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You'll also meet Sarah Yates, owner of The Center of Early Learning & Childcare LLC in Stewartstown. As a working mother in the Southern York County community, Sarah recognized the growing need for quality childcare options years ago. However, it wasn't until life unexpectedly slowed her down that she truly had the time to reflect on how she could make a meaningful difference. During this time, she found herself with space to think deeply about her purpose and how she could better serve others. This led to the creation of The Center of Early Learning & Childcare LLC.

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Contributing writer Sharon Dorn treats us to a play review of "9 to 5", a June performance at the Totem Pole Playhouse.

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Beware: Harmful Algae Blooms May Harm Pets

By Dr. Sabrina Walters

IF YOU HAVE A POND IN YOUR BACKYARD, hike with your dog in areas where there are standing bodies of water or allow your dog to swim in ponds or lakes, beware of a potential threat in the water: toxic algae. Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) are found across the United States, including Pennsylvania. Pinchot State Park and Lake Erie have suspended swimming several times this summer due to harmful algal blooms. HAB are more common in shallow ponds or lakes receiving runoff from farmland and occur when certain types of blue-green algae containing cyanobacteria produce toxins which can be deadly to fish, livestock and pets as well as to wildlife and people. Algal blooms can occur any time of year, but are more prevalent in the summer months.

If you see thick, red or bright green clumps or mats of floating algae sometimes looking like spilled green paint or pea soup on the surface of a lake or pond, don't allow pets to drink or swim in the water.

Tips for avoiding HAB affected waters:

- Check for advisories and avoid the water when warnings prohibiting swimming are posted.
- Do not enter the water if it is discolored, smells bad, or has foam or scum on the surface
- Do not fish, boat, swim, or play water sports when harmful algae are present.
- Keep pets out of the water and do not let pets drink lake or pond water! Dried algal blooms may also still contain toxins so check the shore for evidence and avoid the area if dried algae are present.

- If you or your pet are exposed, rinse your pet and/or your skin with clean water as soon as possible and monitor for symptoms of toxin exposure (see symptoms below).
- When in doubt, stay out!

The cyanobacteria within the algae can produce various toxins affecting the liver, nerves or skin. If not treated, exposure to these toxins can be fatal. Dogs are more susceptible than people and can quickly become ill or even die.

Symptoms which may occur within as little as 30 minutes or up to a few days after exposure include:

1. Vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite
2. Staggering, seizures, paralysis, confusion
3. Difficulty breathing, drooling, jaundice of the eyes or gums, decreased urine output
4. Skin rash or hives
5. In people, all of the above plus headache, fever, lethargy, dizziness

If you think your dog may have been swimming in water affected by HAB, eating algae, or drinking from a pond or lake in which harmful algae are present or your dog is displaying any of the signs of toxic algae exposure, seek veterinary help immediately or contact pet poison control (ASPCA Animal Poison at 1-888-426-4435 or the Pet Poison Helpline at 1-855-764-7661). Be aware of the dangers of HAB and be safe this summer!

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Kindness Worldwide Inc. Launches Sports ScEnEs” Initiative with “Pack the Park for Kindness”

Submitted by Kevin Smith

KINDNESS WORLDWIDE INC., formed as a grassroots collaboration to unify communities and ecosystems globally around the worthy and nurturing aspects of kindness, and White Rose Leadership Institute, known for initiatives that drive lasting local change including Give Local York, York County’s biggest day of giving, are joining forces yet again in an exciting alliance with the York Revolution, an American professional baseball team that is a member of the Atlantic League, an independent “partner league” of Major League Baseball. “Pack the Park for Kindness” will mark the August 7th inaugural launch of Kindness Worldwide’s “Sports ScEnEs” initiative consistent with its vision “to create a culture of kindness in communities throughout the world.”

All are invited to join their ecosystem peers to amplify the growing Revolution of Kindness Worldwide! A portion of the ticket price will be applied to a new innovative Kindness Prize to reward the kindness of participating organizations in Give Local York’s vast nonprofit ecosystem and those that best embrace the spirit of Kindness Worldwide’s signature initiative, Kindness Week Worldwide, during its annual celebration November 8 – 15, 2025. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.KindnessWorldwide.org

“As I approach everything in life, I incorporate a collaborative spirit in leveraging impact through a 10x stance and a legacy perspective,” stated Kindness Worldwide founder Kevin Smith. “Given its unifying properties, sports is a wonderful means to bring people and communities together through an ethos of kindness. I know the heart of York, PA and know in my heart they’ll show up in large numbers to make a powerful statement to the world that a ‘culture of kindness’ is possible and long overdue. If something so magical can happen here, it can happen anywhere and everywhere.”

Custom game-worn caps adorned by members of the York Revolution baseball team will be auctioned in support of the initiative, and the first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive commemorative t-shirts. Kindness will be infused throughout the fan experience with multiple surprises, including uplifting messages of kindness by prominent community members and York-area police departments issuing Kindness Citations to fans “caught in the act” of being kind. The magic of the evening will also be captured for the feature film *For Such a Time as This* that will uplift the hearts of all and showcase true stories of the powerful impact simple acts of kindness and their vast ripple effects can have.

“We’re excited to be an early pioneer of the Kindness Worldwide movement by showcasing the best of Atlantic League baseball and the best of our community to the world,” stated Nate Tile, York Revolution’s Vice President of Business Development. “We intend to create a one-of-a-kind game experience that has people talking long after the final out and empowered to ‘go the extra mile’ to be kind and lead by their example.”

“At Give Local York, we’ve witnessed York’s vibrant culture of kindness and seen the benefits of leading with kindness firsthand,” stated Lisa Barshinger, White Rose Leadership Institute’s Executive Director. “The power of kindness combined with a collaborative community spirit are a superpower that brings out the best in ourselves and each other for the betterment of all. We’re thrilled to be a part of such a special community celebration. Regardless of the final score, with kindness everybody wins.”



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More Than A Stage:

How the Pullo Center Builds Community Through the Arts

By Alycia Edwards | Photos by Nicole Openshaw Photography

THE PULLO FAMILY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, entering its twentieth year entertaining, is a vibrant, state-of-the-art performing arts venue dedicated to enriching the cultural landscape of the region. Located on the campus of Penn State York, the theater serves as a dynamic hub for entertainment, education, and community engagement.

The Center is named to honor a lifelong commitment to education, culture, and the arts by Robert and Donna Pullo. Bob and Donna are respected benefactors, volunteers and visionaries in the community who demonstrate their personal belief in making life better by exceptional gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The family's substantial financial support enabled Penn State York to complete construction of the Pullo Center in 2005.

Inspired by their legacy, the Pullo Center operates with the belief that the performing arts are essential to a thriving, connected community. When people come together to experience the arts, it creates moments of connection and growth that bring people together across generations and backgrounds.

The Pullo Center stage hosts an impressive variety of performances throughout the year, from nationally touring Broadway productions and popular concert acts to family-friendly shows, comedy nights, and acclaimed tribute performances. Additionally, the Pullo Center offers rental opportunities to organizations and folks seeking a home for hosting concerts, talent showcases, dance competitions/recitals, parties—even weddings—as well as production companies who wish to use the theater for technical rehearsals before heading out on tour.

Performers over the past 20 years have included Michael Bolton, Wynonna, William Shatner, Molly Ringwald, Jim Brickman, Switchfoot, Phillip Phillips, Mean Girls Live, Ralphie May, Curious George Live, Celtic Tenors, The Wizard of Oz, Josh Turner, Madagascar Live, Indigo Girls, Foreigner, Footloose, Avenue Q, Tracy Morgan, Ceasar Millan, The Property Brothers, Ghost Hunters, Theresa Caputo - The Long Island Medium, Weird Al Yankovic, Key & Peele, Richard Marx, Vienna Boys Choir, LeAnn Rimes, How the Grinch Stole Christmas Live, Gavin Degraw, Dinosaur World Live, Napoleon Dynamite Live, Get the Led Out, Spamilton, Mini Pop Kids, Dionne Warwick and more.

The Center proudly partners with local organizations such as Distinguished Young Women, ENCORE – York County Musical Theater Showcase, Experimental Movement Concepts (EMC), and the Pennsylvania Ballet Academy, providing a professional platform for their annual showcases and recitals. Whether it's the grace of ballet, the energy of a musical production, or the laughter of a comedy act, the Pullo Center offers an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages and interests, making it a beloved cornerstone of community life and cultural celebration.

Anita Crawford, Pullo Center Director shares, "Teamwork is at the heart of what we do here at the Pullo Center. Our dedicated staff works closely with volunteers, student workers, and event partners to ensure every detail is handled with intention and care. Volunteers play a vital role in making our guests feel welcome and comfortable in our space. Whether it's a packed house or a more intimate event, our volunteers and staff build rapport with our patrons that fosters a



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welcoming atmosphere. Their willingness to go the extra mile creates a space where the arts can thrive and leave a lasting positive impact on our guests and community.”

The Pullo Center staff prides themselves on being a close-knit, hardworking team. While the audience enjoys a two- or three-hour performance, what they don’t see is the tremendous behind-the-scenes effort that goes into making the event possible. Long before the doors open and the first guests arrive, the dedicated staff and technical crew begin their day, often working a full eight-hour shift (or longer) to prepare every aspect of the event. From setting up lighting, sound, and stage elements, to ensuring all technical systems are in perfect working order, every task is carefully executed to guarantee a seamless experience for their patrons.

However, the work doesn’t end when the final curtain falls. Once the performance concludes, the team transitions into another several hours of intense activity—tearing down equipment, packing up gear, and ensuring the space is cleaned and restored to its original state. It’s a process that demands attention to detail, precision, and a collective effort from everyone involved to make sure the next event can go off without a hitch.

Anita clarifies, “So, for a normal event, we are working a 12-14 hour day, and our volunteer ushers are helping for about four hours. A weekend dance competition could have us on-site for 36 hours over three days. Our team shares meals, jokes, family stories and event experiences. We commiserate when we’re tired, encourage each



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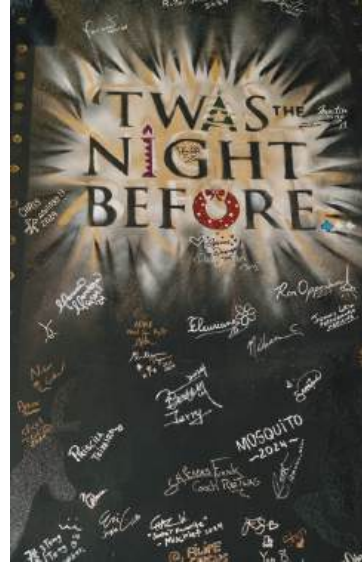
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other when we need uplifting, and jump in to help finish a task when someone can use an extra hand.”

In quieter moments, the group likes to take time to brainstorm new ideas for events and experiences that will engage their campus and local audience. It's from these creative discussions that the idea for Pullopalooza was born—a fun, community-centered event to celebrate their 20th anniversary and showcase the incredible talent York County has to offer.

Pullopalooza will be held on Saturday, October 18 at the Pullo Center on the Penn State York campus and will offer free outdoor admission to all. There will be a talent competition for the community on an outdoor stage, as well as various other activities throughout the day. The winner of the talent competition will open for the headline act inside the theater that evening. The inside concert will be ticketed, but affordably priced. More details about attending Pullopalooza or being featured in the talent competition can be found at thepullocenter.com.

Anita humbly expresses, “York County is a wonderful place for the Pullo Center to call home; we truly love our community! The area is rich in artistic appreciation, and we're grateful to our patrons for not only supporting our programming at the Pullo Center, but the local arts scene in its entirety. We have a very kind base of supporters who attend our performances regularly, and we're always excited to welcome new audience members to the Pullo as well! What we do wouldn't be possible without our dedicated group of volunteer ushers, who are vital to delivering a smooth and welcoming experience for our guests. Our goal is to provide a wide range of entertainment so there's something for everyone throughout each season. From children's programming to Broadway tours and concerts, we strive to make the Pullo Center a place where all members of our community feel welcome.”



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Down the Hall Studios: Where Creativity Lives in Red Lion

By Jill Rickle

TUCKED INSIDE THE CHARMING

HALLS of a former middle school in Red Lion, a vibrant creative hub is bringing photography, community, and artistic inspiration under one roof. Down the Hall Studios, founded by professional opera singer-turned-arts entrepreneur Xela (pronounced SHAY-la) Pinkerton, is more than just a photography studio—it's a gathering place for makers, dreamers, musicians, and families alike.

Opening its doors in September 2024, Down the Hall Studios is already redefining what it means to be a local arts center. The studio offers professional portrait and milestone photography, studio rentals for artists and educators, and a calendar full of collaborative events and performances. Most recently, it has become home to the Music Academy of York, an exciting partnership that expands the studio's offerings with high-quality music lessons, classes, and camps for children, teens, and adults.

At the heart of the studio is Xela who has a background in opera and choral performance. After more than a decade of teaching voice and piano and working with various arts organizations, Xela felt called to create something new—an inviting, inclusive space where artistry and self-expression could thrive. "I've spent my career in creative spaces—on stage, in the classroom, and behind the camera," she says. "Down the Hall Studios brings all of that together in one joyful, collaborative place."

And it's not just about beautiful photos or impressive music recitals. At Down the Hall, the mission runs deeper: to make the arts accessible, meaningful, and transformational. The studio champions community

engagement, inclusivity, and the belief that everyone—regardless of age or background—deserves a place to create and belong. "We want this to feel like a second home," Xela explains. "A space where stories are told, confidence is built, and creativity is celebrated."

Xela's own story adds a touching layer of depth to her work. She shares her home with her husband, their four-year-old daughter, her mother (who is living with dementia), and two sweet pups. "Creating something joyful and art-filled in a place so close to my mother's roots—here in Central Pennsylvania—is a quiet blessing," she says.

The studio's name, Down the Hall, has even become part of its charm. Located in an old school building, Xela jokes that she's constantly answering questions with the same phrase: "It's down the hall!" Whether you're looking for the music room, the studio, or the bathroom, the directions always sound the same. That playful spirit, paired with the building's nostalgic architecture, gives the space a warmth you can feel as soon as you walk in.

With future plans to expand—including the addition of a podcast studio—Xela and her team are just getting started. "We're building a creative home not just for Red Lion, but for anyone seeking to explore, express, and connect," she says.

So whether you're booking a portrait session, signing your child up for voice lessons, or just looking for a place to feel inspired—Down the Hall Studios welcomes you. Creativity lives here. And there's always something magical waiting... just down the hall.

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Adult Volleyball will run August 5, 2025-January 27, 2026; registration is open through September 30. Sessions will be held Tuesday evenings from 7:30-10PM. This program needs at least 10 registered participants. A limited amount of drop-ins will be accepted on a daily basis and must pay the \$5 drop in fee per session they attend. Occasional checks will be made and if rules are not followed, the program can be discontinued at HARP's discretion. If you have questions, please call the HARP office at 717-993-2255 or email info@harp-online.org. Registration is non-refundable unless HARP is unable to fill the required minimum of 10 players per session.

COST: Session fee is \$45.00 for residents; \$50.00 for non-residents.

REGISTRATION LINK: harp-online.org/Default.aspx?tabid=269865

TABLE TENNIS FOR ALL AGES:

August-January on Wednesday & Friday Nights At The Stewartstown Community Building Gym (16 College Ave)

Submitted by Alycia Edwards, information provided by HARP

"Recreational" Table Tennis (for all ages) will be held on Wednesday & Friday nights at the Stewartstown Community Building Gym from 7:30-9PM. Registration is for sessions running from August 6, 2025 -January 30, 2026. Registration is open through September 30. This program needs at least 10 registered participants. All players must be registered to play in the building. This program is for REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY and at no time should anyone under the age of 5 be in the building during your session time. A limited amount of drop-ins will be accepted on a daily basis and must pay the \$5 drop in fee per session they attend. Occasional checks will be made and if rules are not followed, the program can be discontinued at HARP's discretion. If you have questions, please call the HARP office at 717-993-2255 or email info@harp-online.org. Registration is non-refundable unless HARP is unable to fill the required minimum of 10 players per session.

COST: \$60/player

REGISTRATION LINK: harp-online.org/Default.aspx?tabid=651918



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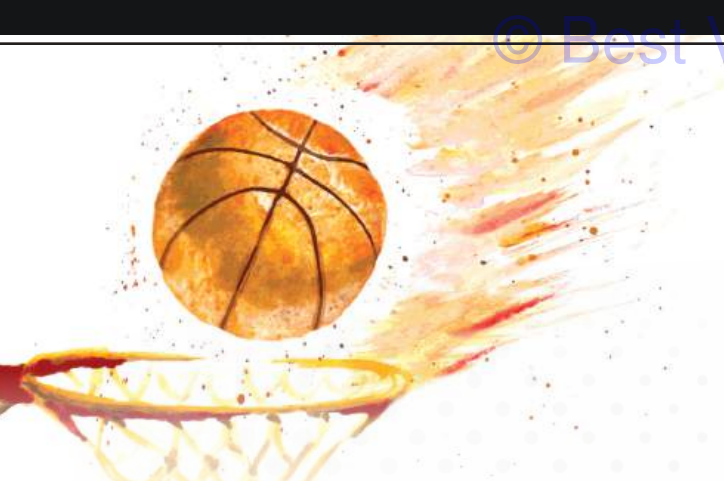
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ADULT BASKETBALL (18+)

Being Offered Thursday Nights At Stewartstown Community Building Gym (16 College Ave)

Submitted by Alycia Edwards, information provided by HARP

Adult "Recreational" Basketball (18 yrs old & up) will be held on Thursday nights at the Stewartstown Community Building Gym from 7:30-10PM. Registration closes August 31. The session will August 7, 2025 - January 29, 2026. The program needs at least 10 registered participants. All players must be registered to play basketball in the building. This program is for REGISTERED ADULTS ONLY and at no time should anyone under the age of 18 be in the

building during your session time. A limited amount of drop-ins will be accepted on a daily basis and must pay the \$5 drop in fee per session they attend. Occasional checks will be made and if rules are not followed, the program can be discontinued at HARP's discretion. If you have questions, please call the HARP office at 717-993-2255 or you email info@harp-online.org. Registration is non-refundable unless HARP is unable to fill the required minimum of 10 players per session.

COST: \$60/player

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By Sarah Yates

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Soprano is a 5 year old Rottweiler who loves to eat, sleep, and relax by the pool.

Where's Bella?

By Jake Schultz



EACH MONTH, BELLA WILL BE HIDDEN somewhere here in *Southern York Living Magazine*. You need to find her!

Who is Bella? Bella is the kid Bichon of Kevin Smith; Kevin is the owner of Smith Wealth Advisory Group. Kevin has supported our community magazines from the very beginning. We are very grateful for his sponsorship.

The randomly chosen winner can choose a \$25 Gift Card to one of our local participating business sponsors. Good luck!

Email your answer to Jenn at jenniferschultz@bestversionmedia.com

**We will only be accepting answers until August 27th.*

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Calendar of Events

Mondays & Wednesdays August 4-13

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Time: 10:30-11AM

Cost: free

More info: yorklibraries.org

Wednesdays

Lunch Bunch Playgroup

@Glen Rock Park, 5400 Fair School Rd, Glen Rock PA 17327

A laid-back, friendly environment for families to socialize!

Time: 10AM-12PM

Cost: free

More info: "Glen Rock Park" on Facebook

Saturday, August 9

Weekend Lego Challenge

@Paul Smith Library of Southern York County, 80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Drop-in for a LEGO challenge! Use our bricks and your imagination. Creations will be put on display for the week. All ages welcome.

Time: 10AM-12PM

Cost: free

More info: yorklibraries.org

Tuesday, August 12-Saturday, August 16

Dallastown Recreation 26th Annual Carnival

@Dallastown Community Park located behind Safer #13-1

Live entertainment every night at 6PM, rides by Russ Amusements, food, games, and other vendors.

Time: Tuesday-Thursday 6-10PM, Friday-Saturday 5-10PM

Wednesday, August 13

Wine & Crime After Dark

@Paul Smith Library of Southern York County, 80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Bring some drinks and snacks to the Paul Smith Library and let's talk true crime! Listen to the

podcast ahead of time, then come discuss it with us. Find the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or your favorite podcast app. Can't find the time to listen? Come anyway!

Time: 6-8PM

Cost: free

More info: yorklibraries.org

Friday, August 15 & Friday, September 5

Stewartstown Night Market

@18 S Main St, Stewartstown PA 17363

Food, fun, music, shopping and more!

Time: 4-8PM

Cost: free admission

Tickets: "Stewartstown Night Market" on Facebook

Saturday, August 16

Wyndridge Farm's Art Fest & Maker's Market

@885 S Pleasant Ave, Dallastown PA 17313

Market on the lawn, live music, food, craft beverages and more!

Time: 11AM-7PM

Cost: free admission

More info: wyndridge.com

Saturday, August 16

Music In The Park

@17308 Susquehanna Trail S, New Freedom, PA 17349

Bring your lawn chairs for a night of music, food, and fun! Food trucks and family games open at 6:30 PM. Music starts at 7:00 PM. Local Food Trucks, Seven Sports Bar and Grill, and the Southern York County Senior Center will be on-site providing food and beverages.

Time: 6:30-9PM

Cost: free admission

More info: newfreedomboro.org

Tuesday, August 19

Community Night At The Park

@Glen Rock Park, 5400 Fair School Rd, Glen Rock PA 17327

Group games (such as tag, basketball and pickleball), yard games (bubbles, jump rope, balls, etc.) and more!

Time: 4-7PM

Cost: free

More info: "Glen Rock Park" on Facebook

Wednesday, August 20 Evening Book Club

@Paul Smith Library of Southern York County, 80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Join us for a great discussion!

Ask for a copy of this month's book at the desk.

Time: 6-8PM

Cost: free

More info: yorklibraries.org

Friday, August 22

Gardening With Seniority

@Paul Smith Library of Southern York County, 80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

If you've always loved the pleasure of tending your own garden, you don't have to give up the fresh vegetables and flowers just because you are older or have arthritis. As we age and develop some physical limitations, there are new tools in varying lengths and gadgets that will make gardening easier, more efficient and more enjoyable.

Gardening is a great activity for maintaining joint flexibility, range of motion and quality of life. A few simple modifications and exercises can help you keep your garden growing with ease. Presented by Maryann Mawhinney, Penn State Master Gardener of York County for 25 years, and also a retired registered nurse. She enjoys the opportunity to combine gardening and nursing knowledge in presenting on gardening with arthritis or fibromyalgia and garden safety.

Time: 11AM-12:45PM

Cost: free

More info: yorklibraries.org

Saturday, August 23

Friday, August 22

Bushel Of Crabs Raffle Library Fundraiser

@Paul Smith Library of Southern York County, 80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Submit your event:

If you'd like an event to appear in an upcoming edition of Southern York Living, please email the information to aedwards@bestversionmedia.com. Deadlines are June 25 for the August 2025 edition and July 25 for the September 2025 edition.

Time: 4PM

Cost: \$5 each or 5 for \$20

More info: annisnang@gmail.com

Saturday, August 23

Summer Pokemon Club

@Paul Smith Library of Southern York County, 80 Constitution Ave, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Meet up with fellow Pokémon fans. Enjoy a variety of Pokémon activities. Suggested ages 5-14. Optional: Bring cards to trade.

Time: 11AM-1PM

Cost: free

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Saturday, August 30 & Sunday, August 31

The Yorkfest Fine Arts Festival

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More info: yorkcityalive.com

Saturday, September 20

New Freedom Fest

@22 Railroad Ave, New Freedom PA 17349

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Cost: free admission

More info: "New Freedom Heritage" on Facebook



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Cinnamon Swirl Zucchini Bread

By Katie Burt of Burt Baking Co.



- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup packed light or dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup shredded zucchini (about 1 medium)

For the cinnamon swirl:

- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 T. cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9"x5" loaf pan.

Mix together the swirl ingredients in a small bowl and set aside.

Whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg together in a large bowl until thoroughly combined. Set aside. In a medium bowl, whisk the oil, brown sugar, granulated sugar, egg, vanilla and zucchini together until combined. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients. Gently stir until just combined: do not overmix. Batter will be semi-thick.

Spread half of the batter into the prepared pan. Sprinkle half of the swirl mixture evenly over the surface. Top with the remaining batter and sprinkle the top with the remaining swirl ingredients. Bake for 45-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. (You can cover your loaf with foil if it's browning too quickly).

Allow to cool before slicing. Store bread at room temperature for up to 3-4 days or in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.



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Community Garden & Beekeeping Program at Marge Goodfellow Park – New Freedom, PA

Compiled by Alycia Edwards

Get your hands in the soil and help pollinate the Borough! The Marge Goodfellow Park Community Garden & Beekeeping Program offers seasonal opportunities for local residents to grow their own produce and care for bees right in the heart of New Freedom.

- **Community Garden:** Participants can rent a 6'x6' tilled garden plot for the growing season, which runs from through October 1st. Perfect for growing vegetables, herbs, and flowers, each plot provides a chance to connect with nature and fellow gardeners in the community.
- **Community Beekeeping:** Bring your own hive and bee colony to our shared apiary space. Participants rent a designated spot to maintain their hives and enjoy the rewards of backyard beekeeping, including honey, pollination, and supporting local biodiversity through October 1st.

Whether you're a green thumb, a beekeeper, or just bee-curious, this program is a great way to get involved, learn something new, and help the environment. Learn more at newfreedompa.myrec.com.



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Spotlight on New Freedom Heritage & New Freedom Fest

Submitted by Carol Sieling

NEW FREEDOM HERITAGE is a volunteer group whose mission is to preserve New Freedom's heritage by fostering community relationships to enhance and preserve the town's cultural character. Our mission statement is "to preserve our history for future generations through written, oral, and historical items depicting New Freedom Heritage".

This group sponsors the Heritage Museum of New Freedom, located at 22 Railroad Avenue next to Freedom Green Community Park in the center of town that features a beautiful gazebo. The museum serves to present New Freedom's history and preserve some of our town's artifacts. Items you can see at the museum include artifacts from New Freedom High School, the baseball team, long standing businesses which helped to build up the community of New Freedom, preserved pictures of local buildings and the railroad, as well as other fun and interesting items. The museum is open the first and third Sunday of each month from 1-4pm. Admission is free, but gifts are gladly accepted.

New Freedom Heritage sponsors several community events such as New Freedom Fest which will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10AM -5PM. The fest is an old-time "festival of small town life" and includes live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, pony rides, food trucks, pet parade, kid games, pumpkin painting, and much more – all centered around the beautiful and historic town of New Freedom, Pennsylvania.

The Northern Central Railway will have 20-minute round trip rides to Railroad using their historic 1959 PRR GP9 diesel locomotive following the route of the original Northern Central Railroad through the scenic Heritage Rail Trail County Park. Northern Central Railway is an excursion railroad that makes time travel possible! The historic attraction, with a replica 1860's steam locomotive and their diesel engine, hosts excursions that educate, entertain, and enlighten. The railway museum will also be open as part of the fun at the fest and NCR will also be hosting bingo games in their educational building off Main Street.

Vortex Brewing will be hosting an Oktoberfest tent and pairing with a local winery to add to the festivities. Music and food will be available in this tent.

In addition to the fest, New Freedom Heritage is presently sponsoring a mural which is being painted on the side of Paesano's



Italian Restaurant as a joint effort with Susquehannock High School students, Paesano's and volunteers from local businesses and community members. This is the 5th mural that New Freedom Heritage has sponsored since 2005. Another sponsored mural is painted on the side of Marlin's Garage and can be seen from Main Street and Freedom Green Park.

New Freedom Heritage with community sponsors and the New Freedom Lions hosts Movie Nights at Freedom Green Park during June and August. It is a wonderful evening for local families to gather with their children and neighbors to watch family friendly movies projected onto a building under a night sky. The August movie of "If" will be sponsored by the Southern York County Rotary Club.

You can often see floats, featuring members of NFH, exhibiting historical events or memories of times gone by, in the New Freedom July Fourth Parade and the Christmas Parade. New Freedom Heritage members collected and compiled photos and information about New Freedom and published their Sesquicentennial Book. Copies of the book celebrating 150 years of New Freedom Borough are available at the museum for \$30 each.

Volunteer opportunities are always available with New Freedom Heritage, especially for the New Freedom Fest. If you would like to get involved in a great community experience at the fest, please contact Carol Sieling at 717-495-8683 (call or text.) Any time you can volunteer (1 hour or all day) is appreciated. Volunteers are also needed for setting up and tearing down for the fest on Thursday (9/18), Friday (9/19) and/or Saturday (9/20).

You can become a member of New Freedom Heritage for \$25/year. All funds raised through memberships and New Freedom Fest go to support the museum and the work of New Freedom Heritage. Information about all our activities and memberships can be found on our website at www.NewFreedomHeritage.org.

So stop by the Heritage Museum of New Freedom and check out the history of our wonderful town. We're excited to meet you and share our heritage!

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Meet Sarah Yates, Owner of The Center of Early Learning & Childcare LLC in Stewartstown

By Alycia Edwards

Photograph provided by Sarah Yates



AS A WORKING MOTHER in the Southern York County community, Sarah recognized the growing need for quality childcare options years ago. However, it wasn't until life unexpectedly slowed her down that she truly had the time to reflect on how she could make a meaningful difference. During this time, she found herself with space to think deeply about her purpose and how she could better serve others.

With over 15 years of experience managing medical practices, Sarah developed a strong passion for delivering high-quality services that have a real, positive impact on people's lives. That same commitment to excellence, combined with her love for children and the obvious need for expanded childcare resources in the area, led to the creation of The Center of Early Learning & Childcare LLC. Their mission: Build firm foundations by providing the highest-quality learning experience for children in a safe, engaging, and nurturing environment, guided by best practices and biblical values.

Sarah shares, "From the very beginning, my goal has been to build a nurturing, professional, and enriching environment where children can thrive. I'm proud to say we've assembled an incredibly talented and experienced team, at the heart of which is our Director, Linda Richardson. Linda brings more than 25 years of experience in the childcare field, along with multiple degrees in Early Childhood Education and Child Development. Her expertise, combined with our shared values, ensures that we're not just another daycare—we're a trusted partner for families navigating the early years of their children's development. We're truly excited to be a valuable resource for local families and to help shape the next

generation with care, compassion, and commitment."

For the past 11 years, Sarah has called Stewartstown home, where she lives with her husband, Gus; her daughter, Abigail; her stepsons, Cole and Luke; and their three beloved dogs—Thumper, Ella, and Soprano. Life in their household is full of energy and activity, with our days often revolving around school, sports, and family time.

"Our oldest, Cole, just completed his freshman year at Penn State University. Meanwhile, Abigail and Luke have just finished their freshman year at Kennard-Dale High School."

As for Sarah and Gus? They often find themselves either out on the Pleasant Valley

Golf Course enjoying a round together, or behind the wheel chauffeuring the kids to their various activities. Abby is a passionate equestrian, dedicating countless hours to her training and competing in shows across Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Luke, equally driven, trains in mixed martial arts and spends his summers lifeguarding at Bon Air Country Club, with his older brother Cole.

Sarah's inspiration? "'Colossian 3:23-23. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.' Following this verse encourages me to be fully committed to my endeavors whether personal or business."

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of South

Central PA Honored with 2024 Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Agency of The Year Award

By Mary Murphy, VP of Development

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of South-Central PA has been recognized as a Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) Agency of the Year Award Winner for program and team excellence in 2024. Out of more than 230 agencies across the country, BBBSA selected Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA as one of four affiliate organizations to receive this top honor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA received the 2024 Agency of the Year Award in the Mid to Large Agency affiliate size category on June 12th at the BBBSA National Conference. The award was given in recognition of the agency's 2024 accomplishments including serving 1,320 youth, the greatest number served in a single year across the past two decades; the acquisition of a neighboring affiliate, increasing their service area from 5 to 7 counties; development of the region's only Youth Leadership Summit; and quality of program services.

"We are deeply honored to be recognized as Agency of the Year. This achievement is a direct reflection of the unwavering dedication of our entire team: our passionate staff, committed board members, and the extraordinary volunteers who give so much of themselves. We're equally grateful to the parents and guardians who trust us, to our corporate and community partners and to our generous donors, whose belief in our mission fuels everything we do. This recognition belongs to our entire BBBS community, and together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of young people."



Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA was also recognized at the BBBSA National Conference as one of 40 organizations to receive the Growth Award for program excellence in 2024.

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National Night Out

Submitted by Bill & Linda Kaestner

Our Department would like to thank the Stewartstown Lions Club for their generous monetary donation towards our National Night Out scheduled for August 5th, 2025. The event will be held at the Winterstown United Methodist Church located at: 12184 Winterstown Road, Felton, PA 17322 between 5pm-8pm.

Stewartstown Lion's Club April Student of The Month: Ashlyn Gibbs

By Jennifer Schultz



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: Activities-FFA, Powerlifting, Cheerleading; Awards-Varsity Cheer Captain, FFA Chapter Historian, FFA Chapter Vice President, FFA Student Advisor, FFA Keystone Degree Recipient

FUTURE PLANS: "I plan to attend Delaware Valley University in the fall, majoring in Ag Business."

My future career plans are to start my own business as a livestock photographer and have my own farm raising livestock."

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: "I work at The Mill of Whiteford as a retail associate, I also work at Legend-Dairy Farms milking cows. I am very active in my local church, Fawn Grove Community Church. There, I participate in Youth Group and volunteer as a group leader for their VBS every summer."



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From 9 to 5:

A Workplace Comedy That Still Punches the Clock

BY SHARON A. DORN

AS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY of The Totem Pole Playhouse's operation continues, Dolly Parton's Broadway hit, *9 to 5*, is a smashing success. The show ran through July 6 and with a cast of twenty-five local and extraordinarily talented actors and crew.

First premiering as a hit film in 1980, the story follows the antics of a business wherein the culture is less than ideal, and not so subtly depicts a bit of reality for the times. The show represented working women's struggles in business and society at the time.

Three smart, capable, female employees (including one new hire) find themselves under the supervision of a chauvinistic boss within a toxic culture. Determined to implement change, they take matters into their own hands to teach their incorrigible boss a lesson. The result is a cultural redirection which leads to much-needed employee empowerment.

However, some not so creative accounting practices are uncovered when the three co-conspirators physically remove the incorrigible boss from the organization in hopes that he will learn the error of his ways. In the end, and on their own, the women go on to create an empowering, more successful business model through cultural change resulting in greater employee satisfaction.

The serious, often exaggerated, and humorous jabs against female employees is not lost in the performance. However, the much needed and sometimes satiric solutions initiated by the three women result in a changed culture, improved employee satisfaction, as well as a stronger bottom line.

To say that this show is dynamic is a vast understatement. The rapid set changes, palpable high energy, enlivening music, powerhouse vocals, and professional acting combine to evoke emotion (and especially for those of us who worked during that era – empathy).

"9 to 5 is the show our community has been asking for", says producing Artistic Director Ryan B. Gibbs. "It's smart, it's hilarious, and full of joy."

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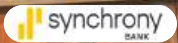
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