bad lies. Birdsfoot is a tough course, and I stayed out of trouble.

### Was this your best round?

It's up there, for sure. I did not miss much, and my ball striking was the best. I've probably had 10 rounds in the 60s this year. **How did you finish in last year's tournament?** I made it to the states. I placed 12th at the WPIAL championship and 20th in the PIAA championship. My goal is to climb higher on the leaderboard or win it.

### What do you average off the tee?

Between 310 and 320 yards. I'm more accurate when I take some speed off my swing.

### What's your favorite club in your bag?

My fairway hybrid. I can average 250 yards, and it is my fairway finder.

### How many holes-in-one have you recorded?

None. I've been close.

### Where do you and your teammates head to after practice or a match for a snack?

We go to Dino's, and I get sweet-hot 10 flapper wings. **What's your favorite meal your mom makes?** I like her pesto chicken and pasta.

### What is your favorite golf course in the area?

I got to play Fox Chapel this summer, and I liked it a lot. That might change if I make it to the WPIAL finals at Oakmont.

### Have you played any famous courses?

I got to play Pebble Beach this summer. It was amazing. The views take your breath away.

— Bill Beckner Jr. and Paul Schofield



# Latrobe trying to cure what ails sputtering offense

BY BILL BECKNER JR.

Latrobe's offense was hitting on all cylinders in the first three games as the Wildcats put up 41, 32 and 42 points in wins over Connellsville, Plum and Norwin.

But lately, the Wildcats have not sustained drives, a product of strong defensive play from Franklin Regional and Armstrong, yes, but also, in part, because of self-imposed issues.

Coach Ron Prady said he has concerns after Friday night's 14-0 win over visiting Armstrong. The Wildcats (4-1, 1-1 Big East) scored two late touchdowns but not before punting five times, coughing up a fumble and giving away an interception.

Drives stalled as penalties

hindered the Wildcats. They did not reach the red zone against the River Hawks.

Last week, the Wildcats lost 3-0 at Franklin Regional. Prady used the word "disjointed" to describe that loss.

"It's little things," Prady said. "It's when we're one block away, one cut away or one catch away. Things like that. We have to get better in execution. We can't just walk out on the field and expect things to happen."

On the bright side, Latrobe has not allowed a touchdown in eight quarters.

"Their defense is really good," Armstrong coach Frank Fabian said. "They were dropping eight guys back and forcing us to make tough throws. Their secondary is second to none."

Woodland Hills (3-2, 1-0)

comes to Memorial Stadium next week, so Latrobe knows it has to be more efficient if it wants to be a playoff contender in 5A.

"When we're in a rhythm, that's when we play our best football," running back Brady Prohovic said. "We need to get more into a rhythm. We only had two bursts in this game. We need more."

Prohovic and John Wetzel matched 34-yard touchdowns runs inside the final six minutes Friday night.

**Tatsch sits**

Latrobe running back Alex Tatsch, the Wildcats' Penn State commit at linebacker, sat out the second half Friday with some discomfort in his shoulder.

Tatsch ran for 117 yards in the

first half but played only sparingly on defense.

"We don't want to take any chances," Prady said. "We'll see what his doctors say and go from there."

Tatsch has rushed for 724 yards and eight touchdowns this season.

**Big East race**

Franklin Regional moved to 2-0 in 5A Big East Conference play, but the Panthers' lead is slim.

Woodland Hills is 1-0, and Latrobe, Penn-Trafford and Gateway are 1-1, Armstrong is 0-1 and Kiski Area is 0-2.

**Franklin touches down**

Penn State coach James Franklin flew his helicopter around the WPIAL on Friday

to check on some recruits and prospects along with assistant Terry Smith.

Franklin visited Latrobe on Friday morning to see Tatsch, then landed at Hempfield on Friday night to check out Central Catholic.

He parked his chopper on the ninth-grade baseball field at Hempfield.

Franklin also attended the Aliquippa-Penn Hills game.

**Saturday football**

A couple of local teams will break from the norm and play Saturday next week. Both games are in the Class A Eastern Conference.

Jeannette will take on Clairton for a noon kickoff at Thomas Jefferson. The Bears are playing home games at TJ while their

home field is being renovated.

Meanwhile, Greensburg Central Catholic also will kick off at noon at stately Riverside Park against Riverview.

**Extra points**

Belle Vernon (1-2) hadn't lost two in a row since 2022. ... No more Westmoreland County teams are undefeated after Jeannette, Greensburg Salem and Monessen lost. ... Derry blanked Indiana, 21-0. It was the Trojans' first shutout since 2019. ... Freshman Cody Yacamelli scored a 20-yard touchdown for Penn-Trafford in the fourth quarter. He is the younger brother of former Warriors star Cade Yacamelli.

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WPIAL football rankings			
CLASS 6A			
Team	Rec	Prv	
1. North Allegheny	5-0	1	
2. Central Catholic	3-2	2	
3. Canon-McMillan	2-3	5	
4. Seneca Valley	1-3	3	
5. Norwin	2-3	4	
Out: none			
CLASS 5A			
Team	Rec	Prv	
1. Peters Township	5-0	1	
2. Pine-Richland	4-0	2	
3. Upper St. Clair	5-0	3	
4. Bethel Park	5-0	4	
5. South Fayette	5-0	5	
Out: none			
CLASS 4A			
Team	Rec	Prv	
1. Aliquippa	2-1	1	
2. Montour	4-0	2	
3. Thomas Jefferson	5-0	3	
4. New Castle	4-0	NR	
5. McKeesport	1-4	4	
Out: Belle Vernon (1-2, 5)			
CLASS 3A			
Team	Rec	Prv	
1. Imani Christian	5-0	1	
2. Deer Lakes	5-0	2	
3. Central Valley	2-3	3	
4. Avonworth	2-2	5	
5. Beaver	3-2	4	
Out: none			
CLASS 2A			
Team	Rec	Prv	
1. Seton LaSalle	4-0	1	
2. Ellwood City	4-0	2	
3. South Park	4-1	3	
4. South Allegheny	4-1	4	
5. Steel Valley	2-3	NR	
Out: Waynesburg (3-2, 5)			
CLASS A			
Team	Rec	Prv	
1. Fort Cherry	5-0	1	
2. Clairton	5-0	2	
3. South Side	4-0	3	
4. Bishop Canevin	3-1	4	
5. Neshannock	4-1	5	
Out: none			
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FORT CHERRY'S RYAN HUEY

## 5A power shifts to South Hills

BY CHRIS HARLAN

There could be a lot of football talk in the South Hills this fall, maybe while eating sandwiches stuffed with French fries and coleslaw.

"The Primanti's in between Upper St. Clair, Bethel and us, it'll be fun for those kids," South Fayette coach Marty Spieler said. "They'll have something to talk about."

That's because the Allegheny Six could claim to be the power conference in WPIAL Class 5A. After five weeks, that conference still has four undefeated teams with Bethel Park, Peters Township, South Fayette and Upper St. Clair at 5-0.

Peters Township is the defending WPIAL champion and state runner-up.

Spieler, a first-year coach and a 2000 Woodland Hills graduate, has seen the power cycle from one region in the WPIAL to another over the years.

"We had some battles at Woodland Hills with Penn Hills and Gateway," Spieler said. "And then it moved to Penn-Trafford. Right now, fortunately, we're going to have some exciting games traveling up and down (Route) 19."

The top five teams in the Allegheny Six are 23-1 combined when including Moon (3-1). However, those perfect records will be blemished when they start conference play next week.

One noteworthy nonconference win was Upper St. Clair's 45-7 decision over Big East-leading Franklin Regional in Week 2.

"I think the teams in our league are quality opponents," Bethel Park coach Phil Peckich said. "I think everyone understands the depth, week in and week out. They all have quality coaching staffs. When you come out of this league, if you can stay healthy, you're going to be battle tested."

Pine-Richland (4-0) in the Northeast Conference is the only other undefeated team in 5A.

**Record-setting kicks**

When a team wants touchdowns, celebrating a bunch of field goals can be tough. But Pine-Richland kicker Grant Argiro had a night worth celebrating.

The senior kicked five field goals in a 43-7 win over Plum, converting attempts from 25, 34, 35, 44 and 46 yards. That matched a WPIAL and PIAA single-game record set by Peters Township's Bob Milspaw in 1994.

Argiro also converted four extra points, giving him a WPIAL-record 19 kicking points.



South Fayette's Tyson Wright celebrates a touchdown against Belle Vernon on Friday night.

Milspaw was credited with the previous WPIAL record at 17.

"He's at practice every day working on his craft," Pine-Richland coach Jon LeDonne said. "He's not just a kicker. He's a captain on our team."

Argiro had a sixth field goal try Friday from 54 yards that narrowly missed to the left.

Garden Spot kicker Martin Walker tied Milspaw's field goal mark with five in a 2021 game, but nobody is known to have surpassed his 30-year-old record.

Making five field goals is a good season for most high school kickers. Argiro is a three-year varsity kicker for Pine-Richland and earned all-conference honors last season. He entered Friday having made 2 of 3 attempts this year.

LeDonne said his longest in practice was a 57- or 58-yarder, so he has confidence in him. Still, LeDonne surely hopes not to use him too much.

"You'd like those to be touchdowns," LeDonne said. "At least you're getting some points, so it's a positive."

**Building a bridge**

Ambridge improved to 3-1 with a win Friday over Greensburg Salem, which marks the Bridgers' best start in almost a decade. The team's progress isn't just on paper.

"The kids have got a little pep in their step," said Ambridge coach Sherman McBride, in his fourth season. "They're playing four quarters of football. Even the other teams talk about how physical that we've been. We've been playing good ball."

Their lone loss was in overtime to Hopewell.

In a five-year span before McBride arrived, Ambridge won a total of one game (1-44) from 2016-20. The Bridgers won two games in each of the past three

seasons, small steps in the right direction.

McBride said a key was that eight of the team's 17 seniors started for him as freshmen. But their work is far from over, said McBride, whose team starts Parkway Conference play next week.

"I always believe it's not the start but the finish," McBride said. "We still have this juggernaut of a conference to go through."

**Pitching a shutout**

The Clairton Bears sure are looking like their championship versions from the past.

Clairton posted its fourth straight shutout Friday with a 60-0 victory over Frazier, but it was the fifth consecutive game that the team's defense hasn't allowed a point.

The only touchdown the Bears have given up this season was a fumble return touchdown to Steel Valley in a 30-7 victory in Week Zero. Since, they have defeated Serra Catholic, 43-0; Shady Side Academy, 55-0; and Greensburg Central Catholic, 47-0.

**A perfect ending**

The WPIAL is down to 18 undefeated teams, but it took some late-game heroics for New Castle to remain on that unbeaten list.

The Red Hurricanes had trailed by 12 points with less than four minutes left in their 42-32 victory over Knoch. The comeback started with a 74-yard kickoff return touchdown by Nate McKnight, who later scored on a 51-yard pass to give his team the lead with 2:02 left in the fourth quarter.

They also tacked on a late rushing touchdown to secure their first 4-0 start since 2002.

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Week 4 football leaders	
PASSING	
363, Ceric Mack, East Allegheny (28 of 46)	
352, Nolan DiLucia, Peters Township (14 of 23)	
343, Kole Olszewski, Bishop Canevin (14 of 25)	
275, Elsidro Bryant, Gateway (15 of 30)	
223, Sam Patton, Shenango (11 of 21)	
220, Ryan Cortes, South Allegheny (11 of 31)	
216, Lane Allison, West Greene (12 of 20)	
212, Carson Bellinger, Avonworth (10 of 15)	
212, Jaron King, New Brighton (20 of 38)	
212, Ryan Messina, Elizabeth Forward (6 of 13)	
208, Ty Jansma, Canon-McMillan (17 of 33)	
194, Jaivin Peel, Western Beaver (12 of 18)	
192, Pat Smith, Mt. Lebanon (18 of 31)	
192, Drew Welhorsky, South Fayette (13 of 17)	
189, Stephen Knallay, Blackhawk (13 of 23)	
189, Chris Smiley, Ellwood City (12 of 15)	
187, James Armstrong, Hopewell (9 of 19)	
182, Tanner Pfeuffer, Bethel Park (10 of 14)	
182, Ty Watson, Bentworth (8 of 15)	
181, Robert Lenzi, South Park (7 of 10)	
180, Alec Teff, Butler (17 of 29)	
178, Aaron Strader, Pine-Richland (9 of 16)	
172, Anthony Smith, Southmoreland (9 of 18)	
172, Jy'Aire Walls, Central Catholic (8 of 11)	
170, Luke Kosko, Thomas Jefferson (11 of 14)	
168, Ayden Garcia, Riverside (10 of 17)	
165, Chase Lemke, Franklin Regional (10 of 17)	
RUSHING	
248, Zier Williams, Deer Lakes	
233, Amari Jackson, Beaver	
228, Evan McNerny, Hampton	
209, Ty Eber, Thomas Jefferson	
209, Jayden Floyd, Leechburg	
209, Matt Sieg, Fort Cherry	
204, Kyle Dupill, Franklin Regional	
201, Ja'Vaughn Moore, Bethel Park	
192, Anthony Eakin, Neshannock	
192, Kaevon Gardner, New Castle	
187, Dante Coury, Upper St. Clair	
186, Tasso Whipple, Penn-Trafford	
184, Robert Lenzi, South Park	
178, Mason Dixon, Central Valley	
165, Donald Barksdale, Steel Valley	
161, Sam Stewart, Blackhawk	
159, Billy Bricker, Keystone Oaks	
153, Desean Whipkey, Beth-Center	
149, Jance Henry, Central Valley	
140, Houston Guseman, Jefferson-Morgan	
RECEIVING	
156, Drew Cook, South Allegheny (6 rec.)	
143, Chris Portis, East Allegheny (10 rec.)	
137, Noah Schaeli, Mt. Lebanon (10 rec.)	
134, Kenyan Brown, South Park (4 rec.)	
129, Nick McCullough, Peters Township (3 rec.)	
126, Damar Olds, Bishop Canevin (7 rec.)	
125, Ryker Kennedy, North Catholic (4 rec.)	
118, Kole Doppelheuer, Belle Vernon (6 rec.)	
112, Parker Burns, West Greene (4 rec.)	
112, Demetri Lowe, Ringgold (4 rec.)	
110, Brayden White, Thomas Jefferson (6 rec.)	

## Penn-Trafford drops Mt. Pleasant

TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Miley Currie netted the overtime winner to lift Penn-Trafford to a 2-1 victory over Mt. Pleasant in nonsection girls soccer Saturday, handing the Vikings their first loss of the season.

Riley McIntosh also scored for Penn-Trafford (8-2). Morgan Gesinski scored for Mt. Pleasant (8-1).

**Boys soccer**

**Plum 3, Latrobe 1** — Gage Adinolfi had two goals as Plum (9-0-2) beat Latrobe (6-3) in a nonsection game shortened to 45

minutes because of lightning. Roman Agostoni scored for the Wildcats.

**Cross country**

**Blue Devil Invitational** — Norwin swept the team titles, and Thomas Gaydos won the boys race at Mt. Lebanon. Gaydos finished in 16:12, 7 seconds ahead of Quaker Valley's Jonah Montagnese. Luke Simpson finished fifth (16:53) for the Knights.

Annie Czajkowski (19:05) finished third to lead the Norwin girls. Latrobe's Emerson Skatell (19:28) finished fifth, followed by Norwin's Addison Farrah (20:03) and Jillian Ryba (20:06).

### HIGH SCHOOLS

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**BOYS**

**Saturday's results**

**Blue Devil Invitational**

**At Sharon**

**Individual:** 1. Thomas Gaydos, Norwin, 16:12; 2. Jonah Montagnese, Quaker Valley, 16:19; 3. Blake Glass, Fort Leboeuf, 16:25; 4. Clark Lalomia, Quaker Valley, 16:36; 5. Luke Simpson, Norwin, 16:53; 6. Carson Klase, McDonald (Ohio), 16:57; 7. James Alexander, Lakeview, 16:58; 8. Brody Graham, Blackhawk, 17:04; 9. Charlie Heese, Latrobe, 17:07; 10. Rocco Grande, Erie, 17:10.

**Team:** 1. Norwin, 61; 2. Lakeview, 133; 3. Latrobe, 189; 4. General McLane, 208; 5. Meadville, 217.

**GIRLS**

**Saturday's results**

**Blue Devil Invitational**

**At Sharon**

**Individual:** 1. Naomi Sheesley, McDonald (Ohio), 18:43; 2. Cecilia Montagnese, Quaker Valley, 18:56; 3. Annie Czajkowski, Norwin, 19:05; 4. Megan Puleio, Meadville, 19:20;

5. Emerson Skatell, Latrobe, 19:28; 6. Addison Farrah, Norwin, 20:03; 7. Jillian Ryba, Norwin, 20:06; 8. Carley Berk, Latrobe, 20:10; 9. Myla Bland, Saegertown, 20:18; 10. Sarah Levan, Latrobe, 20:22.

**Team:** 1. Norwin, 55; 2. Latrobe, 87; 3. McDonald (Ohio), 146; 4. Blackhawk, 179; 5. Baldwin, 189.

**FOOTBALL**

**Saturday's results**

**WPIAL**

**CLASS 2A**

**Allegheny**

Shady Side Academy 40, Apollo-Ridge 32

**Century**

Seton LaSalle 49, Carlynton 14

**CLASS A**

**Eastern**

Riverview 41, Springdale 0

**Nonconference**

Serra Catholic 42, Summit Academy 6

Woodland Hills 49, Shaler 7

**SOCCER**

**BOYS**

**Saturday's results**

**CLASS 2A**

Section 2

Hopewell 3, Keystone Oaks 2

Quaker Valley 2, Central Valley 1

(OT)

Riverside at Beaver (n)

**Nonsection**

Aquinas Academy 2, Eden Christian 1

Avonworth 2, Canfield (Ohio) 2

Bentworth 7, South Side 0

Knoch 2, Butler 0

Canon-McMillan 1, Trinity 0

McGuffey 7, Chartiers-Houston 0

Gateway 5, Kiski Area 3

North Allegheny 2, Montour 0

North Hills 3, Chartiers Valley 0

Penn Hills 2, Burrell 1

Plum 3, Latrobe 1

Shady Side Academy 5, Sewickley Academy 0

South Park 3, Mt. Pleasant 1

Springdale 11, Valley 0

**GIRLS**

**Saturday's results**

**Nonsection**

Aquinas Academy 2, Eden Christian 1

Burrell 7, Penn Hills 0

Butler 6, Knoch 0

Canfield (Ohio) 2, Avonworth 0

Fox Chapel 3, North Allegheny 0

Moon 4, Thomas Jefferson 0

Penn-Trafford 2, Mt. Pleasant 1 (OT)

Quaker Valley 1, Oakland Catholic 0

Beaver 6, Riverside 0

Shady Side Academy 9, Ellis School 0

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REDS 7, PIRATES 1

Jones, Pirates lose steam vs. Reds

Rookie's fastball speed dips; offense wastes opportunities

by KEVIN GORMAN

Jared Jones being outdueled by a fellow rookie right-hander was the least of the Pittsburgh Pirates' concerns. They were more worried that the flamethrower had a noticeable drop in velocity on his fastball.

Pirates manager Derek Shelton and assistant trainer Tony Leo made a mound visit to check on Jones in the fifth inning but left him in the game.

Jones insisted he was healthy, but his body language raised eyebrows when he was the last player to walk off the field at the end of the inning and went straight into the dug-out tunnel, causing Shelton to follow.

Rhett Lowder threw five scoreless innings, but Jones gave up six runs as the Cincinnati Reds rolled to a 7-1 win over the Pirates on Saturday afternoon at Great American Ball Park.

"Just bad. That's all it really is, just a bad outing," Jones told SportsNet Pittsburgh. "I'm fine. There's no injury."

The Pirates (72-83) have lost seven of their past nine games. Another Pirates rookie right-hander, Paul Skenes, will attempt to prevent the Reds (76-80) from sweeping the three-game series when he faces All-Star righty Hunter Greene on Sunday.

Lowder (2-2), the No. 7 overall pick in the 2023 MLB Draft, allowed five hits and two walks but got out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth as the Pirates stranded eight runners through the first five innings.

Jones (6-8) had no such luck. He surrendered six runs on six hits and three

CINCINNATI 7, PIRATES 1												
Pirates	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.					
Kiner-Falefa 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.247					
Reynolds lf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.276					
O.Cruz dh	3	0	1	0	2	0	.268					
Gonzales ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.272					
B.De La Cruz rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.192					
Grandal c	4	0	1	0	0	1	.220					
Joe Ib	3	0	1	0	1	2	.228					
Yorker 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.263					
Cook cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.226					
Totals	35	1	7	1	4	9						
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.					
India 2b	4	1	0	0	0	0	.245					
E.De La Cruz ss	5	2	3	4	0	1	.263					
Stephenson c	4	1	1	1	0	3	.264					
France 1b	3	1	1	2	1	1	.275					
Friedl cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.227					
Espinall dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.254					
Fraleigh rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.279					
Marble 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.213					
Benson lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.190					
Totals	33	7	9	7	4	7						

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Cincinnati 003 301 00x — 7 9 1  
E—Martie (12), LOB—Pirates 11, Cincinnati 7, 2B—E.De La Cruz (35), HR—Cook (2), off Busenitz; France (5), off Jones; E.De La Cruz (25), off Jones, RBIs—Cook (6), Stephenson (65), France 2 (20), E.De La Cruz 4 (74), SB—Benson (16). Runners left in scoring position—Pirates 5 (Yorker 2, Gonzales, B.De La Cruz 2); Cincinnati 2 (Martie, Stephenson). RISP—Pirates 1 for 6; Cincinnati 4 for 7. Runners moved up—Martie.  
Pirates IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Jones, L, 6-8 5 6 6 6 3 5 90 4.14  
Beeks 1 2 1 1 0 1 16 4.19  
Bednar 1 0 0 0 1 0 21 6.05  
Borucki 1 0 0 0 0 1 6 5.59  
Cincinnati IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
Lowder, W, 2-2 5 5 0 0 2 4 87 1.40  
Farmer 1 0 0 0 0 1 13 3.09  
Wilson 1 0 0 0 1 1 23 5.32  
Zulueta 1 0 0 0 1 2 21 5.40  
Busenitz (Ind.) 1 1 1 1 0 1 14 13.50  
HBP—Beeks (Ind.). WP—Zulueta. Umpires—Home, Charlie Ramos; First, Paul Clemens; Second, Stu Scheuwater; Third, Jordan Baker. T—2:28. A—25,574 (43,891).

walks with five strikeouts while throwing 53 of his 90 pitches for strikes.

More alarming was his velocity dip from his first strikeout, getting Elly De La Cruz swinging at a 99.2-mph fastball in the first inning, to a low of 90.8 mph in the fifth. Jones averaged 95.9 mph on 49 fastballs, down from his season average of 97.3 mph.

"Terrible. Everything was terrible today," Jones said. "That's the answer to your question: Terrible."

Jones, who was on the injured list from July 4 to Aug. 27 with a right lat strain, repeatedly stretched his right arm above his head between pitches.

After Jones threw a 90.8-mph fastball to Ty France in the fifth, Shelton and Leo made a mound visit to check on Jones but left him in the game because they felt like his breaking pitches were still effective.

"The first fastball he threw didn't really like the velo," Shelton said. "Execution of the slider was still good, so we went out to just check on him but he was fine."

Jones eclipsed his career high in innings, with 128 ⅓ this season. Shelton said his concerns were reduced when he struck out France on a slider. The fastball remained in the low- to mid-90s, but Jones completed a 1-2-3 inning on 13 pitches before exiting.

"It was just the fastball, then the fastball did tick back up after that. That was the thing that kind of made me feel like he was in an OK spot," Shelton said. "I think it's having a conversation with him, where he was at, what his thought process was, trusting the conversation right there. If there was any thought that there was any injury, we would have made sure that we got him out of there."

The Pirates finally scored in the ninth, when Billy Cook hit a full-count sinker from Alan Busenitz 424 feet to left-center for his second homer.

But the story of the game was Jones and his struggles since returning from the injured list: He has posted a 6.21 ERA in his past five starts.

"I think the biggest thing is, early in the year, he was really consistent with all of his weapons. What we've seen is a little bit of inconsistency," Shelton said. "Some of that is first major league season, and we're in September. Some of it is he came off an injury and trying to do a little too much at times. But, overall, the stuff is still good. We've just got to make sure it's more consistent."

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Ohtani on way to being best ever



MARK MADDEN  
Hot Take

Did Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Dodgers post the greatest single-game performance in MLB history at Miami this past Thursday?

Probably. It's hard to come up with any offensive output that matches 6 for 6, three home runs, two doubles, 17 total bases, 10 RBIs, four runs and two stolen bases.

That amazing stat line is further embellished by Ohtani reaching 50 homers and 50 steals during that game, becoming the first 50/50 player in MLB history.

Is 50/50 instantly one of MLB's magic numbers?

Absolutely. The home run records are skewed by PED use. Most pitching marks are beyond reach because of diminished workloads.

The game's priorities have radically changed. So have statistical expectations and what's perceived as significant. For example, pitching wins don't matter now.

But Ohtani didn't join the 50/50 club. He founded it.

The only benchmark that clearly stands above Ohtani's 50/50 is Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak in 1941. It hasn't been clouded by what's happened since or by changes to baseball.

The lone disclaimer to Ohtani's 50/50: It's easier to steal bases now. Bigger bases, throwing to first to hold the runner is limited. But that's nit-picking.

Is Ohtani the best baseball player ever?

That's a tough one. Right now, he's only a DH. He's currently not pitching.

If Ohtani hadn't reached 50/50, I'd have a hard time giving National League MVP to a DH.

But Ohtani did get 50/50 and no hitter in the NL approaches his output. So he's NL MVP. His magical season — and his performance Thursday — can't be denied.

Recency bias and the constant hype surrounding Ohtani dictates that he is baseball's best ever.

I'm not sure I'd go there just yet. But the direction he's headed, at 30, makes it likely.

I'm not necessarily wowed by his pitching or concerned by him returning to it after having a second major elbow surgery.

To be baseball's best ever, Ohtani has to keep piling up big offensive numbers.

Right now, Ohtani has 223 career home runs and a .279 lifetime average. Babe Ruth had 714 career home runs and hit .342.

If nothing else, Ohtani's big year has made the gambling scandal that peripherally (lol) involved him disappear. Could you bet on Ohtani reaching 50/50? What were the odds?

Mark Madden hosts a radio show 3-6 p.m. weekdays on WXDX-FM (105.9).

Penguins get hat trick from Puljujarvi

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Larsson went on to make 18 saves on 19 shots.

Jesse Puljujarvi was the Penguins' star of the game, scoring a hat trick to account for all of the club's goals.

Buffalo's JJ Peterka also recorded a hat trick.

Ville Koivuinen and Tristan Broz assisted on Puljujarvi's first goal of the game 68 seconds into the opening period on the power play.

Puljujarvi scored again on the power play at 8:33 of the final frame, assisted by McGroarty and Drew O'Connor.

Only 19 seconds later, he had his hat trick, with Avery Hayes and Broz assisting.

Saturday's preseason contest featured two contrasting lineups in terms of experience.

Of 18 dressed skaters, Buffalo had 12 who played in at least 50 NHL games last season. By comparison, the Penguins had only three players — defenseman Ryan Graves plus forwards Emil Bemstrom and O'Connor — who met that threshold.

If not evidenced by the final score, the discrepancy in NHL experience was illustrated further by Buffalo's 43-18 edge in shots on goal.

Only a year ago, O'Connor was looking to earn a role with the Penguins coming out of the preseason.

In a testament to his on-ice growth since, O'Connor centered the Penguins' top line Saturday, flanked by McGroarty and former No. 6 overall draft pick (Vegas Golden Knights, 2017) Cody Glass.

McGroarty and O'Connor skating together continues a trend seen in the handful of Penguins practices leading into Saturday.

"I really love his game," McGroarty said of O'Connor. "He's a really good hockey player, and he can fly out there. I feel like I can learn a lot from him watching and picking up little things."

Saturday offered coach Mike Sullivan his first look at McGroarty against hostile competition.

In terms of what it will take for players such as McGroarty and fellow forward prospects Vasily Ponomarev

and Koivuinen to secure spots with the Penguins, Sullivan has been clear.

"The expectation is, if you become a Pittsburgh Penguin that you're going to be a fierce competitor," Sullivan said. "There's lots of ways that you can show or display how competitive you are on the ice. Those are the things we're going to look for in all of our players."

Notes: The Penguins made their first cuts of the preseason before hitting the road for Buffalo, trimming their training camp roster to 64 players. Forwards Justin Cloutier (Soo Greyhounds) and Cooper Foster (Ottawa 67's), defenseman Caeden Carlisle (Soo Greyhounds), Donovan McCoy (Sudbury Wolves) and Emil Pieniniemi (Kingston Frontenacs) plus goalie Charlie Schenkel (Soo Greyhounds) were reassigned to their OHL clubs. ... Defenseman Erik Karlsson, who has yet to partake in practice this preseason because of an unspecified upper-body injury, skated Saturday as part of his rehab program.

Seth Rorabaugh is a TribLive staff writer.

IN BRIEF

Niners' Kittle out

WIRE REPORTS

All-Pro tight end George Kittle will miss the San Francisco 49ers' game on Sunday against the Los Angeles Rams with a hamstring injury.

Kittle was initially listed as doubtful for the game but was downgraded to out on Saturday before the team left for Los Angeles.

• The Houston Texans will be without running back Joe Mixon Sunday because of an ankle injury.

• Las Vegas Raiders pass rusher Malcolm Koonce (knee) will miss the rest of the season, two people close to the situation told the Associated Press.

Baseball

All-Star shortstop CJ Abrams was demoted to the minor leagues by the Washington Nationals for a reason not related to his on-field performance and

is not expected to play for them the rest of the season.

• The Boston Red Sox placed third baseman Rafael Devers on the 10-day injured list.

• Three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer was scratched from his scheduled start for the Texas Rangers on Saturday night, then put on the 15-day injured list with a left hamstring strain that means his season is over.

Golf

Italy's Matteo Manassero shot 9-under-par 63 to take a three-stroke lead after the third round of Europe's BMW PGA Championship. He leads Billy Horschel and Rory McIlroy by three.

• Jeeno Thitikul had a rocky closing stretch but did enough to expand her lead over Hall of Famer Lydia Ko, finishing with a birdie for a 4-under 68 and a two-shot advantage in the LPGA's Kroger Queen City Championship.

BASEBALL

MLB NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Philadelphia	.92	63	.594	—
Chicago	.86	69	.555	6
Atlanta	.84	71	.542	8
Washington	.69	86	.445	23
Miami	.57	98	.368	35

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Milwaukee	.88	67	.568	—
Chicago	.79	76	.510	9
St. Louis	.78	77	.503	10
Cincinnati	.76	80	.487	12.5
Pirates	.72	83	.465	16

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	.92	62	.597	—
San Diego	.88	66	.571	4
Arizona	.87	68	.561	5.5
San Francisco	.76	79	.490	16.5
Colorado	.59	95	.383	33

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	.90	64	.584	—
Baltimore	.86	69	.555	4.5
Tampa Bay	.77	78	.497	13.5
Boston	.76	78	.494	14
Toronto	.73	82	.471	17.5

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland	.90	66	.577	—
Kansas City	.82	73	.529	7.5
Minnesota	.81	73	.526	8
Detroit	.81	74	.523	8
Chicago	.66	118	.354	53

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Houston	.85	70	.548	—
Seattle	.79	75	.513	5.5
Oakland	.73	81	.474	11.5
Texas	.67	87	.435	17.5
Los Angeles	.62	93	.400	23

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland	.85	66	.562	—
Kansas City	.82	73	.529	7.5
Minnesota	.81	73	.526	8
Detroit	.81	74	.523	8
Chicago	.66	118	.354	53

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Houston	.85	70	.548	—
Seattle	.79	75	.513	5.5
Oakland	.73	81	.474	11.5
Texas	.67	87	.435	17.5
Los Angeles	.62	93	.400	23

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z-Houston	.85	70	.548	—
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Seattle	.79	75	.513	5.5
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Texas	.67	87	.435	17.5
Los Angeles	.62	93	.400	23

Auto racing

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Philadelphia	.92	63	.594	—
Chicago	.86	69	.555	6
Atlanta	.84	71	.542	8
Washington	.69	86	.445	23
Miami	.57	98	.368	35

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Milwaukee	.88	67	.568	—
Chicago	.79	76	.510	9
St. Louis	.78	77	.503	10
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Pirates	.72	83	.465	16

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z-Los Angeles	.92	62	.597	—
San Diego	.88	66	.571	4
Arizona	.87	68	.561	5.5
San Francisco	.76	79	.490	16.5
Colorado	.59	95	.383	33

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	.90	64	.584	—
Baltimore	.86	69	.555	4.5
Tampa Bay	.77	78	.497	13.5
Boston	.76	78	.494	14
Toronto	.73	82	.471	17.5

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(Yamamoto 6-2), 4:10 p.m.  
 • Philadelphia (Wheeler 16-6) at N.Y. Mets  
 (Megill 4-5), 7:15 p.m.

**American League**

- Minnesota (Matthews 1-3) at Boston  
 (Pivetta 5-11), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
- Detroit (TBD) at Baltimore (Suárez 8-6),  
 1:35 p.m.



## Mother of teen in school shooting case indicted on separate charges

The mother of a Georgia teenager charged with fatally shooting four people at his high school has been indicted in connection with an alleged domestic incident last year.

The indictment handed down Monday charges Marcee Gray, 43, with exploiting an elderly person and other crimes in Ben Hill County, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. It appears unrelated to the school shootings at Apalachee High School, which occurred in a different Georgia county nearly 200 miles away.

Gray is the mother of 14-year-old Colt Gray, who was charged with murder after surrendering to police at the high school on Sept. 4. Authorities say the boy brought an assault-style rifle to school in his backpack and opened fire during morning classes, killing two students and two teachers and injuring nine others.

The indictment charging Marcee Gray stems from a domestic incident late last year, the Atlanta newspaper reported. It said a police incident report states Gray's 74-year-old mother told authorities Nov. 4 that Gray had taken her phone, taped her to a chair and left her for nearly a full day.

## Motel 6 sold to Indian operator for \$525M

The budget motel chain Motel 6 is being acquired by the parent company of Oyo, a hotel operator based in India.

The New York-based investment firm Blackstone, which owns Motel 6's parent company, G6 Hospitality, announced Friday the deal will be an all-cash transaction worth \$525 million.

The transaction will include the sale of the Studio 6 motel brand, which caters to customers seeking extended stays. The deal is expected to close by the end of the year.

Oyo, which launched in India just over a decade ago, has been expanding its footprint in the U.S. over the past few years. The company says it operates 320 hotels across 35 states and is aiming to add 250 more this year.

## Federal agents board vessel managed by firm in bridge collapse

Federal agents on Saturday boarded a vessel managed by the same company as a cargo ship that caused the deadly Baltimore bridge collapse, the FBI confirmed.

In statements, spokespeople for the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Maryland confirmed that authorities boarded the Maersk Salto. The ship is managed by Synergy Marine Group.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division and Coast Guard Investigative Services are present aboard the Maersk Salto conducting court authorized law enforcement activity," statements from both the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office said Saturday morning.

Authorities did not offer further specifics. The Washington Post first reported on federal authorities boarding the ship.

— Wire reports



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Festivalgoers reach out for the first glasses of beer Saturday on day one of the 189th Oktoberfest beer festival in Munich, Germany. **Right:** A waitress carries beer mugs in the Hofbraeuhaus beer tent.

## OKTOBERFEST IS OPEN

Mayor Dieter Reiter started Oktoberfest at noon Saturday when he inserted the tap into the first beer keg, signaling the 189th start of the festival. Thousands of beer lovers celebrated in the Munich fairground as the first to clink their mugs during the world's largest folk festival. The celebration runs through Oct. 6 in 18 large tents covering the Theresienwiese fairground.

Tens of thousands of people lined the streets early Saturday to watch the opening parade as others raced to claim tables inside the tents. They gossiped, played cards and walked around the fairgrounds to check out the food options and amusement park rides to kill time before they could start drinking.

Some 6 million visitors are expected over the festival's 16 days — up to 600,000 each day — and can expect to shell out between \$15.12 to \$17.01 for a 33-ounce mug of beer. This year's prices are roughly 3.87% more than in 2023.



The Oktoberfest hosts arrive for the start of the celebration.

# Abortion opponents concerned

*With protections on states' ballots and election coming up, activists express worry*

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Just two years ago, leading anti-abortion activists were euphoric as the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, thus ending the nationwide right to abortion.

Now, with a presidential election fast approaching, their movement is disunited and worried. Within their own ranks, there is second-guessing and finger-pointing, plus trepidation that Election Day might provide new proof their cause is broadly unpopular.

Michael New, an abortion opponent who teaches social research at the Catholic University of America, offered an overview of how the movement had fared since the Roe ruling in June 2022.

"Things have not necessarily unfolded as we would hope," he wrote in an email. "There is certainly a sense among pro-life leaders that we should have had a stronger post-Roe game plan in place."

"I always remind fellow pro-lifers that we were never promised a smooth glide path to victory," he added. "There will certainly be setbacks and disappointments along the way."

A key reason for the wariness is the anti-abortion movement's recent losing streak on abortion-related



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"There is certainly a sense among pro-life leaders that we should have had a stronger post-Roe game plan in place," said Michael New, an abortion opponent who teaches social research at the Catholic University of America.

ballot measures in seven states, including conservative Kansas and Kentucky. Nine more states will consider constitutional amendments enshrining abortion rights in the Nov. 5 election — Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada and South Dakota. In several of them, abortion opponents tried various unsuccessful strategies for blocking the measures.

"Pro-life people don't wear rose-colored glasses; we know we have a huge task ahead of us," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "Because of the massive amounts of money being dumped into the ballot measures from those allied with the abortion industry and the Democratic Party, it's an uphill battle."

"We will continue to educate, to make people aware of the catastrophic result if these measures pass," she added. "I have not seen flagging energy or any loss of determination among pro-life people."

Texas is among the Republican-governed states that have enacted near-total abortion bans. Yet nationally, Texas Right to Life president John Seago said, the anti-abortion movement "is in a critical chapter right now."

"Following a historic legal victory, we have realized that, while we had enjoyed massive legislative and legal victories in the last decade, public opinion had not followed the same trajectory," he added.

Troy Newman, who heads the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, recently published an online opinion piece assailing the movement he's been a part of for 25 years.

"The tide has turned, and the pro-life message is now considered a political liability that could prevent President Trump's victorious return to the White House," Newman wrote.

"After evaluating the terrible mistakes of the pro-life movement over the last several years, I can only conclude that it is our fault," Newman wrote. "We have had over 50 years to change the culture's position on abortion only to have failed miserably."

Newman blamed those in his own ranks for the predicament — saying some anti-abortion leaders should have been more adamant in their positions. "We lose the minute we stop focusing on the babies," he said.

# Ukraine hits arms depots

*Zelenskyy to appeal for help in meetings with Biden, Harris, Trump*

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KYIV, Ukraine — A major Ukrainian drone attack set multiple Russian arms depots ablaze, destroying what Ukraine's general staff said were thousands of tons of weaponry, including missiles from North Korea.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, meanwhile, appealed for quick action from the United States to send more weapons before his visit to the White House next week with a multi-point "victory plan."

Ukraine launched more than 100 drones at Russia and the occupied Crimean Peninsula overnight, Russian news reports and the Defense Ministry said Saturday.

The strikes set an arms depot on fire just miles away from one struck by Ukrainian drones last week, in an attack that wounded 13 people and also caused a huge blaze. Arms and ammunition depots were also hit Saturday in Russia's southern Krasnodar region.

The "victory plan" that Zelenskyy will present to U.S. President Joe Biden will include long-range strike capabilities and other weapons long sought by Kyiv, and will serve as the basis for any future negotiation with Russia, Zelenskyy told reporters.

Zelenskyy has alluded to the plan's preparation but hasn't publicly outlined its contents, saying only that it contains terms acceptable for Ukraine to negotiate with Russia.

"This will be the start and foundation for talking in any format with Russia. In any format, with any of its representatives, because there will be a plan and something to show," Zelenskyy said in a briefing Friday.

Zelenskyy said he will present the plan to Biden and VP Kamala Harris. Zelenskyy said he also plans to meet with Harris' opponent in the November election, former President Donald Trump.

## Zelenskyy to tour Scranton ammo factory

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Sunday will visit the Pennsylvania ammunition factory that is producing one of the most critically needed munitions for his country's fight to fend off Russian ground forces.

He is expected to go to the Scranton Army Ammunition Plant to kick off a busy week in the United States shoring up support for Ukraine in the war, according to two U.S. officials and a third familiar with Zelenskyy's schedule. He also will address the U.N. General Assembly annual gathering in New York and travel to Washington for talks on Thursday with President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

The Scranton plant is one of the few facilities in the country to manufacture 155 mm artillery shells. They are used in howitzer systems.

# Americans can now renew passports online, with more upgrades planned

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WASHINGTON — Americans can now renew their passports online, bypassing a cumbersome mail-in paper application process that often caused delays.

The State Department announced Wednesday that its online renewal system is now fully operational, after testing in pilot programs, and available to adult passport holders whose passport has expired within the past five years or will expire in the coming year. It is not available for the re-

newal of children's passports, for first-time passport applicants for renewal applicants who live outside the United States or for expedited applications.

"By offering this online alternative to the traditional paper application process, the Department is embracing digital transformation to offer the most efficient and convenient passport renewal experience possible," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement.

The department said it es-



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Online options are not available for those seeking expedited applications.

timated that about 5 million Americans would be able to use this service a year. In 2023, it processed 24 million

passports, about 40% of which were renewals.

After staffing shortages caused mainly by the covid-19 pandemic resulted in lengthy passport processing delays, the department ramped up hiring and introduced other technological improvements that have reduced wait times by about one-third over last year. It says most applications are now completed in far less than the advertised six weeks to eight weeks and the online renewal system is expected to further reduce that.

The system will allow renewal applicants to skip the current process, which requires them to print out and send paper applications, photos and a check by mail, and submit their documents, photo, and payment through a secure website, [www.Travel.State.Gov/renewonline](http://www.Travel.State.Gov/renewonline).

There will be no change to the existing passport processing fees, which are currently \$130 for a regular renewal.

Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Rena Bitter, whose bureau oversees

passport processing said the department hoped to expand the program in the coming years to possibly include Americans living abroad, those seeking to renew a second passport and children's passports.

"This is not going to be the last thing that we do," she told reporters. "We want to see how this goes and then we'll start looking at ways to continue to make this service available to more American citizens in the coming months and years."



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## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

# There is a better way to find \$1M for the NFL Draft

Government pays for a lot of things people need. Roads. Courts. Schools. These are things that make a community function. They also pay for things people don't exactly require but that make society better, such as playgrounds and libraries.

Then there are the things that come in grayer shades. Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle Parker just announced a new agreement for a 76ers basketball arena in Center City. It is sold as an economic boon, but plenty of people push back on the idea of government footing the bill for billion-dollar sports franchises to have glossy new event spaces.

It's not unique. Cities around the world vie for the Olympics and are willing to pay for the privilege. The same thing happens with other splashy, high-profile opportunities.

For example, Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey has pledged \$1 million to prepare for the NFL Draft in 2026.

On the one hand, \$1 million is a lot for a city that has been facing increasing alarm over its financial position. Can Pittsburgh afford to pony up that kind of money to the tourism agency VisitPittsburgh when it's dealing with things such as the disappearing cushion of covid-19 cash and the very real possibility of the tax on professional athletes going away?

On the other, \$1 million is not much compared with the \$2.3 million the state is forking over to help Oakmont Country Club get ready for the U.S. Open in 2025. The NFL Draft is expected to generate upwards of \$120 million in revenue, which will definitely circle back into city coffers via taxes.

But some Pittsburgh council members are dubious — and they should be. Guarding taxpayer money is their job.

Maybe this is an opportunity to bring a perennial problem with city finances into play — the lack of tax money paid by Pittsburgh's biggest businesses that are also nonprofit organizations that don't pay taxes. This is exactly the time to corral UPMC, Highmark, the universities, etc., into payments in lieu of taxes to support an event that is not just a public good but also a smart business investment for them all.

Gainey's administration could take point on coordinating that kind of cooperation. Heck, Mr. Mayor, take the credit for getting it done — but there's probably a way to find \$1 million in the nonprofit corporate couch cushions scattered across the Steel City.



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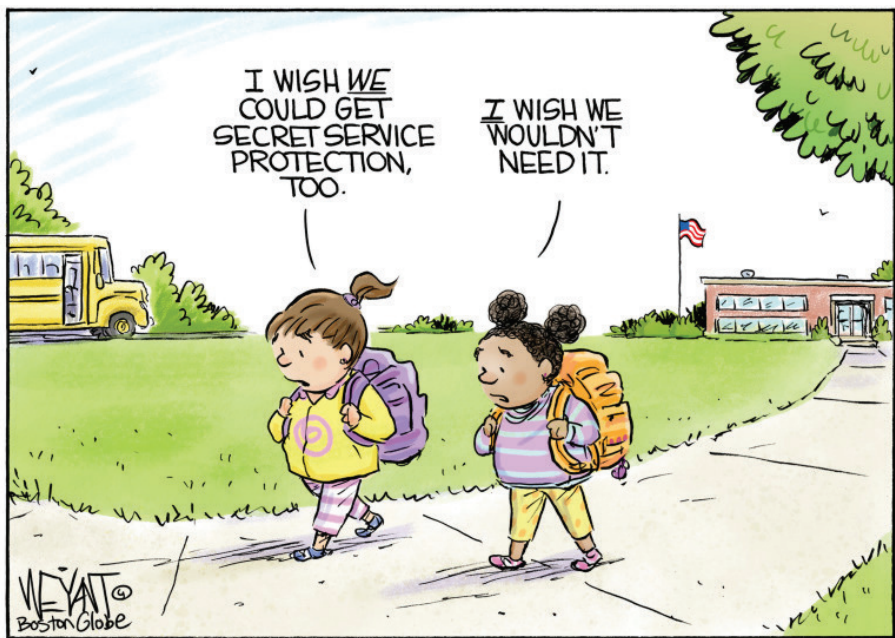
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## LETTERS

# Balancing energy, environment

The letter “Fracking not way of the future” (Sept. 10, TribLive) once again presents the claim that we must choose between natural gas and a clean environment. This oversimplified narrative fails to recognize the clear data proving that a balanced approach can accommodate both energy needs and environmental protection. Instead of framing the issue as an either-or situation, we should embrace innovative solutions that have allowed us to generate an affordable and clean energy source for consumers across Pennsylvania.

Consider that, in Pennsylvania, operations are guided by over 40 laws, 28 permitting packages and various technical guide-

lines before any ground is allowed to be broken. These measures reflect a strong commitment to balancing energy needs with environmental stewardship, demonstrating that natural gas development is done responsibly and safely within a highly regulated framework.

What's more, natural gas is a vital component in the use of renewable energy. Its ability to deliver consistent, on-demand power is essential for balancing the grid when renewable sources like wind and solar are

intermittent. Its role ensures that we can fully harness the benefits of renewables while maintaining energy security and advancing environmental goals.

We must embrace an all-of-the-above energy approach in order to build a resilient and reliable energy future. This strategy will ensure we have a stable, efficient and secure energy system that meets our needs and fosters long-term sustainability.

Joe Sinnott  
O'Hara

## Climate is warming

The writer of the letter “Harris' climate plans a scam?” (Sept. 14, TribLive), as a doctor, should know better. Contrary to his statements, sea level is rising, and glaciers are melting. The climate is warming.

He trots out that ridiculous right-wing talking point that when a cube of ice in a glass of water melts, the water level doesn't rise. Of course it doesn't — the cube is already in the water! Archimedes' principle!

The better experiment would be to drop a cube of ice into a glass of water. Does the level rise then? Yes, big time. The glaciers (land ice) in Greenland and Antarctica are melting fast and draining into the ocean, and when they're gone, sea level will have risen 224 feet. Plenty to drown our coastal cities. Worse yet, it is a runaway effect:

As the glaciers melt and expose the soil beneath, the “albedo” (reflectivity) decreases because the ice is reflective of sunlight while the soil absorbs it, causing further warming. Still worse, due to thermal expansion, the warmer ocean water will expand and rise.

The Republican Party is beholden to the energy companies, which pay big bucks to “keep on burning.” They promulgate specious arguments that often sound good but don't stand up to scientific scrutiny.

Climatologists and oceanologists are the experts, and the only thing they've been wrong about is that climate change is happening much faster than they predicted. But as they predicted — more frequent and intense storms, wildfires, etc. I wonder how anyone with kids can look the other way as our only home is being destroyed.

Al Duerig  
Greensburg

## Apply ‘truth in advertising’ to political ads

I'm sure we're all a little tired of all the political commercials that are on every TV channel at every commercial break. And who knows what is fact or fiction? FYI, the federal government, as well as many state governments, have “truth in advertising” laws in place that mandate that companies cannot advertise a product's benefits without providing proof of the claim. So why can't these same governments apply this law to political advertising? I think it would drastically reduce (or even eliminate) all the negative ads we see multiple times daily.

Plus, in between those political ads, we're forced to watch pharmaceutical

companies tell us what drugs we should be taking to cure whatever ailment we may have, from diabetes to cancer. I think we all know we can't get these drugs without a doctor's approval, so why are they pushed on us? Obviously, so we can tell our doctor what we want instead of the doctor telling us what we need. We all want reduced drug costs, so, if our government would limit these ads as they did tobacco and alcohol ads, the pharmaceutical companies' advertising costs could be applied toward reducing the cost of the drugs and help many of us as well as those on Medicare Part D!

Steve Swencki  
Hempfield

## God is everywhere

Where do we find God in times of despair, distress and disillusionment? Where do we find God when our prayers seem to fall on deaf ears? We find God in the people around us ... our family, friends and even those strangers who share a shoulder to cry on, a smile to laugh with, a hand to hold. We find God in those who work to lift people up. If you're wondering where God is, chances are she/he/they can be found in the person right next to you.

In the words of musician Bill Toms, “Sometimes I pause to question fate; Sometimes it walks right through my door; And when I least expect it, love is there for me.”

My friends, God is love. Simple as that. If you're looking for God, all you need to do is love. Love your family. Love your friends. Love the stranger. Love your enemies! That's where you'll find God!

Keith G. Kondrich  
Swisshelm Park  
The writer is a deacon in the  
Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

## CROWN Act would end discrimination based on hair

Imagine getting fired from your job because the boss objects to your hairstyle, texture or type. Imagine if a school official sent your child home simply because of their hair. While this possibility might seem absurd to some Pennsylvanians, state law does not currently offer protection from this form of exclusion. The Pennsylvania CROWN Act would prohibit discrimination based on natural hair, including locs, braids, cornrows and Afros.

I urge the Senate to move the CROWN Act to a full vote in the next session and pass this bill, thereby supporting people across the commonwealth who simply want to go to school and work and otherwise engage in daily life.

Harriet L. Schwartz  
Squirrel Hill

CAL THOMAS

# Words and deeds

In 1995, when Timothy McVeigh bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people, including 19 children, and injuring hundreds more, President Bill Clinton blamed “promoters of paranoia,” which conservative talk radio hosts took as a slur against them.

At the time, I wrote that, while there were many examples of incendiary language coming from the left, as well as the right, people are responsible for their own behavior and that murders and violent acts against government and government officials were not unique to the modern era.

Which brings me to last Sunday's incident at Donald Trump's golf club in West Palm Beach. Accused sniper Ryan Wesley Routh got within 500 yards of Trump after spending 12 hours hidden in vegetation just outside a fence. The Secret Service reportedly knew of the location and had warned Trump, who chose to play golf anyway. They said Trump was never in line of sight of the suspect, and Routh never fired a single round, but he might have had an agent not spotted him and shot at him.

Acting Secret Service Director Ronald Rowe said Trump “wasn't supposed to be there,” so, he said, the Secret Service exercised its “emergency” plan. This raises the question about how the alleged sniper was able to spend 12 hours out of sight when Trump's golf outing appeared to be spontaneous. How did he know to position himself where he did?

The Associated Press reported: “Routh previously wrote about Trump being killed in a self-published book in 2023 called Ukraine's Unwinnable War. In the book, Routh reportedly called Trump a ‘buffoon’ and a ‘fool’ and suggested that Iran kill the former president. ‘You are free to assassinate Trump,’ he said of the country.”

Did charges by Democrats and some Republicans that they consider Trump a “threat to democracy” partially motivate Routh? Someone will have to ask him, but the loose talk by Trump, his running mate JD Vance, as well as those on the left and right have contributed to the poisoning of our political atmosphere. Following Routh's arrest, Vance called for a toning down of the rhetoric from the Democratic side, but then added this unhelpful statement: “Nobody has tried to kill Kamala Harris.” The toning down could start with him and his running mate.

Routh's arrest record and erratic behavior were reported by several media outlets. CNN reported he had been arrested eight times for various offenses, one of them on a charge of possessing a “weapon of mass destruction” — a concealed gun in his vehicle — in his native Greensboro, N.C.

Then there's the question of how he obtained the assault weapon in his possession, which was similar to the one used by Butler shooter Thomas Matthew Crooks. Critics of America's gun laws have a point that such weapons are made to be used in war and are not made for game hunting or sport shooting. They should be more difficult to obtain.

At the end of his first Inaugural Address, Abraham Lincoln said of the South, which had rebelled against the Union: “We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.”

Today, our “better angels” seem to have been replaced by our worst devils. Will someone please lead by example as Lincoln did?

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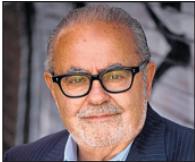


# What is Vance’s goal with attacks on families?

I am a father and a stepfather, and I have been a son and a stepson and an adopted son. From a purely political point of view, JD Vance’s attacks on families like mine are baffling. Any candidate looking for votes would realize that it makes no political sense. And it displays complete ignorance of the nature of real American families today.

If you know anything about anything, you know that families can be connected by blood or by law or not connected at all. You can be of any race or nationality. And you can make a family out of it if you are willing to lead with love and work hard at it.

In an interview Vance gave to Tucker Carlson on Fox News during his 2021 U.S. Senate campaign, Vance said that “people without children” do not have a “direct stake” in America’s future. He said that the Democratic Party “is controlled by people without children.” And he cited Kamala Harris, who has two stepchildren



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but no biological children, as an example.

Last week, Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders continued Vance’s assault on Harris and dismissed the role of all stepparents. While hosting a townhall discussion for Donald Trump, Sanders said “my kids keep me humble.” She then added, “Unfortunately, Kamala Harris doesn’t have anything keeping her humble.”

Bryan Lanza, a Trump campaign adviser, was bothered enough by Sanders’ remarks that he told CNN, “I found that comment to be actually offensive. I don’t know what more to say about that. I’m disappointed in Sarah saying that.

I’m sure I’m going to get criticism from the campaign, but I have to sort of defend somebody who’s a stepmom. It’s a tough job. People step into that role.”

Ask Harris’ family what they think about her, and you will get the real story. Her stepchildren — Cole and Ella — call her “Momala,” a term of affection that she wears proudly.

Kerstin Emhoff is the former wife of Doug Emhoff, Harris’ husband, and the biological mother of those now-adult children. “For over 10 years, since Cole and Ella were teenagers, Kamala has been a co-parent with Doug and I,” she said in July. “She is loving, nurturing, fiercely protective and always present. I love our blended family and am grateful to have her in it.”

Vance’s attack on families does not stop with his political opponents. When he started the big lie about the legal Haitian residents of Springfield, Ohio, kidnapping and eating pets, he achieved the Trump campaign objective of reclaiming

the top spot in all the news for several weeks. It went viral when Trump bashed the immigrants in front of nearly 70 million people at the Sept. 10 debate with Harris, shrieking, “They’re eating dogs!”

When it was discovered to be a lie, Vance kept repeating it. Vance told CNN that “if I have to create stories” to get the media to cover his anti-immigrant proposals, “then that’s what I’m going to do.”

With no regard for the families of Springfield and with an aggressive disregard for the safety of Haitian families who live there, Vance has turned the community upside down. Haitian families are living in fear. All of the children in Springfield are suffering because of the bomb threats that have closed the schools.

And for what reason is all of this suffering happening? So that Vance and Trump could recommend the lead in all the news cycles.

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WILLIAM COOPER

# Two-party system is failing us

Are Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump really the two best candidates for America’s most demanding and important job? Hardly.

So why, then, are they the two candidates to be president?

The answer is America’s two-party political system. While third parties occasionally make some noise, they never threaten the Democratic-Republican duopoly.

It’s just as America’s founders feared. George Washington warned against having only two political parties: “The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party dissension, which in different ages and countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism.”

John Adams considered a two-party system a grave threat: “a division of the republic into two great parties ... is to be dreaded as the great political evil.”

Indeed, the fewer tribes there are, the worse tribalism gets. And in America the two political tribes battle each other — and only each other — every single day. This rivalry amplifies bias, distorts the political debate, shunts policy platforms, stifles compromise and leads to subpar and underqualified government officials.

A deeply backward approach now dominates American politics: hating the other side even more than you like your own. An October 2020 study published in Science Magazine titled “Political Sectarianism in America” highlighted this new paradigm: “Democrats and Republicans — the 85% of U.S. citizens who do not identify as pure independents — have grown more contemptuous of opposing partisans for decades, and at similar rates.” Recently, the study continued, “this aversion exceeded their affection for copartisans.”

This explains a lot. When you hate Trump viscerally, it makes his opponent, Harris, seem like a better candidate than she really is. And vice versa.

The problem created by having only two political parties has been getting worse. Lee Drutman, the author of “Breaking the Two-Party Doom Loop: The Case for Multiparty Democracy in America,” explained in 2020 that, although “America’s two-party system goes back centuries, the threat today is new and different because the two parties are now truly distinct, a development that I date to the 2010 midterms. Until then, the two parties contained enough overlapping multitudes within them that the sort of bargaining and coalition-building natural to multiparty democracy could work inside the two-party system. No more.”

A more diverse set of political parties would help. It would invigorate mainstream political discourse with additional points of view. The introduction of new ideas and coalitions would reduce rigid partisanship and provide incentives for politicians to respect empirical reality and not just reflexively appease their constituencies.

Additional political parties wouldn’t solve everything, to be sure. There would likely still be gridlock in Congress. Tribalism and social-media echo chambers wouldn’t disappear.

But a vibrant multiparty system would directly address the biggest problem in U.S. politics: tribal rivalry and irrational partisanship. This more rational and diverse political system would make elections more about individual merit and less about party loyalty. And it would likely generate talented presidential candidates who are the most qualified for the job. A far cry from what we have now.

William Cooper is the author of “How America Works ... and Why it Doesn’t.” He wrote this for The Fulcrum.

# Foreign policy will be the next president’s first priority

BY CARL P. LEUBSDORF

Former President Donald Trump has often told audiences the first things he would do as president is “close” the southern border and give orders to “drill, drill, drill” to increase domestic oil production.

Vice President Kamala Harris says “it will be a day one priority to bring down prices.”

But the odds are that the more immediate problems the next president will face will not be domestic but international, given the continuation of the bloody, three-year-war in Ukraine and the complex, unstable situation in the Middle East.

The recent debate only discussed those issues after focusing on domestic matters for the first two-thirds of the 100-minute encounter. Still, it provided the campaign’s first sustained discussion of foreign policy issues though neither candidate broke new ground in their comments.

And though neither provided details on how they would approach these issues, especially the Middle East, their comments gave a sense of the substantial differences between their approaches, especially on Ukraine.

Harris made it clear she will continue President Joe Biden’s policy of mobilizing allied support in Europe to assist the embattled former Soviet republic’s efforts to resist Russian aggression and maintain its independence.

“Through the work that I and others did, we brought 50 countries together to support Ukraine in its righteous defense,” she said, citing her several meetings with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

“And because of our support, because of the air defense, the ammunition, the artillery, the Javelins, the Abrams tanks that we have provided, Ukraine stands as an independent and free country,” she added.

Trump, on the other hand, twice refused to say in response to direct questions from ABC News anchor David Muir if he wants Ukraine to win the war — or to specify anything he would do to assist it.

“I want the war to stop,” he said. “I want to save lives that are being uselessly — people being killed by the millions.”

He promised, as he has repeatedly, that “I’ll get the war with Ukraine and Russia ended,” adding, “If I’m president-elect, I’ll get it done before even becoming president.” He said, “I know Zelenskyy very well and I know Putin very well. I have a good relationship.” (As president, Trump pressured Zelenskyy to reopen an investigation of the Biden family, and he called Putin’s invasion of Ukraine “genius” and “savvy.”)

“I believe the reason that Donald Trump says that this war would be over within 24 hours is because he would just give it up,” Harris responded. “Putin would be sitting in Kyiv with his eyes on the rest of Europe. Starting with Poland.”

And she noted the issue’s potential domestic political implications by pointedly asking



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Vice President Kamala Harris shake hands at the end of a joint news conference Feb. 17 at the Munich Security Conference in Germany.

Trump: “Why don’t you tell the 800,000 Polish Americans right here in Pennsylvania how quickly you would give up for the sake of favor and what you think is a friendship with what is known to be a dictator who would eat you for lunch?”

“Putin would be sitting in Moscow, and he wouldn’t have lost 300,000 men and women,” Trump countered. “He would have been sitting in Moscow much happier than he is right now.”

He inaccurately said a pre-war meeting between Harris and Zelenskyy was a negotiating session to avoid war, rather than an effort to warn him of the impending invasion. “They sent her in to negotiate with Zelenskyy and Putin. And the war started three days later,” he said.

She accused Trump of lying, correctly declaring, “The American people have a right to rely on a president who understands the significance of America’s role and responsibility in terms of ensuring that there is stability and ensuring we stand up for our principles and not sell them for the benefit of personal flattery.”

Their discussion of the Middle East produced less clarity. Harris sought to avoid specifics, and Trump resorted to his typical invective.

Asked how she would deal with the stalled Israel-Hamas talks seeking a cease-fire in Gaza and the return of the remaining Israeli hostages, Harris echoed Biden’s policies, reiterating Israel’s right to defend itself and adding that “far too many innocent Palestinians have been killed.

“We need a cease-fire deal, and we need the

hostages out,” she said, reiterating longstanding U.S. policy for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Asked how he would negotiate with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and achieve a cease-fire, Trump replied, “If I were president, it would never have started” and falsely accused Harris of hating Israel.

“If she’s president, I believe that Israel will not exist within two years from now,” he said, adding that “in her own way, she hates the Arab population.”

“That’s absolutely not true,” Harris said. “I have my entire career and life supported Israel and the Israeli people. He knows that. He’s trying to again divide and distract from the reality, which is it is very well known that Donald Trump is weak and wrong on national security and foreign policy.”

Left unspoken was that Netanyahu, who has a close personal relationship with Trump, has repeatedly resisted Biden’s entreaties for an agreement with Hamas, prompting some belief he is stalling until he sees if Trump wins the election.

Netanyahu certainly got no indication Harris would be any less insistent than Biden nor that Trump would pressure him.

As with Ukraine, their responses indicated there would be continuity under a President Harris and uncertainty under a President Trump.

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# Beloved progressive initials, DEI, ESG, losing gleam

Progressives’ alphabet soup ingredients are DEI hiring and ESG investing. Both often are illegal, and the latter is medieval. “Diversity, equity and inclusion” became fashionable in corporate America, and enforced in academia. There, refusing to take DEI loyalty oaths provokes exclusion as punishment for deviations from this orthodoxy: Equity is group entitlements — inevitably, a racial spoils system. As Kamala Harris joyfully explains, “Equitable treatment means we all end up in the same place.”

Courts have dampened enthusiasm for DEI by reminding colleges of laws against racial discrimination, and by affirming that corporate officials and even directors can be held personally liable for illegalities. Recently, some star-spangled American companies — responsible for Jack Daniel’s whiskey, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, John Deere tractors and Ford F-150 trucks — have curbed their DEI enthusiasms.

Regarding ESG, last year, \$13 billion was withdrawn from asset managers making investment decisions based on “environmental, social and governance” considerations. Unpacked, those



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categories mean the woke agenda: decarbonizing the economy, social engineering based on identity politics, gender equality, union power and more.

ESG’s defects begin with illegality. The 1940 Investment Advisers Act required advisers to have one overriding concern: their clients’ financial interests. This fiduciary principle was reaffirmed in the 1974 Employee Retirement Income Security Act, which stipulates that those entrusted with investors’ money have the duty to deploy it “solely in the interest of” and “for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to” the investors.

ESG attempts to vitiate this duty, and disguise ESG’s illegality, by asserting that a corporation’s shareholders are just one set of “stakeholders.” And shareholders are inferior to stakeholders whose supposed superiority derives from having no financial stake in the

corporation’s performance. Stakeholders include employees, suppliers, customers and (per the Oxford Reference Dictionary) “members of the wider community.”

Investors are supposedly enabled by ESG to do good while doing well. Leave aside the Everest of unsurprising evidence that ESG investments do substantially less well than investments made for the purpose of maximizing returns for investors. Now, about doing good:

The greatest good, in terms of alleviating suffering, in all of humanity’s history has been done in recent decades by market-oriented, profit-seeking capitalists: by private wealth serving private interests. In 1975, half the human race lived in what the World Bank calls extreme poverty (\$2.15 a day, adjusted for inflation). Today, fewer than 1 in 10 persons are so afflicted.

In “Ending ESG and Restoring Economic Enlightenment,” former senator Phil Gramm and co-editor Terrence Keeley, the CEO of 1PointSix, a financial advisory firm, discern a paradox concerning progressives who advocate ESG. For them, progress consists of returning to the Middle Ages.

Then, life for most people was (as Thomas Hobbes depicted life in

the state of nature) “solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short.” Hitherto in human history, there was stagnation — negligible economic growth — because workers, and the very few who had a surplus beyond subsistence to save, were surrounded by grasping “stakeholders”: kings, nobles, communities, tribes, guilds, churches and others who enforced nonconsensual communal sharing, leeching away much of what little that workers received for their dawn-to-dusk toils.

Mass flourishing has been enabled by economic growth. It began with the Enlightenment principle that *individuals* own what *their* labor and investments produce.

ESG aspires to achieve comprehensive social control by making the private sector no longer private. With semantic sleight of hand, ESG advocates created their obfuscating category “stakeholders.” This camouflages awkward echoes of the statism of 20th-century totalitarians. Still, the echoes are undeniable.

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DEATH NOTICES

Barbara (Marton) Urban  
NORTH BRADDOCK



Barbara (Marton) Urban, 88, formerly of North Braddock, passed away Sept. 20, 2024, in Warrendale, surrounded by her children after a courageous yearlong battle with lung cancer. She grew up in North Braddock, the daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Polasko) Marton, and was a 1954 graduate of Scott High School. Barb had a zest for life and enjoyed her family and friends immensely. She was always able to support herself after being widowed at age 48 and never asked “why me” after getting her cancer diagnosis. Her faith was strong, and she was ready to go to heaven. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, Michael G. Urban; a sister, Betty (Marton) Borowski; and later life companions, Joseph Palopoli and Richard DeFazio. She is survived by a sister, Judy (Marton) Dibattista; her son, Michael Urban and his wife, Marilyn (Bernath); her daughter, Roseann Kuzins and her husband, Ken; and her son, Steven; her six grandchildren, Amanda (Kuzins) Robbins and her husband, Scott, Amy (Kuzins) Wolfe and her husband Chas, Marla (Urban) Dibuo and her husband, Brandon, Alaina (Kuzins) Riddle and her husband, Adam, Miles Urban and his wife, Leah (Emanuele), Alyssa Kuzins; and her “adopted” granddaughter, Kassady Cardamone. She also has three great-grandchildren, Liam Stravers and Grant and Serena DiBuo. She was expecting a fourth great-grandchild in December. A celebration of life service for Barbara will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 5 at Christ Lutheran Church, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221, followed

by a luncheon at 12:30 at Asti’s Italian Steakhouse in North Braddock. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Christ Lutheran Church. Professional services provided by JAMES F. KUTCH FUNERAL HOMES AND CREMATORY. Online condolences can be left at [www.kutchfuneralhome.org](http://www.kutchfuneralhome.org).

John J. Walkinshaw  
DERRY

John J. Walkinshaw, 78, of Derry, died Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at his home with his beloved wife of almost 56 years at his side. He was born June 30, 1946, in Latrobe, a son of the late Paul and Ida Erwin Walkinshaw. John was a lifelong member of Derry Presbyterian Church, where he had worked tirelessly for the good of the church and had served as a deacon and elder. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran, having served his country for almost 30 years and belonging to the 1004 Quartermaster. He retired from Latrobe Steel and had worked at Classic Industries. John had an infectious smile and always thought the best of everyone. He enjoyed reading the newspaper, crossword puzzles and his house cats. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Walkinshaw. He is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Wayda Walkinshaw; his son, Brad Walkinshaw; sisters-in-law, Roseann Walkinshaw, Donna Popelish (John) and Debbie Pezzoni (Mark); several nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends will be received from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Third Ave., Derry. John preferred not to have flowers. Additional viewing will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Derry Presbyterian Church with his service to begin at 11 a.m., with his pastor, the Rev. Larry Armstrong, officiating. Private interment will be made in Coles Cemetery, Derry. A special thanks to Mary and Joe, Rory and Tony, Shirley and Diane and the Aruba friends.

The Latrobe-Derry Veterans Honor Guard will present a service at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to [www.mccabefuneralhomespa.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhomespa.com).

Luann P. Yourish  
ACME



Luann P. Yourish, 59, of Acme passed away Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, in Independence Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. She was born Jan. 11, 1965, in Greensburg, a daughter of Merle E. and Anna Bulebush Shields of Acme. Luann was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Area High School and a graduate of Westmoreland County Community College, where she received her nursing degree. She working as a nurse at various places in the area for 30 years. Luann was an active volunteer for all of her children’s activities, especially at Geibel High School. She had a big heart and would take in many stray animals over the years. She loved shopping, cooking and cooking shows. No one ever left her home hungry. She was a member of St. Raymond of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church, Donegal. In

addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Robert J. Yourish; her children, Jay Yourish of Acme, and her triplets, Gabrielle, Jesse and Gillian Yourish, all of Acme; her brother, Troy Shields of Acme; her sister, Lori Arzenti of Mt. Pleasant; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews; and her pets, pet dog Mazie and pet cat Minnie. Family and friends will be received from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday in BROOKS FUNERAL HOME, 406 E. Washington St., Mt. Pleasant. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Raymond of the Mountains R.C. Church with Rev. Anthony Onoko as celebrant. Everyone please go directly to the church. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Kecksburg. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to onebyone rescue.org or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, PanCan, at [pancan.org](http://pancan.org), in memory of Luann P. Yourish. The family would like to especially thank Redstone Highlands Rehabilitation Center and Independence Health, especially the ICU, for all of their care and concern for Luann during her illness. To offer a condolence or remembrance, please visit [www.brooksfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brooksfuneralhomes.com).

Ward partners with Bayer, UPMC, others to offer breast cancer screenings

BY PATRICK VARINE

Because Pennsylvania Senate President Pro Tempore Kim Ward is a breast cancer survivor, she said she knows the importance of screening for the disease.

“When I went through my treatment, I could see firsthand some of the issues that women were facing,” said Ward, a Hempfield resident who was diagnosed with stage one breast cancer in 2021.

Ward underwent a lumpectomy and discovered she tested positive for what is called the BRCA gene via a DNA analysis that identifies harmful mutations in one of two breast cancer susceptibility genes, called BRCA1 and BRCA2, according to the Mayo Clinic. The gene mutation can lead to recurring instances of cancer.

“I went faithfully for my annual mammograms, which never showed it, and when I asked my doctors how long it had likely been there, they said between three and five years,” Ward said. “I had fibrous breasts, and I was never even offered an ultrasound. I’d been to my gynecologist the day before I was diagnosed, and they couldn’t feel it.”

Ward sprang into action personally and professionally, seeking aggressive treatment and working to craft legislation signed into law in 2023 that requires insurers to cover preventive breast and ovarian cancer screenings for high-risk women at no cost. The bill eliminates all costs associated with breast MRIs, breast ultrasound and genetic testing for the BRCA gene.

Pennsylvania became the first state in the nation to establish such a law.

Ward said it will eliminate high-risk individuals’ out-of-pocket costs for genetic testing for the breast cancer gene, counseling for high-risk individuals and supplemental screenings such as breast MRI and ultrasounds.

Ward is partnering with UPMC, Bayer, the PA Breast Cancer Coalition and food banks in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties next week, hosting sign-ups for breast cancer screenings and raising awareness about the expanded options available to women.

On Tuesday, they will be at the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, 1 N. Linden St. in Duquesne, where a shuttle will take patients to the nearby UPMC Imaging Center in West Mifflin for screening appointments from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, they will be at the Westmoreland Food Bank, 100 Devonshire Drive in Salem, where patients can schedule appointments during the same time with UPMC’s imaging center in Monroeville.

Food banks are hosting the event in order to offer their services to those in attendance. In addition, Bayer will raffle off VIP ticket packages to the Luke Bryan concert Saturday at the Cunningham Family Farm in South Huntingdon.

Ward said she hopes the events will raise awareness not just for the screenings, but for the expanded options now available to women across Pennsylvania.

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# PUMPKIN SPICE, *and everything nice*



Jazz up the season  
with treats from  
your own kitchen

BY LORI FALCE

**C**an you smell it? That spicy sweetness is hovering in the air right now.

Pumpkin spice season is here. Even before it's cool enough to feel like fall, the warmth of pie spices starts to appear in coffee shops and on store shelves. Pumpkin spice lattes have given way to pumpkin spice in everything from pancake mix and doughnuts to hummus and crackers. In 2023, Nissin even made pumpkin spice ramen noodles.

But there's something about pre-packaged, plastic-wrapped pumpkin products that just feels a bit — anticlimactic. The cinnamon-ginger-nutmeg-clove symphony of flavors isn't just attractive because of the season — it is also the scent of Mom's kitchen and Grandma's oven.

With that in mind, its more satisfying to bypass the crinkly package of frosting-filled sandwich cookies and reach for the sugar and spices in your own cupboard instead.



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Brown sugar pumpkin butter with bagels and pretzels (top left), a pumpkin chocolate Bundt cake with pumpkin cream cheese frosting (top right) and a pumpkin spice tres leches cake (above) are the perfect fall treats.

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## Pittsburgh native returns to primetime in 'Brilliant Minds'

**P**ittsburgh native Zachary Quinto first hit it big in prime time on NBC when he played the villain on "Heroes." This week, he's back on NBC, starring in new medical drama "Brilliant Minds" (10 p.m. Monday, WPXI-TV).

**ROB OWEN**  
TV Talk

Quinto plays Dr. Oliver Wolf, a neurologist based on the real Dr. Oliver Sacks, who also inspired the Robin Williams character in the 1990 film "Awakenings."

In an interview following a "Brilliant Minds" news conference during NBC's portion of the Television Critics Association summer 2024 press tour, Quinto said at first he was unsure if he wanted to return to broadcast television. In the years since "Heroes" ended in 2010, Quinto has largely stuck to cable/streaming, including lead roles in AMC's "NOS4A2" and several seasons of producer Ryan Murphy's "American Horror Story."

"Initially I was a little bit reluctant to go back into a network environment just because I haven't been in it for so long, but I just couldn't say no to the character and to the collaborators," Quinto said. "Michael Grassi, our showrunner, is such an incredible creative force and he's such a lovely person that I felt I have this opportunity to tell these really interesting stories based on a real-life person who's



RAFY/NBC

Zachary Quinto stars as Dr. Oliver Wolf in "Brilliant Minds."

incredibly inspiring. Why wouldn't I do that?"

Like Hugh Laurie's "House" in the 2004-12 Fox series, Dr. Oliver Wolf also investigates (and often solves!) medical mysteries. And while House and Wolf are both rebellious rule-breakers, Wolf has more sympathy for his patients and a better bedside manner.

"The similarity is that both Wolf and House are maybe a little bit socially awkward or inept in their unique ways," Quinto said. "Wolf is driven by a sense of compassion and a sense of wanting to really help his patients preserve their dignity and find ways to navigate and reconfigure their lives

so that they can live full and robust experiences. ... He's a rebel, yeah, but a rebel who wears his heart on his sleeve. He's a rebel in service of his patients."

Wolf has less patience for the interns who work for him or for the hospital administrator who hired Wolf to work alongside his longtime friend, Dr. Carol Pierce (Tamberla Perry).

"He doesn't want to be slowed down by some of the inexperience of the interns," Quinto acknowledged. "As the season unfolds, I think there emerges this really wonderful symbiosis between Wolf and the interns, and they learn from him, of course, but he also learns

from them. I love the title of our show because certainly 'Brilliant Minds' refers to these doctors who are incredibly intelligent and fiercely committed to their patients, but it also refers to the patients themselves, these people who have minds and brains that are maybe different than they want them to be or expected them to be, but yet they find their own path forward."

Quinto, who grew up in Green Tree and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1995 and Carnegie Mellon University in 1999, said to play Wolf, he immersed himself in Sacks' life.

"I read his book, his essays, watched his interviews and

TED talks and lectures," Quinto said. "He was such a fascinating person and so endlessly complex and intriguing that I feel like that's really where I put most of my energy in getting ready for the experience."

"How can I use him as a springboard into who Oliver Wolf is?"

Quinto said Wolf's beard is an homage to Sacks' look. And Wolf is gay, like Sacks was.

"To play an openly gay character on a prime-time network show is an incredibly significant honor for me," said Quinto, who came out as gay in 2011. "(Wolf) has a lot of conflicted feelings and emotions around his sexuality and around intimacy, and you learn a lot about where that comes from and why he is the way he is. ... Oliver Sacks, in real life, was celibate for 35 years of his life, and it wasn't until very late in his life that he came to terms with who he was and ended up meeting his partner who he was with for the last decade, I think, of his life. So it's a slow burn for Wolf, but there's sparks that ignite as the season goes on."

Flashbacks in "Brilliant Minds" shed light on Wolf's relationship with his parents, particularly his mother (Donny Murphy).

"Oliver's relationship with both of his parents factors into the journey of the series in the first season, and we come to understand who he is today as a result of who he was as a child," Quinto said. "The parental dynamics in

this show and in this world are really complex and resonant for me personally. Of course, I drew on my relationship with both my mom and my dad in different ways."

Quinto's father died of cancer when Zach was 7; his mother passed away just a few years ago, but Quinto said he still tries to get back to Pittsburgh once or twice a year.

"I have really good friends there, and it's always nice to come back," he said. "Pittsburgh is always a part of my fabric. It always will be. I'm always grateful for that. And every time I get to go back, I'm always happy."

In addition to starring roles in the films "The Boys in the Band" and "Margin Call," Quinto played Spock in three big screen "Star Trek" films, but that stream of the sci-fi franchise is currently dormant.

"If it comes back around, it would be a real gift, and all of us would love to do it again," Quinto said, "but there's no plans for it at the moment."

But there will be a "Star Trek" connection in a November episode of "Brilliant Minds." Per Variety, Quinto cast Susan Bay Nimoy, the widow of original Spock actor Leonard Nimoy, as an 80-year-old patient suffering from a condition that causes hypersexuality.

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# Does KDKA-TV have another new sportscaster?

**Q:** Does Suzie Cool now work for KDKA-TV? She reports on their high school and college football broadcasts, Nightly Sports Call, and she is a co-host of their new YouTube sports show, “Every Blade of Grass with Cool and Cass.”

— Barb & Jerry

**Rob:** Per KDKA news director Shawn Hoder, “Suzie is a freelancer for us. Saw her on our ‘Nightly Sports Call’ and want to explore more with her and are giving her some more on-air opportunities.”

**Rob Owen**  
TV Q&A  
Cool, who worked as a Pirates Ball Girl in 2014, is a 2015 graduate of Saint Vincent College, where she studied broadcast journalism. She has a master of arts in digital communication/multimedia from Point Park University. Cool previously worked for Audacy, including on KDKA radio. In addition to her work at KDKA, Cool covers high school football on Fridays for the Steelers’ “High School Showcase Game of the Week” as their sideline reporter, and she’s a host for the Steelers’ pro shop. “Every Blade of Grass” episodes, hosted by Cool and Cassidy Wood, debut Thursdays at 11 a.m. on KDKA’s YouTube channel, and a portion of the program airs Friday on “Pittsburgh Today Live.”



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Suzie Cool (left) and Cassidy Wood (right) host KDKA-TV’s YouTube show “Every Blade of Grass with Cool and Cass.”

**Q:** Does PCNC have any plans to do new episodes of “Chiller Theater” again this year?

— Randy, Butler

**Rob:** My understanding is there will be no new episodes of the revived “Chiller Theater” on PCNC or WPXI-TV this fall.

**Q:** During NFL season, most late games on KDKA-TV run over until 7:30 p.m. or after if KDKA airs a late game. Why does KDKA then air every Sun-

day evening prime-time show, resulting in the KDKA late news airing at 11:30 p.m. or later when this occurs?

— Denny, via email

**Rob:** None of this is KDKA’s doing. It’s all on the network, CBS. KDKA just passes through CBS’s programming. And it’s not a new phenomenon. I wrote about it back in 2010. For a while, you could even sign up for “Eye-lets” where CBS would email viewers to let them

know an accurate start time for Sunday night shows once the football game ended. But, with the rise of streaming, that service seems to have disappeared. I think CBS still posts notices on its social media channels about delayed start times.

As for why CBS continues to allow the overruns, NFL games draw a huge audience and are the best lead-in many prime-time shows can have. I think CBS’s view is: Why diminish that by dropping a show?

They’d rather encourage viewers to keep watching CBS later into the night.

It’s also worth noting that while delayed programming is pernicious on the East Coast, the farther west you go, the less of an impact it has, with CBS shows on the West Coast generally starting on time.

**Q:** Hubby and I watch “Tulsa King” on CBS Sunday night at 8 p.m. We love the show! We do not stream but have Comcast as our cable provider. When the second season starts this month, is CBS going to carry the second season on Sundays at 8 p.m.?

— Norine, Coraopolis

**Rob:** “Tulsa King” is a Paramount+ series, and the second season will not be on CBS, at least not anytime soon. CBS aired season one in an effort to get more people to sign up for Paramount+ to see season two.

It’s possible that Paramount+ could loan out “Tulsa King” season two to CBS next summer. But in the past, when streamers put their shows on a sister broadcast network, it’s almost always been limited to just the first season and nothing beyond that.

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## Pumpkin an unexpected ally with chocolate

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The obvious starting places are pumpkin bread, pumpkin muffins and a custardy wedge of pumpkin pie. But aren’t they a little been-there, done-that? Let’s take a page from the vast array of commercial pumpkin offerings and think outside the gourd.

Pumpkin butter is the pure essence of the squash, sweetened with brown sugar and cooked down to a rich, jammy spread. Once it’s ready, it can be spread thickly on toast or bagels. It can also be a savory-sweet dip for pretzels or graham crackers.

**The combination of pumpkin and spice is so much more than lattes and muffins. It’s the scent of September, the flavor of fall and a great way to bring the season into your kitchen.**

Pumpkin doesn’t just partner with cinnamon. It’s also an unexpected ally with chocolate. Mixed into a Bundt cake batter, it turns a run-of-the-mill fudgy treat into an unmistakably autumn dessert. Finish with a pumpkin-spice cream cheese frosting to amp up the familiar flavor.

For something completely different, try turning another dessert into a pumpkin masterpiece — marry creamy tres leches cake with pumpkin. After soaking with the blend of milks, whip heavy cream with vanilla and spices to blanket the top.

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### Brown sugar pumpkin butter

- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie mix)
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ginger
- ⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ cup apple cider

Mix all ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat. Reduce heat and cook over low, stirring regularly, for 20 to 30 minutes until homogeneously thick and sweet. This will burn if left unattended. Remove from heat and cool completely. Store in an airtight container.

### Chocolate pumpkin Bundt cake

- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons pumpkin butter
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a Bundt pan. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine cake mix, sour cream, pumpkin, eggs, milk and vanilla, beating until well-combined. Pour into prepared pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until done through. Cool completely before flipping to remove from pan. In another bowl, beat butter and cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add powdered sugar, beating until well combined. Add pumpkin butter and pie spice. Frost cake and serve.

### Pumpkin tres leches cake

- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 15-ounce can pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 4 eggs
- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 12-ounce can evaporated milk
- ½ cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon rum extract (or ¼ cup rum)
- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-by-13-inch cake pan. Set aside. In one bowl, sift together flour, baking powder and salt. In another mixing bowl, combine brown sugar, melted butter, oil, pumpkin puree and eggs. Mix in dry ingredients until well combined. Pour into prepared cake pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until done through. Meanwhile, combine sweetened condensed milk, evaporated milk, whole milk and rum extract or rum. Stir until homogeneous. Poke holes over surface of warm cake with a fork. Slowly pour milk mixture over the cake little by little, allowing it to soak in. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Before serving, beat cream with powdered sugar, vanilla and pie spice. Spread over cake.



To create your own chocolate pumpkin Bundt cake with pumpkin cream cheese frosting, see recipe at left.

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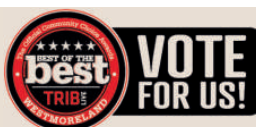
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1. Speak to your local licensed funeral director as a pre-arrangement specialist, a funeral director can help you clarify your wishes and make sure that everything is taken care of in your plan.
  2. Get your wishes and important information put in writing - gathering personal information ahead of time is of great help to a family. You can't count on your loved ones' memory to be at its best during a time of grief.
  3. Decide if advance payment is right for you - not everyone has the means to pay in advance for services, and that is fine. A licensed funeral director can go over all the options available so that you can make an educated decision. The more that can be taken care of ahead of time, including plans, personal wishes and payment, the less your family will have to worry about.
- These basic steps have been provided as a resource on how to get started with funeral pre-arrangement. For a free consultation or further information, please contact Kepple-Graft Funeral Home, Greensburg at 724-837-1201 or Graft-Jacquillard Funeral & Cremation Services, Scottdale at 724-887-7110.

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# Crowning the short-selling contest winner

Laurent Condon, a professional stock trader in France, has won my annual short-selling contest for a third time. Condon scored a 99.7% gain on his entry from a year ago, Mullen Automotive Inc., an electric car maker based in Brea, Calif. The stock descended from \$45 a share when the contest began to 13 cents a share as of Sept. 13. Short sellers gain when a stock falls.

I call this contest Short Sellers Don't Have Horns, because I believe that short sellers provide a useful antidote to the hype that surrounds some overvalued stocks. There's no risk in entering the contest, but, in real life, short selling is a risky investment technique. In a regular purchase of stock, the maximum loss is 100% and the potential gain is unlimited. It's the reverse with short sales: The maximum gain is 100% and potential losses are unlimited. Condon won this contest in 2017-2018, again in 2021-22 and yet again in 2023-24. He has also finished second once and third once. To boot, he has twice won honors in my traditional stock picking contest, in which the goal is to pick stocks that go up.

## Danger sign

One danger sign that motivated Condon to pick Mullen Automotive as his short is the company's history of doing reverse stock splits, often a desperation move. In a reverse stock split, a company shrinks the number of shares so each share is worth more. The goal often is to meet the minimum share-price requirement for a stock exchange. From 2016 through 2023, Mullen did five reverse stock splits. When I interviewed Condon a year ago, he was leaning toward picking WeWork Inc. (WEWKQ) as his short pick for the contest. Had he chosen it, he still would have won the contest. WeWork (a provider of shared office

space) went bankrupt and the stock is now worth zero. Condon thinks the market presently is a fertile ground for short selling because he sees "a lot of speculation." Many investors, he says, "are kind of blind to what they are chasing, which is good for me." One stock (actually an exchange-traded fund) he thinks is a good short is Valkyrie Bitcoin Mining ETF. As its name implies, it invests in companies that do online "mining" of Bitcoin.

## Second place

The man who placed second in the latest contest is a stock analyst I call "Sam." He is an analyst at an East Coast investment firm, which hasn't given him permission to talk with the press — hence the anonymity. Sam came in first in the contest in 2022-23. This year, he placed second with a 97.16% return on MSP Recovery Inc. (LIFW). The company tries to ferret out claims that have been paid by health insurers and should have been paid by someone else, such as car insurers or workers' compensation. MSP's revenue is small and falling. It was less than \$8 million in the past four quarters, down from more than \$23 million in 2022. MSP Recovery did a reverse split last year, giving holders one share for each 25 shares they previously owned. For the next contest, Sam says he would short Mullen Automotive, the same stock with which Condon won this year. Mullen's revenue in the past four quarters was \$160,000 and it has "more than \$50 million a year in expenses," Sam says.

## Third place

Third place goes Harry Feld, a retired chiropractor in Delray Beach, Fla. His short pick a year ago, ShiftPixy Inc. (PIXY), fell 93.85%. ShiftPixy offers services such as

human-resources consulting, payroll processing and workers' compensation administration to small businesses. It's based in Miami. "My main reason for shorting it," Feld wrote in his entry a year ago, "is that it has never made any money, and it will be doing a 1-to-24 reverse split soon." Held had taken second place in this contest in 2019-20. He has also won honors a couple of times in my traditional stock-picking contest.

## You can play

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# Pocketbook issues front of mind as Target, Best Buy launch holiday retail season

With consumers more selective, sales growth expected to be modest

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Target plans to hire 100,000 seasonal workers and will have its first holiday sales event next month. Best Buy and other retailers also are stretching the ever-important holiday retail season as long as possible. Target and Best Buy have acknowledged they must work hard to entice consumers who are shopping more selectively. Spending during the holidays is projected to increase by the smallest increment in the past few years. Target is emphasizing its low prices with another one of its Target Circle Weeks of deals set for October. The retailer hosted a similar event in July, which generated the highest digital traffic the store has seen this year. According to Target, its holiday assortment is its biggest ever with 50% more items than last year and thousands of items for \$5 and \$10. As shoppers are more price-sensitive, Target has been more intentional to market reduced prices, including those it lowered for 5,000 items this summer. "Given the significant headwinds they've faced with inflation over the last few years, consumers continue to focus on value as they work hard to manage their household budgets," Target CEO Brian Cornell said last month during a call with analysts. "And, while they continue to turn out and

shop around holidays and other seasonal moments, many are delaying purchases until the moment of need." Target has faced increased pressure from Walmart as shopper loyalty has wavered to wherever consumers think they can get the best deal. Last year, Target saw sales drop more than 4% during the fourth quarter compared with the year before. For Best Buy, the holidays are a critical time when consumers might be more willing to make big purchases like televisions, appliances and new phones. The electronics retailer will start sales for its paying members late this month and other sales events in October, such as a sale on games and game consoles. "We know better than anyone how big of a role tech plays during the holidays," said Jason Bonfig, senior executive vice president of customer offerings and fulfillment for Best Buy, in a statement. "Not only is it often the most wanted gift on a wish list, but it's also huge in helping people host and celebrate throughout the season." Holiday retail sales are expected to increase between 2.3% and 3.3% this year, according to Deloitte's annual holiday retail forecast. That would be a smaller bump than the last few years. "Although the pace of increase in holiday sales will be slower than last year, we expect that healthy growth in disposable personal income, combined with a steady labor market, will support a solid holiday sales season," said Akur Barua, an economist for Deloitte Insights.



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Q I see that Exxon Mobil has a total market value near \$500 billion. Is that too high? — A.C., Westwood, New Jersey

A Not necessarily. A stock's value reflects what investors are willing to pay for it, based on how it's performing and on expectations for its future growth. That market cap (recently \$494 billion) is a steep sum, but that doesn't necessarily mean its shares (recently priced near \$111) are overvalued.

With ExxonMobil, you might check out a few numbers to get an idea of its valuation. Its price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio, for example, was recently 13.3, a bit above its five-year average of 12.6. Its forward-looking P/E ratio, based on expected future earnings instead of past earnings, was recently 11.7, below its five-year average of 12.8. Never depend on just a few measures, but these two do suggest that the stock is close to being fairly valued.

If you're looking at its peers and see that Chevron's market value was recently \$255 billion, that doesn't mean Chevron is cheap or Exxon Mobil is overvalued. Note, for example, that Exxon Mobil's total revenue for the past 12 months was recently \$341 billion, while Chevron's was \$197 billion. Companies with higher revenue and earnings tend to sport higher valuations.

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### Women Tend To Be Better Investors

When it comes to financial matters such as saving for retirement, investing and managing portfolios, various surveys find that women feel less confident and knowledgeable than men. That's a shame, because multiple studies have found that women tend to be better at investing.

For example, the 2021 Women and Investing Study from Fidelity found, after analyzing the activity of more than 5 million Fidelity customers over a decade, that women's annual returns outperformed men by 0.4 percentage points. (Yes, it's a seemingly small difference, but it can mean tens of thousands of dollars over the long run.) A 2018 study from the U.K. found women's investments outperforming men's by 1.8 percentage points. And a 2023 Wells Fargo report also found women outperforming men in investing — while taking on 15% less risk than men.

What's going on? Well, one factor may be that women tend to trade less often. A Vanguard study from 2023 found women trading about 30% less often than men. A powerful way to build wealth over the long term is to invest in great companies or great index funds, and then to simply add to them over time and let them grow. (With companies, it's smart to keep up with their progress, to make sure they're still doing well.) When you buy and sell stocks frequently, you're often not giving a solid company the chance to perform for you.

It's important that women can do so well when investing, because most people need to be saving and investing for retirement. It's vital for women to feel more comfortable with money because at some point, many will be on their own, financially and otherwise — as single people, divorcees or widows.

People of any gender who don't feel knowledgeable or confident about investing can change that by reading up on the topic and by simply starting to invest, perhaps with a low-fee S&P 500 index fund. Learn more at [Fool.com](https://www.fool.com) and in books by John C. Bogle.

## My Smartest Investment

### Did Nothing

My smartest investment move was deciding to do nothing. In other words, I employed a lot of patience. — C.D., online

**The Fool Responds:** Doing nothing is a great way to build wealth, and you are indeed smart for figuring that out. Super-investor Warren Buffett has extolled the virtues of doing nothing for many years. In his 1988 letter to shareholders, for example, he explained that though many investors do a lot of buying and selling of stocks, "when we own portions of outstanding businesses with outstanding managements, our favorite holding period is forever." In his 1998 shareholder letter, he expressed regret for selling his shares of McDonald's, noting, "Overall, you would have been better off last year if I had regularly snuck off to the movies during market hours." He has also quipped, "The trick is, when there is nothing to do, do nothing."

Of course, you first need to buy shares of great and growing companies — ideally when they're undervalued. Or just invest in a low-fee S&P 500 index fund. After that, the best thing to do is often nothing.

(Do you have a smart or regrettable investment move to share with us? Email it to [TMFShare@fool.com](mailto:TMFShare@fool.com).)



## The Motley Fool Take

### Good Memory

At first glance, Micron Technology (Nasdaq: MU) might not look like a slam-dunk buy. The designer and maker of computer memory chips is not profitable on a trailing-12-month basis. That's also true for Micron's free cash flow, which has been negative over the last four quarters. Trailing sales are down 34% from the all-time highs seen in the summer of 2022. Investors don't seem thrilled about these financials, either: Micron's stock price was recently down 41% from its all-time high reached in June.

But there's reason to be optimistic about Micron, because it's tapped into the opportunities in artificial intelligence (AI). Computer systems built for training advanced AI software require lots of memory; so do the systems that deliver consumer-friendly (or business-ready) AI services when the training is done.

And do you know what your smartphone needs if you want it to deliver AI services without a cloud computing hub? That's right — plenty of memory! The latest wave of AI-enabled flagship phones is expected to inspire a large number of upgrades from older, AI-less handsets. The combination of more phone sales and more memory per phone should give Micron a massive revenue boost — and that's just the smartphone piece of the AI puzzle.

If you're bullish on the spread of AI, consider grabbing a few shares of this high-quality semiconductor stock on the cheap.



## Name That Company

I trace my roots back to my founding in 1897. A year later, I acquired the rights to my first patent, for an all-glass syringe. I was an early manufacturer of sterilized disposables. Today, with a recent market value of \$68 billion, I'm a major global medical technology company focused on medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. My offerings include catheters, biopsy kits, blood collection tubes, needles, an automated medication dispensing system and much more. I have over 70,000 employees, make more than 34 billion devices per year and boast more than 33,000 active patents.

Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.



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## ALLEGHENY COUNTY

### PITTSBURGH

#### 2ND WARD

- Andrew Coghe Jr. to Theresa Marie Giacomino at 320 Fort Duquesne Blvd. 6J for \$255,000.
- Meredith Cohen to Richard and Marsha Lynn Beahr at 320 Fort Duquesne Blvd. Unit 24K for \$349,900.
- Genady Geskin to Brandon Christopher and Carlye Marie Oliver at 350 Oliver Ave. Unit 1508 for \$2,600,000.

#### 4TH WARD

- Jessica Dancia Lahn to Civic Center Apartments LLC at 234 Melwood Ave. 1664 for \$130,319.
- Patricia Sedlock to Subhashini Arigovindan and Idris Mohamedkhan Sanaullah at 3266 Mohammedi Way, Unit 3 for \$190,000.

#### 5TH WARD

- Stephanie Curtis to Jacquleen Kosgai at 3924 Harry St. for \$240,000.

#### 6TH WARD

- City Bridges CLT to Jerica Orlando at 3109 Brereton St. for \$135,000.
- James Brozick to Daniel and Andrea Cermak at 5903 Fifth Ave. Apt 302 for \$295,000.
- Helen Monsour trustee to Kevin Tang at 714 Maryland Ave. for \$520,000.

- Heather Down to Christopher Mulcahy and Vernice Veranga Mulcahy at 825 Morewood Ave. D for \$395,000.

#### 9TH WARD

- Neuman Investing LLC to Kevin Walsh and Maura Katherine Cullen at 139 42nd St. for \$305,000.
- John Balsamico to Ravi Bhasker and Nisha Mahendra Patel at 250 42nd St. for \$937,500.
- Michael Burdick to Samir and Casey Hifri at 4413 Butler St. Unit B3 for \$310,000.

- Sapling Holdings LLC to 4618 Friendship Owner LLC at 4618 Friendship Ave. for \$826,525.
- Kevin Barr to Wayne & Willa LLC at 4211 Post St. for \$300,000.

#### 10TH WARD

- Lindsay Garrison to Sydney and Lucyna Holliday at 4268 Stanton Ave. for \$407,000.

#### 11TH WARD

- Christopher Joseph Pangrace to Fallon Zecca at 710 Beatty St. for \$492,500.
- City Bridges CLT to Dany Izzy Ricci at 508 Borland St. for \$135,000.

- Rebecca Griffith to Nathaniel Pettit at 15 N Fairmount St. for \$162,000.
- Quality Home Investments LLC to Jennifer Heltz at 337 N St. Clair St. for \$397,500.
- Jeremy Dewitt Shaw to Ajoy and Tabitha Vasey at 1133 Winterton St. for \$835,000.

#### 12TH WARD

- Pittsburgh Hous Develop Corp. to Anthony Williams and Salina Portis at 217 Paulson Ave. for \$174,000.

#### 13TH WARD

- Ella Thompson Muhammad to Malaki Davis at 7044 Bennett St. for \$150,000.

#### 14TH WARD

- Estate of Isadore Robinson to Ryan and Gretchen Wettstein at 6543 Bartlett St. for \$490,875.
- Jennifer Rabuck to Steven Collier to Mark Jacob Rush at 3041 Annandale Drive for \$540,000.
- Douglas Burek to Craig Matthew and Lori Ann Mahouski at 188 Bryna Ln for \$435,000.

- Maronda Homes LLC to New Vulco Real Estate Co. LLC at 212 Creekside Drive for \$569,990.
- Jay Piskorick to Ridvan Binalli at 781 Freedom Drive for \$389,500.
- John Michael Rakoczy to Anthony Palmieri at 671 Prestley St. for \$250,000.

#### CRAFTON

- Keith Fitterer to Julius and Anjaniette Alise Wells at 85 S 11th St. for \$305,000.
- Richard Deluca to Aaron Sontz at 171738 S Shore Ct for \$398,500.
- Aaron Alejandro to Megan Jolene and Sophia Michelle Yarish at 2030 Sarah St. for \$430,000.

- Christian Glikos to Jensen Petteway and Shelby Gleeves at 1911 Wharton St. for \$270,000.

#### 19TH WARD

- Thomas Odowd to Christopher Boehm at 566 Dorchester Ave. for \$229,900.
- Estate of George Gross to Jeffrey David Martin at 533 Fordham Ave. for \$322,500.
- Justin Walbert to John Thelmermann IV at 1437 Rockland Ave. for \$275,000.

- Danile Hellmann to Ricardo Delgado and Meghan Schmiedel at 1117 Woodbourne Ave. for \$235,000.

#### EDGEWOOD

- Anthony Gugliotti to LFR Parsons and Denise O'Malley Parsons at 117 Linden Ave. for \$325,000.
- Sean Lytle to Burghbrats LLC at 137 Race St. for \$170,000.

#### EDGEWORTH

- Robert Ditommaso to John and Emily Knauss at 413 Oliver Ave. for \$640,000.
- Bernard Rubb to Robert and Sarah Ditommaso at 434 Oliver Road for \$1,111,000.
- Vincent Manzella to Lordin Manichristian Araya Perez at 1424 Swantek St. for \$180,000.

#### 21ST WARD

- Samuel Cain to Leonard Edmonds at 1223 Pennsylvania Ave. for \$286,000.

#### 24TH WARD

- OAP Ventures LLC to Zackary Gronlund at 439 Simpson Howell Road for \$156,900.

#### EMS WORTH

- Georgiann Bounos to Joshua and Katherine Frankner at 91 Maple Ave. for \$200,000.
- Marc Raymond Gonzalez to James Dilmore at 170 Pennsylvania Ave. for \$352,000.

#### ETNA

- Ryan David Miller to Jessup Hoover and Sarah Jade Corbett at 14 Fischer Ave. for \$238,000.

#### FINDLAY

- NVR Inc. to Nathan and Katie Swift at 211 Curtis Ct for \$622,015.
- Maronda Homes LLC to Andrew and Jeffrey Krivan at 109 Holy Cross Drive for \$560,000.

#### FOREST HILLS

- Donald McCann to Yixuan Ding at 491 Atlantic Ave. for \$268,900.
- Estate of Jonathan Schachter to Emma Reed at 612 Cascade Road for \$230,000.
- Maria Clarke to Jonathan Small at 28 Sylvan Road for \$181,160.

#### FORWARD

- Estate of Virgil Vidil to Scott Rodgers and Jessica Harrison at 9911 Walker Road for \$182,000.

#### FOX CHAPEL

- Stephen Shymansky to Wei Pu and Gia Qin at 610 Berkshire Drive for \$1,275,000.
- Thomas Moslen to Douglas Hollaman II at 1928 Kearns Ave. for \$175,000.

#### FRANKLIN PARK

- Deerfield Estate FP Development LLC to Maronda Homes LLC at

- 1327 Adrian Drive for \$140,300.

- Memory Lane Venture LLC to Benjamin Marcus Homes LLC at 1602 Memory Lane Ct for \$245,000.

- Memory Lane Venture LLC to Benjamin Marcus Homes LLC at 1603 Memory Ln Ct for \$215,000.
- Radhika Movva to Xing Wei and Haiyan Luo at 1515 Shaker Ct for \$662,000.

- Steven Pietropoli to Patrick Thomas Carlson and Audrey Gillian Fox at 1607 Valley Brooke Ct for \$425,000.
- Richard Norris to Heidi Roberts at 1505 W Ingotmar Road for \$435,000.

#### GREEN TREE

- James Thomas Swiech to Amy Nicoletti at 141 Poplar St. for \$220,000.

#### HAMPTON

- John Hoyt trustee to William and Melissa Miller at 4406 Birchwood Ln for \$550,000.
- Maronda Homes LLC to Christopher Stephen and Lorraine Michelle Walton at 2706 Delukoda Road for \$914,800.
- George Pungratz to Claire Fitzgerald at 3077 Meadowbrook Ct for \$225,000.

- Emilee Ravotti Kotfis to Kevin and Kendra Muschar at 5058 Meadowridge Ln for \$461,500.
- Estate of Watson Sommerfield Jr. to Jay Guy and Kara Jeanne Perry at 4124 Simons Drive for \$325,000.

- William Martin to Ryan and Maria Moncheck at 2531 Wildwood Road for \$230,000.

#### HARMAR

- Mary Lisa Crouse to Faith Gravitt at 119 Rivermont Court for \$149,900.

#### HARRISON

- Theresa Hetler to Ronald R Collins and Mary Kay Kaminski at 1310 Dallas Ave. for \$125,000.
- Darren McPhillym to Demetrius and Danielle Dykstra at 1230 Stewart St. for \$135,000.

#### HOMESTEAD

- Waterfront Partners LLC to Eat N Park Hospitality Group Inc. at 245 E Waterfront Drive for \$150,000.

#### INDIANA

- Gregg Ferringier to Benjamin Abinader and Carolynne Brodie at 850 Fairview Road for \$404,000.
- Courtyards At Hidden Falls L.P. to Bryan Morales at 108 Hidden Falls Pt. for \$1,019,317.
- Michael Blobner to Vijay Nemani at 4018 Johns Ct for \$395,000.

#### INGRAM

- Lucas Morton to William and Jessica Logue at 1 Charters Pl for \$180,500.
- ELYFYM LLC to Paige Neupauer at 98 Evans Ave. for \$207,000.

#### JEFFERSON HILLS

- Leonard Mesina to Raneae and Gloria Eichmann at 538 Old Clairdon Road for \$260,000.

#### KENNEY

- NVR Inc. to 76 Management L.P. at 118 Crown St. for \$396,020.
- Jennifer Pace to Jeremy Polito and Carmela Cuzzolino at 17 Green Oak Drive for \$194,000.

#### KILBUCK

- Beatrice Paige to David and Gabrielle Stefan McKenna at 1016 Norwood Ave. for \$270,000.
- Jody Beth Obrosky to Tyler Laughlin at 695 Roosevelt Road for \$179,000.

#### LEETSDALE

- Gary Whitaker trustee to Jason and Jennifer Marianna at Valley Ln for \$575,000.

#### LIBERTY

- Estate of Alan Serena to Matthew O'Hara at 945 Elizabeth St. for \$220,000.
- Darla Coppola to Ryan Anthony Moraneli at 3104 Woodrow St. for \$147,500.

#### LINCOLN

- Wealth Forest LLC to Deo Raj Bhandari at 17 Kadar Ln for \$125,000.
- Douglas Burek to Peter Fairbanks Flint trustee at 256 Huckleberry Ct for \$289,900.
- Christopher Wormley II to Rajesh Sasikumar and Vimla Venugopal at 3011 Mahican Cir for \$575,000.

#### MCANDLESS

- Frederick Leith to Parker Walsh and Brittany Boss at 110 Wyndwood Road for \$395,000.

#### MCCANDLESS

- Jason Schoming to Rashi Dhar and Debashish Sasmal at 123 Blaze Ct for \$535,000.
- Estate of Jean Theresa Borek to Dixon Holding Co. LLC at 719 Cumberland Road for \$265,000.
- Estate of Richard Hatrick to Yunash and Rojita Maharjan at 625 Guenivere Drive for \$285,000.

- Stephen Romanelli to Jacqueline Lipton at 9500 Meadowlark Drive for \$315,000.
- Stephen Menchky to Zachary Evantysky at 8263 Peebles Road for \$310,000.
- Jeffrey Babcock to Sen Wang and mengru Guo at 8600 Remington Drive for \$240,000.

- Judith Ann Hoover to Brandon Maseth and Carly Crull at 691 Ryland Drive for \$438,000.
- Ryan Lane to Mahati Kopparla and Raghunathan Srinath Vedral at 9350 Timber Trail for \$450,000.

#### MCKEES ROCKS

- Douglas Hjermvot to Aurora Blanchard at 422 Grove St. for \$149,500.

#### MCKEESPORT

- Fifth Ave Property Group LLC to Davon Miller at 2409 Henderson Road for \$209,000.

#### MILVALE

- Marlin Tomov to John Bjornson at 201 Maryland Ave. for \$125,100.

#### MONROEVILLE

- Joseph Daum to Anila Murshed at 134 Blue Grass Cir for \$270,000.
- Santina Calgaro to Anne Josephs at 858 Cottonwood Drive for \$220,000.
- Diana Persichetti to Bobby and Kathleen Hunt at 215 Glenwood Drive for \$246,000.

- Estate of Philomena Toto to Richard James Boden at 145 Hahn Ln for \$195,000.
- Robert English to Lee and Melissa Brody at 124 Oak Point Drive for \$365,000.
- Joseph Mikol to Amanuel Mekonnen and Shubhaghi Sinha at 400 Woodhaven Drive for \$290,000.

#### MOON

- Scott Shaffer to Robert Choe and Jenni Weese at 1670 Charlton Heights Road for \$360,000.
- Shawn Patrick Neary to April Morris at 105 College Park Drive for \$135,000.
- Mary Gail Aikens to Jacob Zajac Simmons and Mahalia Hemingway at 912 Farmhaven Drive for \$282,700.

- NVR Inc. to Ashish Purushottam Vegad and Shweta Hermeraj Sapria at 131 Marketplace Ave. for \$404,715.
- Wael Abdalmegeed to Michael Hensler at 300 Aprilmae Way for \$376,100.
- Green Acquire Properties LLC to Kadri Bugra Oztemizel at 2 Simpon St. for \$221,000.

#### MT. LEBANON

- Matthew Oliver to Michael Merriam at 45 Academy Ave. for \$471,000.

- Estate of Camilla Taylor Foley to Jared Mains at 218 Birch Ave. for \$230,000.

- Juan Jose Ardid Alvarez to Jacob Andrew Belair and Benjamin Winter Campbell Peck at 767 Colony Cir for \$585,000.

- Megan Marie Mohring to Eric and Rachel Budd at 808 Kewanna Ave. for \$295,000.
- Kurt Bopp to Shaun and Debra Byrnes at 439 Meridian Drive for \$619,000.
- Lydia Casmer to Wesley Vietmeier at 750 Washington Road Unit 907 for \$240,000.

#### MUNHALL

- Kenneth Rowell to Kristina Tyrrell at 111 E James St. for \$167,000.
- Tonia Peoples to Tonisha Batts at 3309 Edward St. for \$167,450.
- SRB Construction LLC to Wayne McKee Jr. and Lauren McKee at 3900 Ellsworth St. for \$180,000.

- Jonathon Bradford to Martin Anthony Scholle and Cara Nicole Cornelius at 4608 Oakwood St. for \$188,900.
- RHMS Group Inc. to Pittsburgh Luxe LLC at 4119 Shady Ave. for \$131,000.

- Estate of Sherry Lee Ann Hunter to Dragan and Laura Lazic at 172 Craig St. for \$170,000.
- Mark Humphrey to Evan and Ashley Bianchi at 149 Saddle Ridge Drive for \$460,000.
- David Delfiandro to Robert Oliver Jolin II and Cathy Jolin at 113 Springhill Drive for \$529,900.

#### NORTH FAYETTE

- Stephen Shane to Rafayeth Chowdhury and Shaikh Atoshi Afrin Kotba at 201 Compass Court for \$485,100.
- Estate of Sherry Lee Ann Hunter to Dragan and Laura Lazic at 172 Craig St. for \$170,000.
- Amy Demo to Adam and Emily Sterczala at 5414 Forest Edge Drive for \$445,000.

- William Frech to Rathna Kumar Muthu Mathavi at 8003 Hinsdale Ln for \$413,000.
- Rocky Stoneking to John Alexander and Amy Evans at 707 Millers Run Road for \$196,000.
- Vivian Becky to Joseph and Andrea Wlencowski at 6387 Springhouse Pl for \$190,250.

#### SOUTH PARK

- Audrey Anderson to Laura Tobin at 6382 Pleasant St. for \$380,000.
- Robert David Moore to Santander Bank NA at 1889 Riggs Road for \$125,000 by sheriff's deed.

#### SWISSALE

- Cheryl Jones to Claire Delandro Kerber at 1400 Smokey Wood Drive Unit 912 for \$150,000.
- Tarentum A.C. to AcProperty Acquisitions LLC to A&E Pittsburgh Properties LLC at 223 W Ninth Ave. for \$140,000.

#### THORNHURST

- Louis Miller Jr. to Bridjerry Realty LLC at 210 Eton Road for \$423,000.
- Kieran Reilly to Samantha Glunt at 2657 Bingham Drive for \$265,000.
- Richard Walton to Jonathan and Alison Burrell at 360 Hays Road for \$2,600,000.

#### UPPER ST. CLAIR

- Kieran Reilly to Samantha Glunt at 2657 Bingham Drive for \$265,000.
- Richard Walton to Jonathan and Alison Burrell at 360 Hays Road for \$2,600,000.
- Jason Listak to William Englund and Jubel Puthusserali at 1336 Lesnett Road for \$190,000.

#### WEST DEER

- Bryan Aimes to Christopher and Katherine Dixon at 2009 Conley Ln for \$700,000.
- Central Penn Capital & Mgmt LLC to Clint and McKayla Barney at 4 Meadowview Drive for \$264,900.
- Theresa Giacomo to Dennis and Janice Parme Manley at 339 Saddlebrook Drive for \$400,000.

#### WEST MINIFIN

- Gerard Farine Jr. to Daniel Patrick and Carly Anne Greenwald at 317 Ridgewood Ave. for \$293,500.

#### WHITE OAK

- Ford Pro Construction LLC to Mondale and Latasha T Love Ford at 1829 Ohio Ave. for \$129,198.

#### WILKINSBURG

- Michael Stepaniak to Haley Tougner at Unknown Address for \$190,000.
- VMR Investments LLC to Andrew Shorey at 1325 Marlboro Ave. for \$135,000.

#### BUTLER COUNTY

- Susan Mohrbaecker to Herman Earl and Paula Reedy at 502 Applebridge Ct for \$665,000.
- Emilia Maryanna Portman to Mikayla Ferchaw and Ryan Teets at 117 Granithe Ridge Cir for \$550,000.

- Estate of Carol Ann Santa to W Fred and Judith Maskrey at 2053 Jamestown Ct for \$414,000.
- Jameson Hunt to Robert and Julie Wolf at 122 Kaufman Run Blvd. for \$650,000.
- Ryan Skuse to Dhruva Pradeep and Pradeep Kumar Sujar Arjunan at 131 Lupine Drive for \$392,000.

- Kathleen Sue Dell to Bryan McClure at 134 Lupine Drive for \$400,000.
- Vanessa Lee Krynicky to Josh and Kristen Pinkerton at 104 Olivia Ave. for \$685,000.
- Eugene Morabito to Robert Smith at 131 Raupp Ln for \$475,000.

#### BUFFALO

- Heritage Crossings Partners L.P. to James and Diana Marelli at 1254 Sandy Ridge Drive for \$448,185.
- Katie Schumacher to Laura Pollino and Kyle Witzberger at 114 Sunny Ln for \$400,000.
- Kate Whiting Birch to Jessica Pastva and Ronald Sullivan at 139 Woodbury Drive for \$430,000.

- Kristina Reyer to Jacob and Brenna Peck at 136 Woodhaven Drive for \$477,000.

#### BUTLER

- Maureen Mossman to Kayla James Campbell and Jacob Dean Slagle at 118 Garfield Ave. for \$128,900.
- Katie Ross Jolly to Gordon and Ruth Wood at 221 South St. for \$173,859.
- Lindsay May to Eric Joseph Kimis Moizuk at 315 Spruce St. for \$140,000.

#### BUTLER TOWNSHIP

- Brian Ellenberger trustee to Michael and Brianna Bognar at 108 Bryson Road for \$525,000.
- AFE & Allman Land Group LLC to NVR Inc. at Dominic Drive for \$148,600.
- NVR Inc. to Lawrence and Donna Deck at 129 Dominic Drive for \$735,555.

- Estate of Nicholas Robert Hasychak to Llyod Egal at 407 Evans City Road for \$155,000.
- Michelle Davanzati to Eugene Clark III at 128 Freeport Road for \$277,500.
- Thomas Ellis to KMT3 LLC at 506 Hansen Ave. for \$220,000.

- DR Horton Inc. to Noralma Santos Diaz and Darvin Negron at 129 Jerome Drive for \$364,990.

- Hernan Andres Roman to George Anthony and Aubrey Klinger Fearn at 819 Washington Drive for \$427,000.

- David Kotchey to Onome Oghifobabi at 3 Wellington Woods Drive for \$415,000.

#### SCOTT

- Estate of Regina Ann Rabatin to Madison Galbraith at 1395 Great Oak Drive for \$200,000.
- David Kuncheff trustee to Douglas and Diane Weidner at 471 Pierina Drive for \$248,200.
- David Colbert to Alexander Popies at 1479 Spreading Oak Drive for \$147,000.

- Estate of Paul Bametzreider to Indra Gopali and Chandrakala Poudel at 2054 Spring Valley Road for \$238,600.

#### SHALER

- Robert Komoroski II to Marc and Amanda Caputo at 902 Burchfield Road for \$295,000.
- Arthur Kleitz Jr. to Michelle Schubert at 6 Morgan St. for \$169,000.
- Carroll LLC to Rody Polojac and Tina Aubrecht at 403 Mt. Royal Blvd. for \$320,000.

#### SHARPSBURG

- Jeremy Shapiro to Braden and Tiffany Ditch at 135 23rd St. for \$197,000.

#### SOUTH FAYETTE

- Charter Homes At Hastings INC to Lucas and Alexis Simpson at 3008 Allen St. for \$505,020.
- Walter Ringle Jr. to Janis Finn at 6116 Caledonia Ct for \$340,000.
- Amy Demo to Adam and Emily Sterczala at 5414 Forest Edge Drive for \$445,000.

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**Qualifications:**

- . Bachelor's degree in accounting.
- . Proficiency in MS Excel and MS Word.
- . Familiarity with Great Plains software and MS Access is advantageous.
- . Strong attention to detail and adherence to closing schedules.
- . Proven problem-solving skills with the ability to propose and implement corrective actions.
- . Must possess a collaborative mindset and work effectively as part of a team.

**Responsibilities:**

- . Prepare and post monthly journal entries.
- . Conduct monthly balance sheet account reconciliations.
- . Manage the distribution and review of trial balance reports.
- . Oversee inventory maintenance.
- . Administer billing rates.
- . Compile annual documentation for external audits.
- . Provide support for other accounting roles as needed.
- . Undertake special projects and additional duties as required.

**Work Environment:**

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Contract documents may be obtained from Bove Engineering Company, 8201 Route 819, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601 (Telephone: 724-925-9269) upon payment of \$60.00 per each set of plans and specifications, plus \$15.00 postage & handling fee, if mailed.

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**DERRY TWP.** 724 Wood St Move right in! Desirable 3 BR, 2 BA Ranch! Lg open LR, bright fully equipped kit, 3 season room, 1st flr laundry, small fenced area, 1 car grg. Heather Hauser 724-838-3660 x1941 MLS#1671205 **\$160,000**

Open 5/24 1/2

**NEW CENTERVILLE BORO** 150 Emerson St Classic brick cape cod 5BR home w/HW floors throughout! Features include large 3-car detached garage & big 1.29-acre yard would make for beautiful garden! Laurie Hensel 724-797-9090 x4305 MLS#1670406 **\$249,000**

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**MT. PLEASANT TWP.** 209 Holly Place Nestled in serene country setting! Charming Cape Cod! Spacious 20x15 equipped EIK, courtyard, patio, picturesque landscape, 32x20 3 car det grg. Barbara Ciampini/Courtney Anderson 724-838-3660 x5661 MLS#1663505 **\$274,900**

Open 5/24 1/1

**GREENSBURG** 450 N Main Street Exquisite Georgian style 5 BR, 3 full & 2 half BA brk in Academy Hill! Updated fully equip EIK, cov porch. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Barbara Ciampini 724-838-3660 x5661 MLS#1663547 **\$354,900**

Open 5/24 1/3

**ROSTRAVER** 107 Valley View Dr Beautiful 2-story 3BR 2.5BA. Living room w HW floors. Formal dining room. Spacious KIT w quartz counters & family room. Heated pool & big back deck. Melissa Compliment hosted by Jackie Dufalla 724-929-7228 x4606 MLS#1670453 **\$379,000**

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**SALEM TWP.** 1087 Ashfield Way 4BR, 2-1/2 BA Villa overlooking Hole #1 in Totterdigel FR w/FP & vault cell, French Dr to patio, 2 car grg. DIR:RT119N L Hannastown, L Chipperfield, L Ashfield Marilyn Davis 724-838-3660 x5632 MLS#1652852 **\$469,900**

Open 5/24 1/1

**UNITY TWP** 605 Rose Garden Ter Spacious 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA 2 sty brkl! FR w/FP, HW flrs, chef's dream kit, 1st flr laundry, Mstr ste w/ cath cell, fin. LL, rear cov patio w/hot tub, 2 car grg. Marilyn Davis/Debbie Schomling 724-838-3660 x5632 MLS#1671569 **\$475,000**

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**UNITY TOWNSHIP**  
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**BULLSKIN TOWNSHIP**  
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**GREENSBURG**  
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**HEMPFIELD**  
Charming & maintained 3 BR 1 1/2 & 2 half BA brk 2 sty on corner lot! HW flrs, stunning sunroom, 28x16 deck, full bsmt. Move in! Marilyn Davis 724-838-3660 x5632 MLS#1672258 **\$250,000**  
Unique 2 sty on 1.5 private Acres! 2 BR apt above 2 car att grg, 1st flr laundry, kit w/pantry, FR w/FP, pvt back porch. Must see! Barbara Ciampini 724-838-3660 x5661 MLS#1661172 **\$365,000**

**NORTH HUNTINGDON**  
Stunning 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA brk, open flr plan, LR w/flr to cell stn FP, Mstr ste w/bonus room, cath cell & BA, newer kit, 2 car grg. Marilyn Davis 724-838-3660 x5632 MLS#1671870 **\$370,000**

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**COOK TOWNSHIP**  
Recently remodeled 2 BR cabin on leased land, lg LR w/woodburner, lg cov porch, only 7 camps on pvt rd in Linn Run State Park. Karen Henry 724-838-3660 x5648 MLS#1662500 **\$87,000**

**CONNELLSVILLE**  
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**DERRY TOWNSHIP**  
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**LATROBE**  
2 story, 4 BR, 2.5 bath. Hardwood floors main level, FR w/gas FP, updt'd kitchen. Mst brdm/en-suite. Cvr'd real patio. 2 car garage Marilyn Davis 724-838-3660 x5632 MLS#1669388 **\$325,000**

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**\$208,595**  
  
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**\$269,900**  
  
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**AVONMORE BORO**  
**\$74,900**  
  
1671616. Very cute well taken care of 1 owner home, adorable eat in kitchen, cozy living room, spacious master bedroom, 3rd bedroom/stairs would be great office as well, spacious basement with great workshop area, fantastic garage that might fit 2 smaller cars too.

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RAISING A RACKET

- ACROSS
- 1 Streisand of “Nuts”
  - 7 President after Bush
  - 12 Japanese soup
  - 16 Beaker locale
  - 19 Fanatic
  - 20 Boo-boo
  - 21 State of mind
  - 23 “Can this be?!”
  - 25 Color close to aqua
  - 26 Leave shore
  - 27 “I’m to blame for everything”
  - 29 Mil. address
  - 32 Nada
  - 34 “— see!” (“Evidently!”)
  - 35 Events that break ground
  - 36 Like K-Cup coffee pods
  - 42 Two-word conjunction
  - 44 Sol’s Greek counterpart
  - 45 Bangor locale
  - 47 Built
  - 52 2011 Steve Carell film
  - 56 Puppeteer Lewis
  - 57 Opera song
  - 58 Gallery work
  - 59 Fox hangouts
  - 61 Nest eggs for srs.
  - 62 Flanders on “The Simpsons”
  - 63 Quick, sharp punches
  - 65 Cocktail of bourbon, lemon and mint
  - 68 Purse
  - 69 Ross who ran against Clinton
  - 70 — in the bud
  - 71 It might consist of a dictionary, thesaurus and atlas
  - 76 Pouches
  - 78 Tic- — -toe
  - 81 “You wish!”
  - 82 They may get slammed
  - 83 Dad on “Rugrats”
  - 84 For takeout
  - 85 Fail to remain calm
  - 87 Annual mailing to the IRS
  - 92 Baskers’ goals, often
  - 94 Birth-related
  - 95 Home for French presidents
  - 96 Lerner’s musical collaborator
  - 99 Kind of salute performed at military funerals
  - 101 Cherubs, e.g.
  - 105 Smartphone buy
  - 107 Emulate Picabo Street
  - 108 Mag bigwigs
  - 109 Heroic fighter pilot of the 1940s
  - 114 Sinister
  - 117 Studios with easels
  - 118 Question you might feel like asking after seeing nine key words in this puzzle?
  - 123 Yellow turnip

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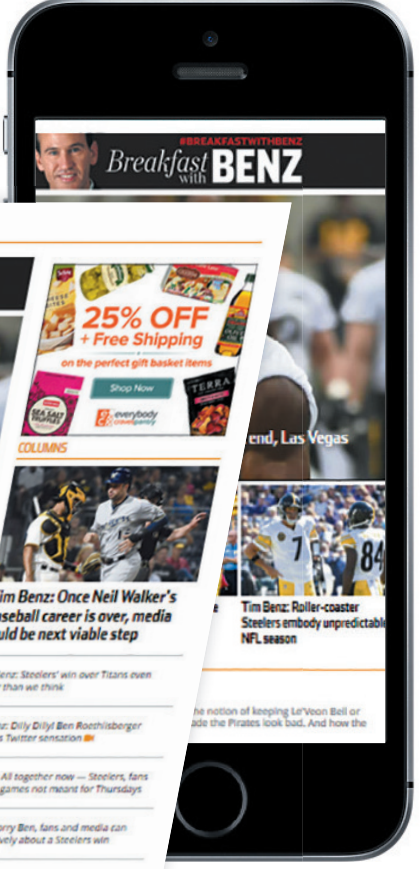
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Diary	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total Issues	New Highs	New Lows	Up Vol.	Down Vol.	Volume
	1,610	746	24	2,380	599	22	15,999,702,877	7,328,561,911	22,262,294,470

Most active

Obj	NAV	12-mo %Chg	Obj	NAV	12-mo %Chg
Vol 100s	37.20	+1.61	Last	Chg	%Chg
Latantir	7145531		Latantir	4.40	-1.01
NIO	2898733	5.28	NIO	8.82	-1.96
FordM	2677516	10.88	FordM	6.55	-1.32
AT&T Inc	2488797	21.54	AT&T Inc	9.79	-1.69
BkofAmrCA	2313173	40.27	BkofAmrCA	6.20	-8.4
CNBrad	1996576	2.63	CNBrad	63.55	-11.6
CNH Indl	1900854	10.83	CNH Indl	254.64	-31.74
Pfizer	1768759	29.42	Pfizer	17.44	-2.12
Snaphnc A	1710488	10.05	Snaphnc A	2.14	-2.5
Kinross g	1580743	9.56	Kinross g	2.63	-3.0

Biggest gainers

Obj	NAV	12-mo %Chg	Obj	NAV	12-mo %Chg
Last	Chg	%Chg	Last	Chg	%Chg
LiCycIcrls	2.20	+68	EmerHldg	4.40	-1.01
Amrep	29.96	+7.96	FourSEd	8.82	-1.96
BauschHL	8.03	+1.71	EmerBioB	6.55	-1.32
GinkgoBlrs	8.01	+1.69	B&M Ed rs	9.79	-1.69
VistrAcne	107.88	+25.55	LiveWire	6.20	-8.4
NwScale wt	2.66	+2.53	PrUShNG s	63.55	-11.6
Carvana A	173.85	+31.95	FedExCp	254.64	-31.74
Containtr rs	12.22	+2.19	HippoHl	17.44	-2.12
CompsMn	11.34	+1.92	LocBount	2.14	-2.5
Unifi	7.70	+1.19	Dingdong	2.63	-3.0

Biggest losers

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Last	Chg	%Chg	Last	Chg	%Chg
Latantir	4.40	-1.01	Latantir	4.40	-1.01
NIO	8.82	-1.96	NIO	8.82	-1.96
FordM	6.55	-1.32	FordM	6.55	-1.32
AT&T Inc	9.79	-1.69	AT&T Inc	9.79	-1.69
BkofAmrCA	6.20	-8.4	BkofAmrCA	6.20	-8.4
CNBrad	63.55	-11.6	CNBrad	63.55	-11.6
CNH Indl	254.64	-31.74	CNH Indl	254.64	-31.74
Pfizer	17.44	-2.12	Pfizer	17.44	-2.12
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A	AAR.30	69.28	+1.64	Badger1.36f	217.07	+7.99	Cargill.76	79.92	+3.41	EMCOR 1.00	435.60	+39.18	GettyRlty.82	31.98	-9.38	KE Hldg.17p	14.37	+9.8	
	ABM.90	52.08	+4.7	BainCap5.13r	16.99	-9.31	Carscm.	17.97	+3.21	Enr 1.99e	32.05	-11.41	GettyRlty.82	45.72	-12.67	KE 70f	133.23	+10.43	
	ADCF.22r	7.25	-2.25	Baldt Hlrs	16.02	-3.97	Carscm.3.20	67.07	-3.97	EQ Rescs 3.64	126.03	+6.66	Glncnc.1.50a	12.60	-1.31	KR RE.100e	12.61	-3.1	
	ADFL.200	109.92	-6.7	BailCorp.80	66.31	+0.31	Carvana A		170.85	+31.95	EPB Prop.34.2	48.21	-0.05	Glacflcbr.1.32	46.24	+1.89	KT Corp	15.43	-15
	AG.MtUll.72	7.78	-1.9	BallysCp.	17.22	-0.9	Caterpillar 5.64f	163.88	+23.51	EQ Corp.63f	34.83	+1.64	Glabus	127.78	+1.50	Kadant.128	332.98	+9.39	
	AGM.116	9.474	+3.81	BancCom1.27e	32.16	+3.5	CAVA.G	228.79	+6.52	ESAB.32	105.60	+6.74	GlbBustTrv	7.48	+2.0	KAL M.P.70	11.12	+1.27	
	AMC ENT	47.6	-20	BcBilVArg.27e	10.86	+5.6	Celastex.2.80	126.90	+3.93	ESS Tch rs	5.63	+2.1	GlobIndl.100	33.23	+1.02	Kellanoa.2.6f	80.81	+1.3	
	AMN Hht	45.66	-14.8	BcoBdA.74a	2.63	-1.7	Cemex.2.5	6.44	+4.7	Ezopen	4.45	+0.5	GlobMed.84f	9.72	-0.6	kelWkN.2.8f	18.20	-1.7	
	API GRP	35.22	+7.5	BcoSatn.2.00e	32.75	+2.01	Cemig pf 5.16e	2.03	0.08	EaglePlat.1.02t	100.67	-2.7	GlobNett.1.4	10.67	-2.7	Kemner.1.24	60.53	+5.2	
	ARC Docu.20	3.38	-0.82	BcoMacro.4.55e	14.22	+6.12	Cenora.2.04	228.11	-11.77	EaglePcr.1.02e	9.76	-0.4	GlobNett.2.4e	10.67	-2.7	Kenn.2.00	25.72	+5.8	
B	ASAC.30	9.25	-0.2	BcoSant.5.7e	5.08	-1.9	Cenopus E.157a	17.11	-9.1	EaglePlat.6A	15.56	+0.4	GlobPay.1.00	110.69	+2.5	KennWils.48	10.90	-5.6	
	ASGN INC	93.25	-5.0	BcoBrasil.75e	5.56	-2.4	Centene	75.1	+2.6	Eastgr 5.60f	13.60	-1.6	GShipsL.1.80f	24.38	-3.1	Kenvue.82f	23.02	-3.7	
	AT&T Inc.1.11	21.54	+1.53	BcoChile.1.06	24.40	-5.9	Centent.80	28.17	+2.4	Eastgr 5.60f	13.60	-1.6	GShipsL.1.80f	24.38	-3.1	Kenvue.82f	23.02	-3.7	
	AT&T 66	24.71	-0.7	BKAmP.1.02	23.84	+5.3	Centent.80	28.17	+2.4	Eastgr 5.60f	13.60	-1.6	GShipsL.1.80f	24.38	-3.1	Kenvue.82f	23.02	-3.7	
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	ATS Corp	73.87	+3.02	BKofAm.1.04f	20.27	+1.62	Centent.80	28.17	+2.4	Eastgr 5.60f	13.60	-1.6	GShipsL.1.80f	24.38	-3.1	Kenvue.82f	23.02	-3.7	
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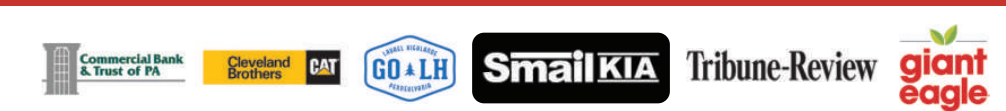


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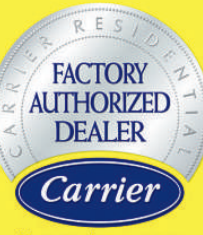


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## CULT CLASSIC

**BUFFALO BILL'S HOUSE NEAR  
PERRYOPOLIS OPEN FOR  
MORE TOURS — PAGE 3**



Chris Rowan, an art director and prop stylist, stands for a portrait inside the basement of Buffalo Bill's House in Perry Township. Rowan purchased the home, which was used in the 1991 horror movie "The Silence of the Lambs."

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## IN BRIEF

### FBI accepting applications for teen academy programs

Applications are being accepted for the FBI Pittsburgh's 2024 Teen Academy. High school juniors or seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and who live in Western Pennsylvania or West Virginia are eligible to apply. Active explorations of topics in the program include: fitness, forensic science, evidence gathering, violence prevention, sextortion, hoax threats, career pathways and more.

The 2024 Teen Academy program includes the opportunity for interested youth to take advantage of one class in Pittsburgh or in Beckley, Charleston, Martinsburg, or Wheeling, W. Va.

The program is not limited to individuals interested in criminal justice; applicants from different backgrounds and with different experiences are encouraged to apply.

Potential participants will be evaluated based on their written essay and application — including GPA, school activities and community involvement.

Space is limited; application packages are available at [www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/pittsburgh/community-outreach](http://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/pittsburgh/community-outreach).

### Independence Health System hosts Fall Wellness Checks

Independence Health System Westmoreland area is hosting Fall Wellness Checks presented in collaboration with area service organizations.

Each event is held on a Wednesday between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Appointments are required by registering online at [indereg.independence.health](http://indereg.independence.health) or contacting the Independence Health System at 1-877-771-1234.

No walk-ins will be accepted.

Payment via cash or check made payable to the participating community organization will be collected at the time of testing.

The schedule includes:

Oct. 9 – Independence Frick Hospital, 508 S. Church St., Mt. Pleasant, in partnership with Mt. Pleasant Rotary.

Nov. 6 – The Square at Latrobe, 100 Excelsa Health Drive, Latrobe, in partnership with Latrobe Rotary

Each event, which includes a multiphasic blood analysis, offers an easy, low-cost way for consumers to check their personal health with a simple diagnostic screening experience best suited to their individual health needs.

The \$60 standard package allows for the detection of many potential health problems including anemia, bleeding disorders, electrolyte imbalance, diabetes, heart, kidney, liver, neuromuscular and parathyroid diseases.

Included is a comprehensive chemistry profile, lipid testing and complete blood count.

Participants can request additional blood screenings for thyroid disease, diabetes, Vitamin D deficiency or prostate cancer.

Fasting is required for 8 hours before blood testing, although small amounts of water are permitted.

On the day of the screening, blood samples will be drawn by an employee of Independence Health System and processed in one of its fully licensed and accredited laboratories.

Results will be sent to the participant's designated physician as well as the consumer.

# North Huntingdon athletes bring home hardware from international kickboxing competition

*2032 Olympics in Australia could be a reality for duo*

BY QUINCEY REESE

Two North Huntingdon athletes ranked internationally at the Junior World Kickboxing Championship in Budapest, Hungary, recently.

Xander Eddy, 15, and Gabby Viola, 14, are the first athletes in the state to receive medals at the tournament, according to Bill Viola Jr. — coach and Gabby Viola's father.

"To have two world champion-caliber athletes from this little town is really something special," said coach Viola, who runs Allegheny Shotokan Viola Karate in North Huntingdon. "There's something in the water here in Westmoreland County."

His father, William Viola Sr., started the karate school as a martial arts program in the East Allegheny School District in the 1960s, transitioning into the North Huntingdon dojo in the 70s. The business has been in the family ever since.

Gabby Viola earned a bronze medal in point sparring at the Hungary tournament, which ran from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1. Teammate Eddy received a bronze in team sparring and a silver in point sparring.

Two other athletes from the karate school — Carter Griffith, 12, of Penn Township, and Riley Evans, 17, of Irwin — also competed at the tournament, falling short of the medal rounds.

The tournament drew more than 3,000 athletes from across the world — the largest world championship turnout in the league's 47-year history, according to Black Belt Magazine.

Gabby Viola, an eighth grade student, and Eddy, a high school sophomore, missed their first week of school at Norwin to compete, squeezing in homework between fights.

"It was nerve-racking — the first couple of days especially," Gabby Viola said, "because I wanted to win. I wanted to try to at least win my first round."

This was the largest competition yet for the athletes, Eddy said.

"It was definitely the biggest and most important thing I've ever done," he said. "It was definitely an experience that I will never forget."

Eddy won four fights in point sparring and five fights for team sparring to compete for medals.

Although Eddy was grateful to represent Team USA on the podium, he left Hungary with unfinished business.

"The final round, I feel like, was definitely not my day," he said.

"I did not fight to my full potential, and looking back on it, I left a lot out on the mat, and I feel terrible."

He looks forward to the next Junior World Kickboxing Championships, where he aims to win gold.

"Just to place so high and me knowing in my own heart I can beat that No. 1-placing kid really makes me feel good about



COURTESY OF BILL VIOLA JR.

Xander Eddy, 15, and Gabby Viola, 14, both of North Huntingdon, pose for a photo with medals they received at an international kickboxing tournament in Hungary in late August. Eddy and Viola, Norwin School District students, train at Allegheny Shotokan Viola Karate in North Huntingdon.

myself," he said. "I know I can hang with anyone and everybody out there."

Gabby Viola fought in 10, two-minute rounds to earn her place in the medal rounds.

"It meant a lot," she said of receiving a medal.

"It was really special that I got to do it for my country and my family and the karate school back at home, and it's just really special to be able to get a bronze and hopefully for this to be in the Olympics someday."

### Olympic dreams

The Olympics is not a far-fetched dream for the athletes, Bill Viola said. Experts predict kickboxing will be an official sport in the 2032 Olympics in Australia, he said.

"Gabby and Xander will be the perfect age," he said.

"They'll be 22 and 23 at that time, so if all goes well and they continue to keep this pace, then an Olympic birth in Australia is a reality for them."

Until then, the athletes — and eight of their Allegheny Shotokan teammates — set their sights on the World Karate Commission Championship in Albufeira, Portugal, in late October.

"I do enjoy traveling with it," Gabby

Viola said.

"I think it's really fun to be able to see the world and the United States, and I also just love what I do with (kickboxing)."

### All in the family

After having his mom at the sidelines in Hungary, Eddy is excited to have both of his parents and his younger sister supporting him in Portugal.

"I'm very thankful for everything and all that my parents have sacrificed for me," he said. "I know that not a lot of people get to do that. It was just an experience that I know I'm never going to forget."

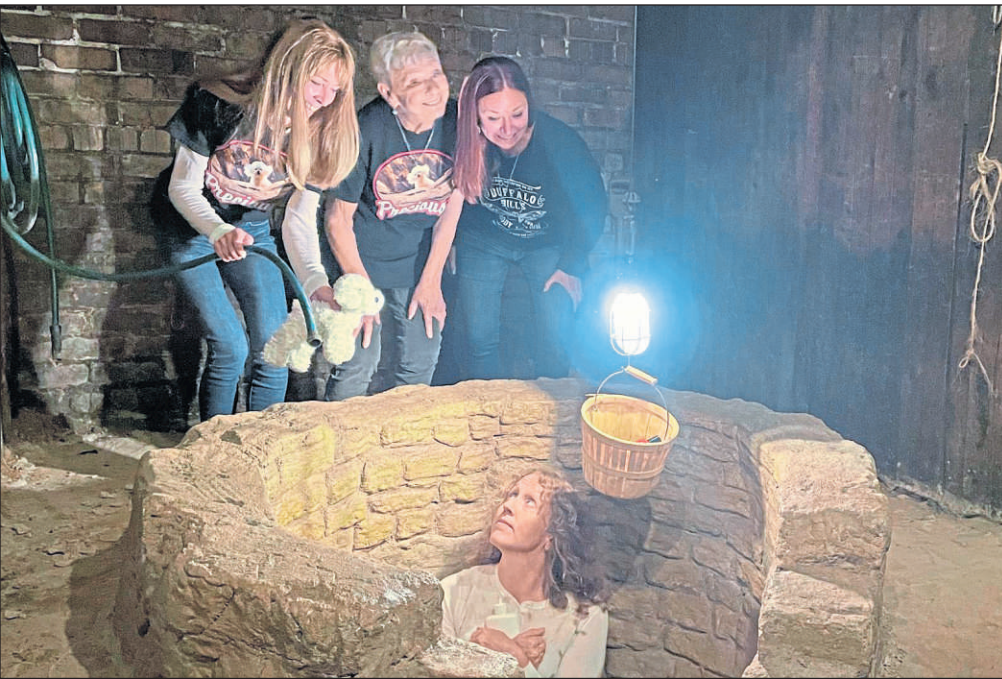
For Bill Viola, watching his athletes — especially his daughter — succeed internationally is greater than his own karate victories growing up.

"For me, I enjoy being a coach even more than my competitive days," he said.

"I loved competing and I did it all over as well, just like (Gabby) is, but just to see them take what I've taught them and what my father has taught me, it's just that family lineage and legacy. To see it carried on through them is definitely special."

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**Left:** Actress Brooke Smith poses in costume in the replica pit in the basement of Buffalo Bill's House with fans Allyson Gally, Patty Mikita and Lori Mikita. **Right:** Buffalo Bill's House, a 1910 home in Layton, Perry Township, contains a large amount of memorabilia from the 1991 film "The Silence of the Lambs." The house was used for several scenes in the movie.



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# CULT CLASSIC

## Buffalo Bill's House near Perryopolis open for tours

by MEGAN SWIFT

With Halloween season looming, horror movie buffs have an additional opportunity this year to tour Buffalo Bill's House — the site where the cinematic climax of "The Silence of the Lambs" was filmed.

Fans can sign up online for limited guided House tours Halloween weekend from Oct. 25-27 at the house in Perry Township, Fayette County. There are two or three tours per day.

Buffalo Bill's House also is available to rent in the style of an Airbnb, according to owner Chris Rowan, excluding tour weekends, which take place about once each month. Rowan and his wife run the house as a family business.

"The Silence of the Lambs," which was released in 1991, is a five-time Academy Award-winning film, and the house is an homage to the film itself, according to Rowan.

In the Academy-Award winning film, Jodie Foster plays a confident FBI trainee Clarice Starling, and Sir Anthony Hopkins offers a brilliant portrayal of the supremely polite

cannibal Hannibal Lecter.

On the guided tours — which last two hours — guests are treated to an "immersive experience," where they learn facts about the film and why the house was chosen for it, Rowan said.

They are also taken to the basement to see where a number of scenes were shot. The basement has been recreated as an interactive film set that mimics the final scenes.

"Our goal is to share cinematic history with those who appreciate it just as much as we do," he said, as he believes the film remains "a staple of pop culture."

During the interactive tours, which Rowan leads as a guide, fans can cosplay the characters from the film and dress up to recreate the scenes.

Buffalo Bill's House has wardrobes of the characters that fans can use to take photos.

"Buffalo Bill's House is really a love letter to an iconic piece of movie history, and we love to share it with people who feel the same way about it," he said.

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The Perry Township house, owned by art director, prop stylist and horror fan Chris Rowan, is now a bed and breakfast.

# Fall fashions focus of Women in NAACP event in Hempfield

by JEFF HIMLER

The Greensburg-Jeanette Women in the NAACP (WIN) fall fashion show and luncheon will be held Oct. 5 at Live Casino Pittsburgh at Westmoreland Mall, the second year the annual event has welcomed guests at the Hempfield venue.

About 100 people turned out for last year's event.

Co-chairperson Ruth R. Tolbert is looking to increase the attendance this year.

"It's just really a fun day," she said.

"Bold & Beautiful" is the theme for the event, set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the casino's banquet room.

Attendees will be able to browse vendor booths for fashion accessories and other items.

After luncheon is served, DJ Danny Cooper will accompany local community leaders as they model women's fashions from Macy's in the mall and men's attire from Lapels

in downtown Greensburg.

"If people see something they like, they can run over to the store and purchase it," Tolbert said.

Other features of the event include auction baskets, door prizes and an optional "WIN What" drawing.

Tolbert explained attendees can place a cash amount of their choice in an envelope. If their envelope is picked, they win 10 times the amount it contains.

The cost to attend is \$60.

To register, contact Tolbert at 724-691-2925.

For 18 years, the fashion event has been a fundraising fixture for Greensburg-Jeanette WIN.

The group is particularly dedicated to supporting women and children, especially those in need, and encouraging women's leadership throughout the area.

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Connie Bridgeman (left) of North Huntingdon and Ida Maloney of North Versailles seen at the 2022 Greensburg-Jeanette NAACP Women in NAACP fall fashion show and luncheon at Doubletree by Hilton in Monroeville.

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## ON THE MOVE

The following students are semi-finalists in the 70th annual National Merit Scholarship Program:

**Peyton M. Legg**, Hempfield Area High School.

**Aidan Coiner**, Penn-Trafford High School.

**Anna Peretin**, **Geya Prasad**, **Nathan Snyder** and **Lucy Zheng**, all of Franklin Regional High School.

**Amelia Metcalfe** of Irwin, cyber school

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**Claire Miedel** of Scottsdale, who attends Greensburg Central Catholic High School, was among 298 students enrolled in the University of Alabama's early college during summer semester 2024 who were named to the director's list with an academic record of 3.6 or higher.

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**Clement L. Pantalone Funeral Home, Inc.** of Greensburg has been honored with the 2024 National Funeral Directors Association Pursuit of Excellence Award. This recognition places the funeral home at 409 W. Pittsburgh St. among an elite group of just 284 locations worldwide to have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in funeral service.

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"A heartfelt thank you to my wife and our dedicated team for their commitment and work ethic and to the families we serve for their trust and confidence given since 1971 when my father started the business. We will continue to strive for excellence in every aspect of our service."

To qualify for the award, the funeral home met or surpassed the comprehensive criteria established by the association, which include adherences to state and federal regulations, ongoing staff education and active community involvement.

The award also recognizes funeral homes that provide outstanding programs and resources for bereaved families; actively contribute to the funeral service profession; and effectively promote their services through various marketing, advertising and public relations efforts. All participants in the program must commit to the association's Pledge of Ethical Practices.



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## CLEAN HOUSE

Workers for Raimondo Masonry power wash the First United Methodist Church at 15 E. 2nd Street in Greensburg earlier this month. Originally built in the early 1900s, a fire destroyed the building's sanctuary in 1933, and it was rebuilt in English Gothic style. The structure also underwent extensive remodeling and expansion about 1960. Today, the church lists 1,704 members. In addition to traditional services, Sunday School and related activities, it also sponsors a Food Pantry the second Friday of each month.

## BRIEFLY SPEAKING

### Art

• The Greensburg Art Center and the Pittsburgh Print Group will sponsor a joint exhibit about printmaking through Oct. 19 at the art center, 230 Todd School Road, Hempfield. A tour of the exhibit and demonstration of the printmaking process will be at 1 p.m. Oct. 5, and workshops in printmaking will be offered. **Details:** 724-837-6791 or greensburgartcenter.org.

• Latrobe Art Center will host the 15th annual Mister Fred Rogers Fine Arts Juried Exhibition through Sept. 28 at the center, 819 Ligonier St., Latrobe. The event showcases 75 pieces in a variety of mediums. **Details:** 724-537-7011 or latrobeartcenter.org.

### Church News

• Community United Presbyterian Church of New Alexandria has changed the time of the Sunday worship service to 11 a.m. **Details:** 724-668-7752 or cup.newalex@gmail.com.

• Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1120 Harvey Ave., Greensburg, will host a fall Bible study series from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 18 at the church. The Sept. 23 class will be an introduction to the Bible. Other sessions will be about the books of Genesis, Exodus and Deuteronomy. **Details:** the Rev. Jennifer

Frayer-Griggs, 724-837-3540 or wpcgreensburg.org.

### Farmers Market

• Independence Health System Westmoreland will host a farmers market from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 25 at lot 10 of Latrobe Area Hospital, 120 W. Second Ave., Latrobe. Everything sold will be locally sourced and produced by the vendor.

### Festival

• The Southwest Greensburg Harvest Festival will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sept. 28 in the Brandon Street parklet. There will be food, games, a basket raffle, pumpkin decorating and more. Children should bring a candy bucket. Bring a lawn chair.

### Fundraisers

• A murder mystery dinner theater fundraiser to benefit Stray Cat Sanctuary will be Oct. 20 at the Lamplighter Restaurant, 6566 William Penn Highway, Salem. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the show dinner will be at 5 p.m. Cost: \$55, includes dinner, gratuity and nonalcoholic beverages. There will be raffles, merchandise and a 50-50. **Tickets:** 724-448-5523 or Kathy, 724-777-1220 or the events tab at straycatsanctuary.com.

• An Elvis dinner show fundraiser will be Oct. 4 at the Jeannette Center for Active Adults, 211 Gaskill Ave. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 5 p.m. Menu: stuffed chicken breast, green beans, baked potato, dessert and drink. Cost: \$15; or 2 for \$25. Ticket deadline: Sept. 23. **Tickets:** Rhonda, 412-463-9317 or Spring, 724-516-7049.

• Jeannette Knights of Columbus hosts bingo at 7 p.m. Fridays in Mersinger Hall at Ascension Church, 615 Division St., Jeannette. Doors open at 6 p.m., and early birds begin at 6:30 p.m. Players younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Smoke-free venue. Food will be available and there will be a 50-50 and instant bingos. **Details:** 724-523-9244.

• Bullskin Township Senior Center is accepting table reservations for a fall crafter and vendor fair and flea market

set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 26 at the center, 52 Medsger Road. Cost: first table, \$10; additional tables, \$5; electricity, \$5. **Reservations:** Lisa, 724-887-0655 or btwpssc@yahoo.com.

• The Greensburg Garden Center is selling raffle tickets to win a week stay in a two-bedroom condo at Club Wyndam Governor's Green in Williamsburg, Va. Dates: April 27 to May 3, 2025. Cost: \$10. The drawing will be Dec. 3. **Tickets:** 724-837-0245 or stop in at the center, 951 Old Salem Road, Greensburg.

• Westmoreland County Blind Association will host a bingo at 1 p.m. Oct. 5 at West Point Firehall, 100 Volunteer Drive, Hempfield. Doors open at 11:45 a.m. and lunch will be at noon. Cost: \$25, includes dauber and a boxed lunch. Extra packages will be available and there will be a basket raffle, strip tickets, door prizes and a 50-50. **Details:** Amy Patz, 724-837-1250 ext. 11 or apatz@wcbainpa.org.

### Nature

• The Brandywine Conservancy will host the last guided walking tour of the year of Penguin Court preserve in Laughlintown from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oct. 1. Cost: \$12. Reservations required. **Reservations:** tinyurl.com/4j6nnpbas.

### Reunion

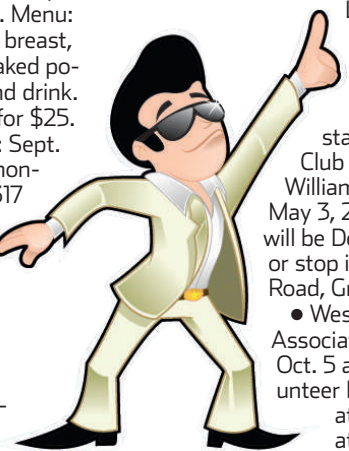
• Hempfield High School Class of 1974 will have a reunion Oct. 5 at Ferrante's Lakeview, 6153 Route 30, Hempfield. Classmates who have not received an invitation should email deborahannmilito@aol.com.

### Senior Citizen News

• Irwin Senior Activity Center, 310 Oak St., will have fall bingo at 12:15 Sept. 24. National Pancake Day will be observed with a lunch on Sept. 26. **Details:** 724-787-1760.

• Latrobe Center for Active Adults will host an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 25 at the center, 15 Avenue C. There will be vendors with information about service and items available to seniors, door prizes, snacks and a 50-50. Flat Top Matt will provide music at 11 a.m. **Details:** Shonie Maines, 724-539-0237.

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# GLASS CITY HERITAGE FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS JEANNETTE'S PAST

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The Glass City Heritage Festival was held last weekend to showcase Jeannette's rich history.

Once known as Glass City, Jeannette grew from its early days as farmlands into a manufacturing hub.

At one point, the city was home to seven glass factories, which produced a variety of items that included sheet glass and milk glass.

Jeannette's bustling factories supplied the country with up to 85% of its glass products before sales starting moving to cheaper overseas competitors.

The one-day street fair on Clay Avenue, not in its 10th year, featured a glass-blowing demonstration and 40 vendors featuring crafts and food.

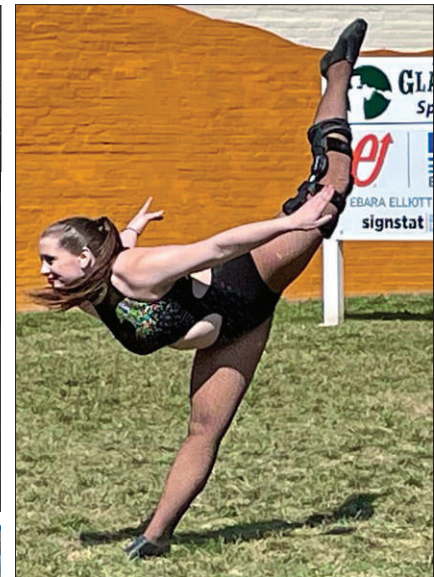
Entertainment included routines by the JMAA Cheer Squad, songs performed by autistic musicians from Band Together Pittsburgh.

Baskets donated by area businesses were raffled to benefit four \$500 scholarships for local students.



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Khyair Rollerson, 7, admires his painted pumpkin during the Glass City Heritage Festival on Clay Avenue in Jeannette.



**Above:** Alaina Stough, a Hempfield Area senior, dances to "All the Jazz."

**Above left:** Natalie Condrac from the You Are Here gallery shares her puppet-making skills with twins Jamie and Tye Reich, 12.

**Left:** Charlotte Romanelli, 2, cheers on older girls from the JMAA squad.



## MARRIAGE LICENSES

These marriage licenses were issued by the Westmoreland County Register of Wills:

De Lin and Hua Yang, both of Latrobe.

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Ryan Edward Garriss and Laura Ann Steiner, both of Greensburg.

Darryn Michael Riskus and Monique Jenee Lepre, both of Greensburg.

Samuel Joseph Nassan and Aubrey Nicole Hoffman, both of Greensburg.

Michael Jeffrey Babilya and Eva Joelle Campion, both of Irwin.

Marc Paul Cournoyer of Jeannette and Cheryl Lynn Hammer of Greensburg.

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Brian Heath Torrence and Anna Maria Wentzell, both of Laughlontown.

Rocco Nickolas Yallum and Brittney Marie Lewis, both of Jeannette.

Trevor Michael Cratty of Greensburg and Katie Lynne Pleskovitch of Ligonier.

Kole Alexander Piper of Rillton and Jaylene Mildred Warman of North Huntingdon.

Scott Thomas Paulus and Melanie Marie King, both of West Newton.

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Andrew Richard Jubic and Dawn Marie Cramer, both of Scottdale.

Aaron Michael Steiner and Cheyenne Marie Copley, both of Greensburg.

Matthew James Simboli of Monongahela and Jessica Marie Hooper of Latrobe.

Brian Matthew Rindt and Rebecca Lynn Mommyer, both of Claridge.

Derek Alan Kuhns and Meah Elizabeth Ezykowski, both of Latrobe.

Steven Andrew Corrales-Sonnik and Krista Ann Brutout, both of Irwin.

Robert Thomas Hinkelman and Alicia Lynn Rice, both of Youngwood.

Jared Michael Turkovich and Kolby Erin Glessner, both of Tarrs.

Christopher Ryan Hibbs and Nicole

Marie McGinty, both of Latrobe.

Brayden Allen Gibbons of Mt. Pleasant and Maria Vanja Andrae of Greensburg.

Evan Robert Rexford Ketchum and Katelyn Elizabeth Carlsen, both of Scottdale.

Todd Jacob Himler and Natalie Brooke Wickham, both of Ligonier.

Dylan Matthew Shaler and Deanna Faith Clemens, both of Greensburg.

Matthew John Boliver Wukovich and Alexis Dominique Masterson, both of Greensburg.

Blake Martin Kukurugya and Shelby Rae Wilt, both of Mt. Pleasant.

Michael Anthony Gustashaw and Harley Faye Urchison, both of North Huntingdon.

Bryan Earl Kilbury of Jeannette and Kenny Aurora Casado Alcantara of Pittsburgh.

Curtus Patrick Jones of Slickville and Donna Jean Williams of Monroeville.

Thomas John Arnold and Katelyn Marie Taylor, both of Greensburg.

Ean Mathew Eshelman and Anne Isabelle Couchenour, both of Latrobe.

Alan Matthew Giles and Lindsay Lee Glessner, both of Greensburg.

William F. John Franicola of Madison and Emma Elizabeth Greenland of Mt. Pleasant.

Cory Michael Matiasic and Cierra Valerie Forsyth, both of Latrobe.

Zachary Ryan Bellush and Amber Lee Humbert, both of Jeannette.

Frank Joseph George and Cindy A. Steele, both of Ligonier.

Paul Daniel Palmer and Candice Marie Withrow, both of Grapeville.

Brandon Edward Mowry and Nicole Marie Capozzi, both of Bradenville.

Patrick Ryan McCurdy and Melissa Anna-Louise Ruffner, both of Yukon.

Kyler Evan Sawyer and Lydia Renee Kepple, both of Irwin.

Gary Allen Santimyer and Danielle R. Harshell, both of North Huntingdon.

Daniel Edward Bryan and Trudi Jo Difabio, both of Irwin.

Johnathan Chase Thompson and Cyndal Elizabeth Murray, both of Greensburg.

Austen John Parrish and Ashley Marie Kremer, both of Elyria, Ohio.

Joshua Robert Warner and Christina Marie Baily, both of Latrobe.

Nicholas James Didiano and Megan Elyse Parker, both of Rocky River, Ohio.

Brandon Douglas Dempsey of North Huntingdon and Lori Olivina Davis of Butler.

Dalton Alan Levi Lentz and Caitlin Elizabeth Cope, both of Latrobe.

James David Santeufemio and Maria

Elise Yates, both of Irwin.

Justin Paul Ralph of Greensburg and Mary Margret Patton of Irwin.

Zackary Everly Hough and Kimberly Ann Carbaugh, both of Irwin.

Vincent Daniel Pototo and Kuyler Michelle Stevens, both of Jeannette.

Jared Scott Werry and Destiny Gabrielle Kingan, both of Mt. Pleasant.

Sam Carl Przywarty and Ashley Marie Rause, both of Claridge.

Paul Jevon Sherman and Christine Elizabeth Baur, both of Greensburg.

Dylan John Lee and Angalee Madison Beall, both of Delmont.

Adam C. Tomas and Ashley R. Formato, both of Greensburg.

Clinton Wayne Roberts and Autumn Michele Treece, both of Blairsville.

Breanna Lee O'Brien and Patricia Rose Mahfood, both of Irwin.

Galen Thomas Dorian and Olivia Alexis Banda, both of Delmont.

Roger Dean Leonard and Cassandra Dawn Johnson, both of Trafford.

Dennis Jerome Cremonese and Amy Marie Dodds, both of Greensburg.

Zachary James Holler and Shannon Leigh Bush, both of Derry.

Nevin Thomas Stas and Tori Rose Itzel, both of Latrobe.

Raymond Edward Gatzke and Lauren Ann Sciuolo, both of Greensburg.



# SPORTS *plus* WESTMORELAND EDITION

## RISING STAR

Norwin grad Morningstar thrives under pressure as keeper for Penn State Behrend women's soccer

BY CHUCK CURTI

There might not be a moment in sports that creates more tension than a keeper facing a penalty kick.

The odds are greatly stacked against the keeper. Data suggests only about 15% to 20% of penalty kicks are saved.

Now ramp up the pressure: facing penalty kicks in a shootout with a conference championship on the line. That is the unenviable position Norwin grad Riley Morningstar was in last fall as her Penn State Behrend team faced Pitt-Greensburg for the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference women's soccer championship.

Morningstar had to make only two saves during regulation and overtime in the 0-0 affair. She equaled that number of saves in the shootout, stopping two of the three shots to help Behrend — which converted all three of its PKs — win the title and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

"Honestly, pure reaction," Morningstar said when asked about the PK saves. "In that circumstance, you're feeling all the emotions. You're really going through it, so I just go with my gut and just go with it. And it just happened to be right."

That performance represented the crowning achievement of her breakout season. After playing in only four matches during her freshman season while biding her time behind then-senior Morgan Harding, Morningstar assumed the starter's role last fall and rose to the occasion.

In 18 regular-season starts, she posted seven shutouts, a save percentage of .790 and a goals-against average of 0.95. In AMCC play, she was even better, with a save percentage of .889 and a scant 0.15 goals-against average.



COURTESY OF PENN STATE BEHREND ATHLETICS

Penn State Behrend keeper Riley Morningstar, a Norwin grad, makes a save during Tuesday's victory over Fredonia.

She posted shutouts in both AMCC Tournament games.

"We always thought she could be what she is," 19th-year coach Patrick O'Driscoll said. "A really good goalie, they will make all the routine saves, and, every once in a while, they will make a save they shouldn't make or make you kind of say, 'Wow!'"

"...They can keep you in the game just by making a good save but also by having good presence, good organization. And I kind of feel like that's what we have in her."

Morningstar has picked up right where she left off. Through Behrend's first six matches, she posted four shut-

outs with a 0.50 goals-against average and .842 save percentage. One of those shutouts came in a 1-0 victory over then-No. 8 John Carroll.

The victory helped PSB (5-1) crack the United Soccer Coaches Top 25, earning the Lions the No. 25 spot in the Sept. 10 poll.

Perhaps fittingly, Morningstar had what O'Driscoll called a "huge save" with about eight minutes left in the match to preserve the shutout and the victory. It was one of her three saves in the match.

"For me, definitely the pressure was on," Morningstar said. "But my defense did a good job. I barely even

touched the ball, if I'm going to be honest. With the save (late in the game), it was just kind of there, and my reaction was just right on."

The defense is just one of the factors Morningstar credits for her success.

She has a solid group in front of her — all back from last season — that includes junior Devyn Bailey, sophomore Bridget McMaster and senior Nicole Croushore, a Yough grad who was named the AMCC Preseason Defensive Player of the Year.

Morningstar said she has developed a strong rapport with her defenders on and off the field. Their close bond, she

said, enables her to speak freely with them about possible strategies and changes during matches.

"We're definitely growing as a group together for sure," she said. "If there's some things I want to tweak ... at halftime if there's something more significant that I think we could do better on, I will just have little one-on-ones with them and make sure everyone knows what's going on."

Added O'Driscoll: "I think she's more confident. She's always been vocal, but she's much more comfortable with that part of her game."

Behrend assistant coach Kodie Johnson also has been

instrumental in Morningstar's improvement. A keeper at Ottawa (Kan.) University, Johnson helped the Braves reach the NAIA round of 16 twice, and she works one-on-one with Morningstar on techniques such as footwork and ball-handling.

Morningstar also owes some of her success to an unusual pregame ritual she said was suggested by her father, Derek. He said she should try bouncing a tennis ball off the wall before matches as a warm-up.

"My dad always pushes me to try new things, and I love it," she said. "It gets my hands and my eyes and my brain working before the game."

Everything seems to be working for Morningstar, and the Lions will need her at her best if they are to defend their AMCC title and return to the NCAA Tournament. Perhaps not surprisingly, PSB was picked to win the conference in the preseason coaches' poll, and with that, along with last season's success, comes pressure to live up to the expectations.

But Morningstar said she and he teammates aren't allowing themselves to be caught up in any of the outside noise. It's a seasoned group that, for the most part, has a lot of experience playing together.

And when the action does get tense, the Lions know they have a solid last line of defense in the net. Those are the moments Morningstar said she lives for.

"I still get the jitters every game," she said. "I love the feeling of the anticipation, of not knowing what's going to happen. Not that it all relies on me, but, at some points, it kinda does."

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## 2025-26 WPIAL TRACK AND FIELD BREAKDOWN

BY BILL HARTLEP

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Here's a look at the upcoming WPIAL track and field season:

## 2024 WPIAL championships

**Class 3A boys:** Butler

**Class 3A girls:** North Allegheny

**Class 2A boys:** Quaker Valley

**Class 2A girls:** Quaker Valley

## Notable changes

There were few changes to the WPIAL boys and girls track and field alignment for the next two-year cycle.

- In Class 3A, five teams moved up in class — Derry (Section 1), Knoch and Valley (Section 4), West Mifflin (Section 6) and Hopewell (Section 8).

- In Class 2A, North Catholic dropped down and will compete in Section 4.

In addition, Riverview moved over to Section 4 from Section 3, and Carlynton moved from Section 3 into Section 5.

## New teams

- There will be four new



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The Quaker Valley boys display the WPIAL trophy for winning the Class 2A team track and field championship.

teams competing in the WPIAL during the next two-year cycle, all competing in Class 2A.

Beaver County Christian will join Section 2, Nazareth Prep will compete in Section 3, Hillel Academy will be in Section 7 and Calvary Chapel Christian will slot into Section 8.

## Past champions

- Butler has won three of the past four WPIAL Class 3A boys titles and now has 11 in its history, trailing only North Allegheny (13) among district teams.

- Others with five or more boys championships include Riverside (7), Mohawk (6), Hempfield (5) and

Washington (5).

- Quaker Valley's boys team has four WPIAL championships after winning last spring.

- North Allegheny and Quaker Valley each have won three straight WPIAL team championships on the girls side. The Tigers tied Butler for most girls team titles in WPIAL history with 14. Quaker Valley is next with 10, followed by Hempfield, with six.

## Key dates

**March 3:** First practice date

**March 8:** First scrimmage date

**March 14:** First play date

**March 27:** First section dates

**April 29:** WPIAL team semi-finals

**May 6:** WPIAL team finals

**May 14:** WPIAL individual championships

**May 23-24:** PIAA championships

## 2025-26 alignment

## CLASS 3A (56 TEAMS)

**Section 1:** Derry, Greensburg Salem, Hempfield, Indiana, Latrobe, Norwin, Penn-Trafford

**Section 2:** Albert Gallatin, Belle Vernon, Connellsville, Elizabeth Forward, Laurel Highlands, Ringgold, Uniontown

**Section 3:** Butler, Fox Chapel, North Allegheny, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley, Shaler

**Section 4:** Armstrong, Hampton, Highlands, Kiski Area, Knoch, Mars, Valley

**Section 5:** Central Catholic/Oakland Catholic, Franklin Regional, Gateway, McKeesport, Penn Hills, Plum, Woodland Hills

**Section 6:** Baldwin, Bethel Park, Mt. Lebanon, Peters Township, Thomas Jefferson, Upper St. Clair, West Mifflin

**Section 7:** Canon-McMillan, Chartiers Valley, Montour, Moon, South Fayette, Trinity, West Allegheny

**Section 8:** Ambridge, Avonworth, Beaver, Blackhawk, Central Valley, Hopewell, New Castle

## CLASS 2A (66 TEAMS)

**Section 1:** Beaver Falls, Ellwood City, Laurel, Mohawk, Neshannock, Riverside, Shenango, Union

**Section 2:** Aliquippa, Beaver Country Christian, Freedom, New Brighton, OLSH, Rochester, South Side, Western Beaver

**Section 3:** Aquinas Academy, Cornell, Eden Christian Academy, Nazareth Prep, Quaker Valley, Sewickley Academy, Shady Side Academy, Sto-Rox

**Section 4:** Apollo-Ridge, Burrell, Deer Lakes, Freeport, Leechburg, North Catholic, Riverview, Springdale

**Section 5:** Brentwood, Burgettstown, Carlynton, Chartiers-Houston, Fort Cherry, Keystone Oaks, McGuffey, South Park, Washington

**Section 6:** Bentworth, Beth-Center, Brownsville, California, Charleroi, Monessen, Waynesburg Central, West Greene

**Section 7:** Clairton, East Allegheny, Ellis School (girls), Hillel Academy, Neighborhood Academy, Serra Catholic, South Allegheny, Trinity Christian, Winchester Thurston

**Section 8:** Calvary Chapel Christian, Frazier, Geibel Catholic, Greensburg Central Catholic, Ligonier Valley, Mt. Pleasant, Southmoreland, Yough

- Other teams with multiple titles include Peters Township (5), Mars (3), Pine-Richland (3), Quaker Valley (3), Shady Side Academy (3), Shaler (3), Hampton (2) and North Hills (2).

## Key dates

**March 4:** First practice date

**March 9:** First scrimmage date

**March 15:** First play date

**March 22:** First section date

**May 22-23:** WPIAL championships

**June 15:** PIAA championships

## 2025-26 alignment

## CLASS 3A (21 TEAMS)

**Section 1:** Baldwin, Bethel Park, Canon-McMillan, Hempfield, Latrobe, Mt. Lebanon, Norwin, Penn-Trafford, Peters Township, Plum, Upper St. Clair

**Section 2:** Allderdice, Butler, Fox Chapel, Moon, North Allegheny, North Hills, Pine-Richland, Seneca Valley, Shady Side Academy, Shaler

## CLASS 2A (22 TEAMS)

**Section 1:** Ellis School, Franklin Regional, Greensburg Central Catholic, Greensburg Salem, Hampton, Indiana, Oakland Catholic, Seton LaSalle, Trinity, Winchester Thurston, Yough

**Section 2:** Ambridge, Aquinas Academy, Blackhawk, Chartiers Valley, Freeport, Knoch, Mars, North Catholic, Quaker Valley, Sewickley Academy, South Fayette

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## Thomas Gaydos, Norwin

As a high school senior, there are plenty of things to look forward to.

People look forward to life after high school, which typically involves enjoying newfound freedom as an adult.

Norwin cross country runner Thomas Gaydos, however, has quite a wait until his 18th birthday. He will walk across the graduation stage at age 16, a combination of skipping a grade and having an August birthday.

And oh yeah, he's on track to be class valedictorian this year.

At last week's Red, White & Blue Invitational At White Oak Park, Gaydos placed sixth in the Class 3A boys race, breaking the 16-minute mark (15:58.70).

Last year, he ran the same race about 40 seconds slower (16:41) and finished 22nd.

"I did winter track for the first time last year," Gaydos said, explaining what sparked the improvement. "I've been working really hard in the summer and putting in 50 miles per week. That's helped me improve a lot for this season."

As a team, the Knights have gone undefeated in their last two seasons.

There aren't any plans to stop that in Gaydos' senior year. "I feel like one of our first goals is always to win the section," Gaydos said. "Last year, we really wanted to win. This year, we know we had a couple of seniors graduate, so we still need to keep up and work hard so that we can win the section again this year."

Since 2012, Norwin's boys' team is 77-12, and the girls are 79-10.

"I think it makes it easy to work hard at practice, and there's always been leaders on the team that's shown hard work to the younger runners," Gaydos said, describing the longstanding success of the program.

Gaydos has not decided where he is going to college, but he is planning to run track and major in biology on a pre-med track.

Gaydos took some time this week for a Senior Spotlight Q&A:

**How did you get started with cross country?**

I started in cross country because both my older siblings did it. In middle school, I kind of just followed what they were doing and joined the middle school cross country team.

**If you were to outline some personal goals, what would they be?**

I feel like my personal goals would definitely be to make it to states, individually, and also as a team. I really hope at WPIALs, my goal is to get top three. Also, I want to medal at states. I think my time goal is probably in the 15:30s, because I think that I could improve on my time at Red, White & Blue at the faster and not muddy courses.

**How does coach Brian Fleckenstein contribute to Norwin's success?**

He definitely makes it easy to work hard. He's someone that I like running for and am willing to work and push for him. He definitely creates a culture of a team that's like a family, and that is a very positive environment.

**How are you able to keep team chemistry in what is an individual sport?**

We have a lot of team hangouts, and in the summer, we always get together and run. I feel like I'm running with my teammates, keeping the connection up and encouraging. Lots of people join us on our runs, so I feel like that helps the team environment continue from season to season. We're welcoming to freshmen too, so every new class is getting introduced into the new environment.

**What does your leadership look like as a senior to the freshmen?**

It's encouraging them to go on runs in the summer and joining us for runs. Also what we do in practice and giving them advice on how to run in practice and run races. If we do a good job and with the cycle, then they can encourage others too.

**What is one thing that people may not know about you?**

I've been to 46 out of the 50 states. I love to travel and I love hiking, and I've hiked up in the Grand Canyon twice and to the bottom of it, and the Rocky Mountains. I haven't been to Hawaii, Alaska, Louisiana and Mississippi.



## 2025-26 GIRLS LACROSSE BREAKDOWN

BY BILL HARTLEP

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## 2024 WPIAL championships

**Class 3A:** Mt. Lebanon

**Class 2A:** Mars

## Notable changes

- Four teams moved up to Class 3A for the next two-year cycle of girls lacrosse — Latrobe, Penn-Trafford and Plum will compete in Section 1, and Moon in Section 2.

- Freeport and Sewickley Academy dropped down to Class 2A and will play in Section 2. Seton LaSalle, and Trinity moved over to Section 1 from Section 2 to even out the Class



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Mars' McKenna Merritt celebrates with Mya Cote (right) and Anna Bowser during the WPIAL Class 2A championship.

2A sections at 11 teams.

## Past champions

- Mt. Lebanon moved into

the top spot as the leader in WPIAL girls lacrosse championships after claiming a sixth district title last spring.



Cooking Corner

Pad Thai

Serves 2 to 4

Peanuts work well in sweet desserts and are commonly found in the form of peanut butter swirled with jelly atop bread for lunchtime sandwiches. However, peanuts can be an ingredient in savory dishes as well. In fact, p Peanuts often are included in the popular Thai dish “Pad Thai,” which is Thailand’s variation on a traditional Chinese stir-fry. It’s salty, sweet and often spicy. Try this version, courtesy of “300 Best Stir-Fry Recipes”(Robert Rose) by Nancie McDermott.

- 4 ounces dry rice noodles
- ¼ cup chicken stock or water
- 3 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper flakes
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 4 ounces boneless pork (such as loin or tenderloin) or skinless chicken breast or thighs, thinly sliced
- 8 to 10 medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup chopped garlic chives or green onions
- 2 cups bean sprouts, divided
- ⅓ cup chopped roasted salted peanuts
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 4 lime wedges

1. Bring a large pot of water to a rolling boil over high heat. Add noodles and remove from heat. Let stand for 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until noodles are softened but still firm. Drain, rinse well in cold water. Drain and set aside.
2. In a small bowl, combine chicken stock, fish sauce, soy sauce, sugar and hot pepper flakes and stir well. Set aside.
3. Heat a wok or a large deep skillet over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons of the oil and swirl to coat pan. Add garlic and toss well, until fragrant, about 15 seconds.
4. Add pork, spreading into a single layer. Cook, undisturbed, until edges change color, about 1 minute. Toss well. Add shrimp and toss well. Cook, tossing often until shrimp are pink and firm and pork is cooked through, 1 to 2 minutes. Add noodles and cook, tossing often and pulling to separate noodles, for 1 minute.
5. Add chicken stock mixture, pouring in around sides of pan. Cook, tossing often, turning and scraping noodles to heat and soften them, until noodles curl up and are tender and shrimp are cooked through, 1 to 2 minutes more. Add an additional 1 to 2 tablespoons of chicken stock or water as needed to keep noodles from sticking or burning.
6. Push the noodles to one side and add remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Add egg and swirl to expose to hot pan. Cook, undisturbed, until edges have begun to set, about 15 seconds. Cook, stirring often, until egg is softly scrambled but still very moist, about 1 minute.
7. Add garlic, chives and 1 cup of the bean sprouts and cook, tossing often, until they have begun to wilt, about 1 minute more. Add peanuts and lime juice and toss well. Transfer to a serving platter. Place the remaining bean sprouts and lime wedges on one side. Serve hot or warm, mixing in the raw bean sprouts and squeezing a little lime juice over the noodles just before eating.

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GUESS WHO ?

I am an actor born in Washington, DC on September 20, 1976. I studied at The School of Moscow Art Theater, and I also played professional baseball in Russia. I was a character on “The Walking Dead,” and later took justice into my own hands on a popular Marvel series.

Answer: Jon Bernthal

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- ITALIAN: Inventare
- FRENCH: Inventer
- GERMAN: Erfinden

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# Dig into these wedding cake *options*

Something sweet comes near the end of a wedding reception and that is the joy the couple experiences knowing they have their entire lives ahead of them to enjoy together. However, there is another sweet treat that is shared near the conclusion of the wedding and it is typically served with tea and coffee: the wedding cake.

Wedding cake traditions can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans. Cakes represented good luck and fertility for the couples tying the knot. The first wedding cakes were rather bland and bread-like, representing purity and virginity. Some were quite like the fruitcake now enjoyed during the holiday season. Eventually wedding cakes transformed into the sweet confections that are known today. The modern wedding cake as most know it debuted at the 1882 wedding of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany. His wedding cake was actually the first to be completely edible. Previously, some cakes featured wooden broomstick pillars covered in icing, but the Duke's cake used a hardened type of icing, according to Edible Art Bakery and Dessert Café.

Couples today have many options when picking their wedding cakes. The following

are some wedding cake tidbits to chew on.

- Couples can choose among various cake styles. Many opt for a classic style, which is typically a white or ivory tiered cake with simple, elegant decorations. Rustic cakes may be much less ornate, while modern cakes may be rectangular or square and feature clean lines and minimalist decoration. The cake should fit the overall theme and scope of the wedding as it is another complementary component of the larger celebration.

- Wedding cakes can be quite costly. Wedding Wire estimates the average wedding cake costs around \$500. One way for couples to save on their cake is to have a faux cake on display, with one tier that is made from cake and can be cut. Guests will then be served slices of a sheet cake that is much less expensive.

• Couples have many flavors to choose from. Vanilla is classic and quite popular because it appeals to a vast number of people. Lemon, chocolate, and carrot are some other popular cake flavors.

- When it comes to frosting a cake, there are various outer coatings that will encapsulate

the cake to make it both beautiful and durable. Buttercream, Swiss meringue, fondant, cream cheese, and ganache all can be used in various applications. Some bakers attest that Swiss meringue, due to the addition of egg whites, makes it a more stable option over traditional buttercreams, particularly during warm weather. Of course, couples can opt for a "naked cake," which usually has a scant amount of frosting so that the cake underneath peeks through.

- A groom's cake used to be tradition, but largely fell out of favor, although it is still alive and well in the American South. The groom's cake typically is less ornate than the wedding cake, and favors the groom's choices in style, interests and flavors.

Couples and their guests look forward to indulging in wedding cake near the end of the reception. The looks and flavors of a wedding cake can be as unique as the couple saying, "I do." **BR241578**



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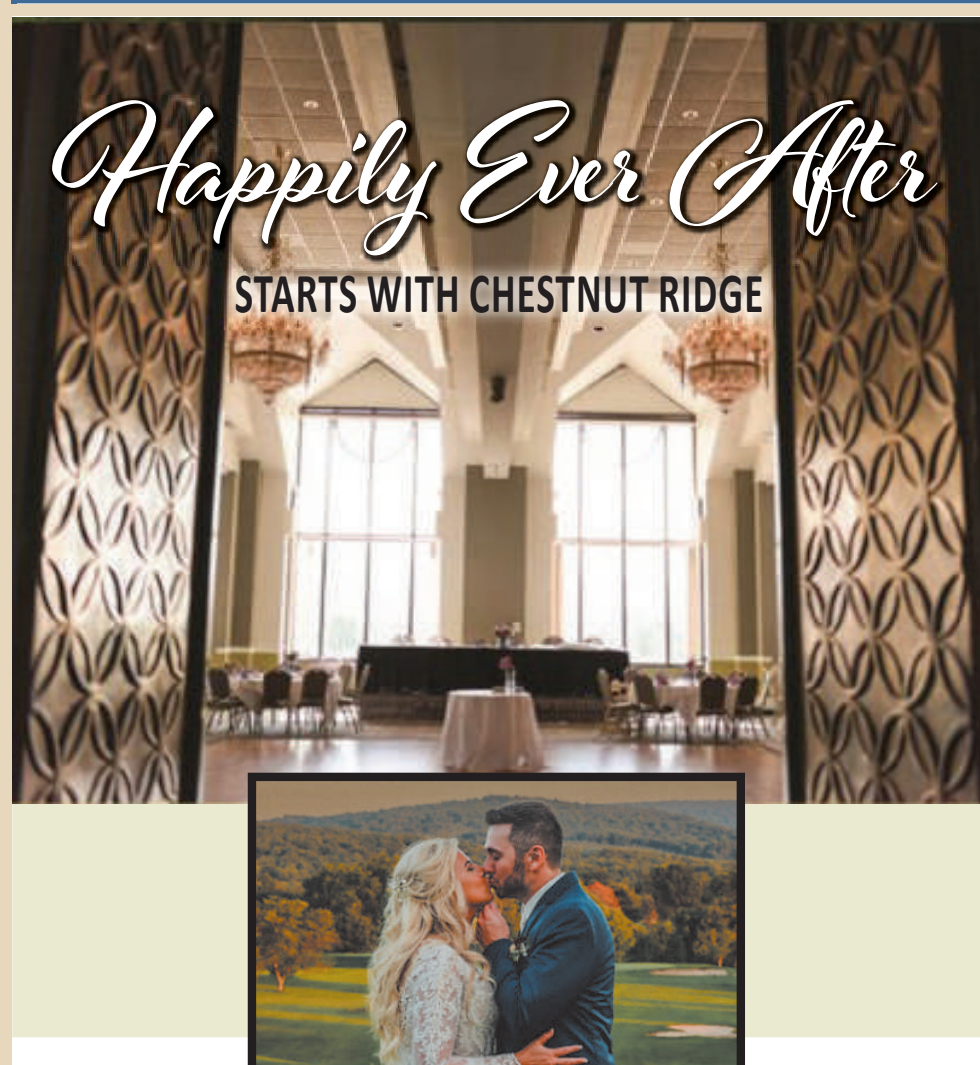
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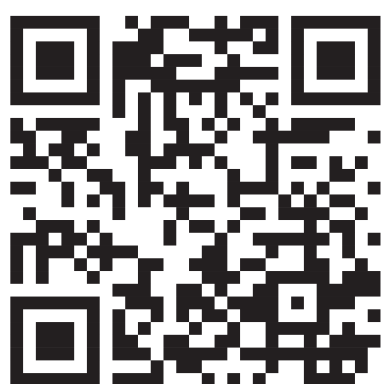
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