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Knights Of Columbus Father DiNisco Council #3862 Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Knights Of Columbus, Father DeNisco Council #3862 held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th at their Council Home in Bangor, PA. Everyone who had attended had a great time. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Washington Twp. Fire Co. Host Annual Egg Hunt



Washington Twp. Fire Co. held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

North Warren Wins Over Sussex Vo. Tech In Baseball



North Warren took on Sussex Vo Tech in Baseball on March 30th. North Warren won 9 to 6. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Bangor and Pen Argyl Take The Slate Belt Rivalry To The Dirt Diamond



Above: Pen Argyl took on Bangor in softball on April 1st, Bangor won 12 to 7. Below: The boys teams also went head to head in baseball on March 31st, Pen Argyl won that game, 7 to 0 . Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Warren County Commissioners Award \$445,450 in Historic Preservation Grants

The Warren County Board of County Commissioners traveled throughout the county on Saturday, March 28 to present ceremonial checks to the recipients of this year's Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund grants. Five historic building

restoration projects received grant funding that totaled \$445,450. Funding for these projects was approved by the Commissioners, acting on the recommendations of the 12-member Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund Committee. The grants

are financed through the County's Open Space Trust, which is funded by a voter-approved dedicated tax.

Commissioner Director Lori Ciesla and Commissioner Jason J. Sarnoski visited the five locations to present the checks, **GRANT cont'd on pg 3**

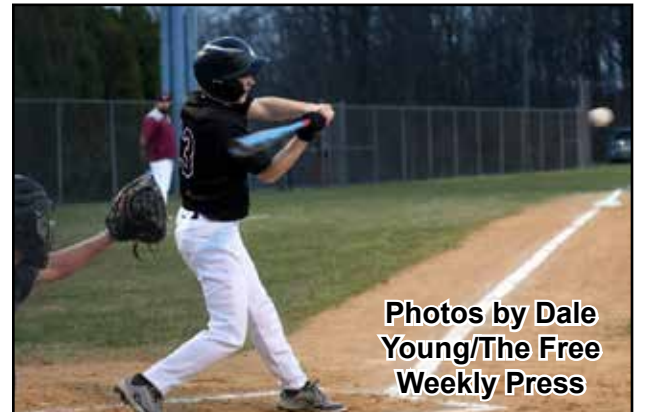
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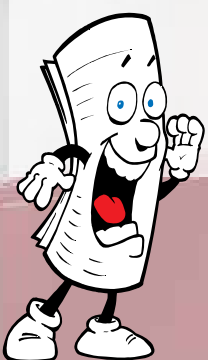
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meet with the local officials and stakeholders, and tour the sites.

Grant Awards and Project Details

Allamuchy Township – Freight House Restoration

A grant of \$18,750 will support the repair and replacement of floorboards, decking, and exterior woodwork, along with exterior painting of the historic Freight House. The Freight House is a tangible link to the region's transportation and industrial history, reflecting the importance of rail and freight movement in Warren County's development.

Hardwick Township – Vass Farmstead Restoration

Hardwick Township will receive \$53,700 to restore windows, paint the barn and wooden sections of the farmhouse, install outdoor lighting,

and remove hazardous trees threatening the buildings. The Vass Farmstead is a cornerstone of the county's agricultural heritage. Its preservation helps illustrate historic farming practices and rural life in northwest New Jersey.

Harmony Township – Van Nest Hoff Vannatta Farmstead Barn Restoration

A grant of \$75,000 will fund barn restoration work, including siding repair and replacement, framing and trim work, door reconstruction, and limited painting. The farmstead remains a prominent and iconic agricultural structure, contributing to the historic landscape and reinforcing the importance of preserving working farm complexes.

Mansfield Township – Mount Bethel Community Center Cemetery Wall Restoration

Mansfield Township will receive \$165,000 to

restore the historic stone border wall surrounding the Mount Bethel Community Center cemetery. This project is anticipated to be the final phase of a long-term effort supported by prior grants. The cemetery and its stone wall are vital cultural resources, preserving the memory of early residents and serving as a place of reflection and community identity.

Washington Township – Heritage Museum at Meadow Breeze Park Renovation

A grant of \$133,000 will support roof and window replacement, ADA-compliant access improvements, air conditioning installation, and repairs to the site's smokehouse. The Heritage Museum at Meadow Breeze Park plays a key role in interpreting local history and making it accessible to the public, ensuring that future generations can engage with Warren County's past in



an inclusive and meaningful way.

The MCCT program continues to serve as a critical funding source for preserving Warren County's historic, cultural, and natural resources. By requiring a 25 percent local match, the program ensures strong partnerships and shared commitment between

the County and its municipalities and nonprofit organizations. Historic preservation not only safeguards architectural and cultural assets but also strengthens community character, supports heritage tourism, and contributes to economic vitality.

The Warren County Department of Land Preservation announced that

applications for the 2026 Municipal and Charitable Conservancy Trust Fund grants will be released on April 13, 2026. Eligible municipalities and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to support open space, farmland, recreation, and historic preservation initiatives.

New to the Bangor Public Library

Adult Fiction:

Life: A Love Story: A Novel by Elizabeth Berg; Honeysuckle: A Novel by Bar Fridman-Tell; The Night Sister: A Novel by Jennifer McMahon; Innamorata by Ava Reid; Strange Buildings by Uketsu; The Things We Leave Unfinished by Rebecca Yarros

Adult Non Fiction:

A History of Ghosts, Spirits and the Supernatural; Good Writing: How to Improve Your Sentences by Neal Allen; One Bite at a Time: Nourishing Recipes for Cancer Survivors and Their Friends by Rebecca Katz; Diabetes for Dummies by Simon Poole; The Blood Countess: Murder, Betrayal, and the Making of a Monster by Shelley Puhak; Storey's Guide to Raising Horses: Breeding, Care Facilities by Heather Thomas

Easy Fiction:

The Littlest Elephant: A One and Only Ruby Story by Katherine Applegate; Whooo is Still Awake by Brigette Barrager; Welcome Flower Child: The Magic of Your Birth Flower by Brigette Barrager; Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Sheepy: A Sleepy Sheepy Story by Lucy ruth Cummins; Hide and Seek by Corey R. Tabor

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Goldfinches by Mary Oliver

Junior Fiction:

Bad Kitty: Happy Birthday Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel; Minecraft: The Manga Vol. 5 by Kazuyoshi Seto

Junior Non Fiction:

Learn to Draw Hooky by Miriam Bonastre Tur

Young Adult Fiction:

The Fall of Iris Henley by Jennifer Graham; Disney Twisted-Wonderland: The Manga Book of Scarabia: Vol. 1 by Majiko

Young Adult Non Fiction:

An Illustrated History of UFOs by Adam Allsuch Boardman; An Illustrate History of Ghosts by Adam Allsuch Boardman; How to Win Friends and Influence People for Teen Girls by Donna Dale Carnegie; The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained; The Mythology Book; Digital Life Skills for Teens: The Essential Digital Survival Guide by Ferne Bowe; Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer; Rising from the Ashes: Los Angeles, 1992: Edward Jae Song Lee, Latasha Harlins, Rodney King, and a City on Fire by Paula Yoo; Justice for Teens: Understanding Your Rights in the Real World by Ella Shahbazian; Atomic Women: The Untold Stories of the Scientists Who Helped Create the Nuclear Bomb by Roseanne Montillo; The Crime Book by Shanna Hogan; The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden & The Trial of the Century by Sarah Miller; Stealing Little Moon: The Legacy of the American Indian Boarding Schools by Dan SaSuWeh Jones; The Official ACT Prep Guide: The Only Official Prep Guide from the Makers of the ACT; SAT Total Prep 2026; An Illustrated History of Urban Legends by Adam Allsuch Boardman; Breaking the Cuffs: The Ins and outs of Type 1 Diabetes as a Teenager by Kerem Olgun; High: Everything You Want to Know About Drugs, Alcohol, and Addiction by David Sheff; The Art Book by Caroline Bugler; The History Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained; The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II by Candace Fleming

DVDs:

Blue Moon; Bugonia; The Housemaid

New to the Blue Mountain Community Library

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Open hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm. Questions? Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month.

A huge thank you to the library's dedicated volunteers. The library is in need of more adult volunteers for all shifts. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and meet like-minded individuals! Commitment involves just 4.5 hours each month. No special skills are required. All training is provided. Pick up an application at the circulation desk.

Stop in today to see our new mascot: a beautiful little blue fish! Thank you to Waters Edge Aquarium for donating him and to an anonymous donor for donating his bowl, food, and supplies. Through April 18, anyone can suggest a name for the fish. Then through April 30, everyone can vote for a name.

Try the new scavenger hunt for children, with lots of new prizes in the prize basket - plus a scavenger hunt for adults and young adults! Deadline is April 30, with a prize drawn from all correct entries.

Book group for adults is April 14 at 6:30pm, discussing *The God of the Woods*. Register by emailing info@bmcl.org.

A silent auction will be held from April 10 through May 6. We have many great Mother's Day gifts. Library membership is not required to bid.

New to the circulating collection:

Adult fiction:

-The Astral Library (Kate Quinn); Cold Zero (Brad Thor); The Crossroads (C.J. Box); More than Enough (Anna Quindlen); The Viper (Brad Meltzer); Cleopatra (Saara El-Arifi); The Castaways (Lucy Clarke); The Devil's Bible (Steve Berry); A Mother's Love (Danielle Steel); The Girls We Sent Away (Meagan Church); How to Read a Book (Monica Wood); The Life Cycle of the Common Octopus (Emma Knight); When I Kill You (B.A. Paris); If Two Are Dead (Rick Mofina); A Dead Draw (Robert Dugoni); The Right to Remain (James Grippando)

Adult nonfiction:

The Let Them Theory (Mel Robbins); Black Dahlia (William J. Mann); The Other Family Doctor (Karen Fine)

Large print fiction:

Nightcaps at the Beach House Hotel (Judith Keim); New Beginnings in Lavender Bay (Michele Brouder)

Young Adult fiction:

Beth Is Dead (Katie Bernet); A Tribute of Fire (Sariah Wilson); A Vow of Embers (Sariah Wilson); A Curse of Ashes (Sariah Wilson);

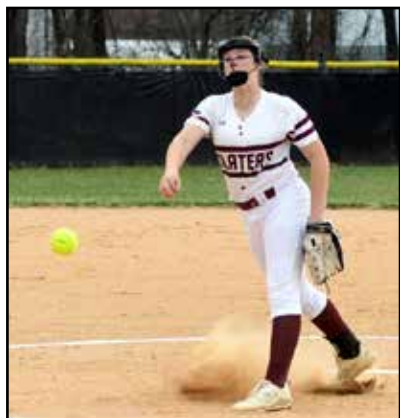
Juvenile fiction:

The New Class (Swapna Reddy); Sparkling Steps (Sue Bentley) Pete at the Beach (James Dean); A Bear, a Man, and a Donut Van (Daniel Bernstrom); Fox and the Mystery Letter (Alex G. Griffiths)

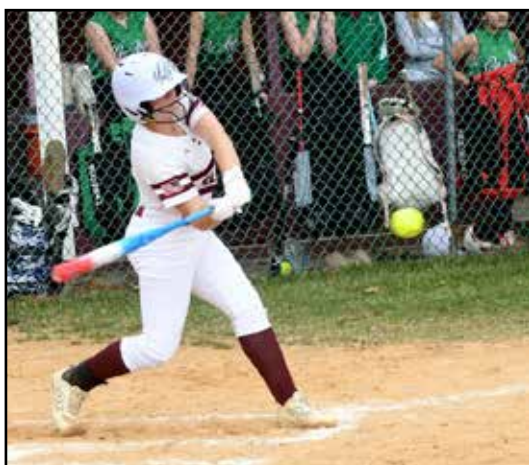
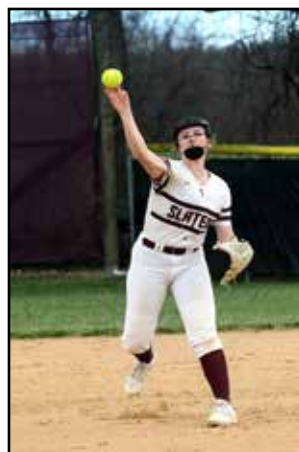
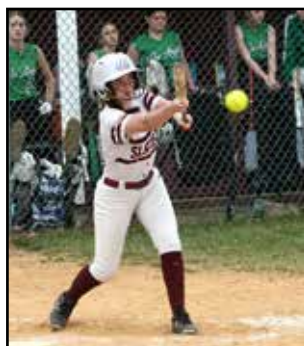
Juvenile nonfiction:

Who Was Nellie Bly? (Margaret Gurevich); What Was the Hindenburg? (Janet B. Pascal); Minecraft Construction Handbook (Matthew Needler); Minecraft Combat Handbook (Stephanie Milton); Who Was Ruth Bader Ginsburg? (Patricia Brennan Demuth); Who Is Malala Yousafzai? (Dinah Brown); The Wonder of Easter (Matt Mitter)

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First Batch of 2026 Money Match Unclaimed Property Checks Mailed Out in PA

Senator Rosemary Brown's office has started to receive inquiries from constituents about checks from the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury being directly mailed to them. This is the beginning of Treasury's new program Money Match! More than 100,000 checks, totaling nearly \$23 million, are being mailed to Pennsylvania residents under the state Treasury's 2026 Money Match program for unclaimed property. Created by the General Assembly in 2024, Penn-

sylvania Money Match allows Treasury to return unclaimed property valued at up to \$500 belonging to a single owner automatically without the need to search or file a claim. Unclaimed property can include dormant bank accounts, abandoned stocks, uncashed checks and more. Treasurer Stacy Garrity urges Pennsylvanians to regularly search online for unclaimed property, since some claims may not qualify to be part of Money Match.

Minsi Lake Corridor Conservation Efforts: Institute Drive Closing from March 31 through May 1 to Protect Amphibians Crossing



On Tuesday March 31, motorists can expect part of Institute Drive to be closed in the Totts Gap Conservation Area for the next several weeks to protect breeding amphibians. The closure will extend from Totts Gap Road west on Institute Drive for about one-half mile to allow for amphibian migrations without the risk of being crushed by vehicle tires.

In partnership with Upper Mount Bethel Township, Northampton County Parks, Recreation and Conservation is taking steps to protect migrating amphibians by closing the eastern half of Institute Drive through the County's Totts Gap Conservation Area from March 31 through May 1. The trigger for the crossing will be a forecast calling for evening

rain with mild temperatures, generally above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Since amphibians (frogs, toads, and salamanders) are primarily active at night, you can observe their migration from dusk until dawn as long as conditions remain favorable. "Recommendations from the County's Minsi Lake Corridor Greenway & Stewardship plan highlight the need

for protection of critical landscapes. This temporary closure is a major step in the ongoing efforts of provide sustainable conservation practices," said Bryan Cope, Parks, Recreation and Conservation Administrator with Northampton County. The woodlands on either side of Institute Drive are home to the largest concentration of natural seasonal pools and associated species of amphibians anywhere in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Some of these species are listed as threatened and endangered by the PA Fish & Boat Commission, which oversees the Commonwealth's fish, reptiles, and amphibians. For more information on the natural phenomenon of springtime amphibian migrations and how motorists can help protect them in their travels, log onto <https://www.shaverscreek.org/2016/04/18/amphibians-on-the-move/>.

Today is filled with opportunity, — and Hope helps and beckons us to partake thereof. ~Ellsworth R. Bathrick

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Garden Dilemmas? Ask Mary?



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Hello fellow readers,
Winter left its mark. Heavy snow, single-digit temperatures, and winds caused more damage than usual. As I walk through the garden, I see the evidence—winter burn, broken branches, plants struggling to find their footing. But also, there are signs of hope. A large holly was recently transplanted. She is a beauty, berries and all, but her leaves are almost black from the winter winds. The lower branches are still green, the ones covered by

snow, a gift that winter provided. Transplant shock is inevitable in such moves, which is why I rely on a seaweed extract to support recovery. I'll continue feeding the transplants from the fall garden renovation with my go-to every few weeks as Spring unfolds, to help roots recover. Nearby, hellebores gifted from my dear friend Marty Carson's garden are blooming—soft pink faces emerging through last year's leaves. I'll wait to trim back that old foliage until beneficial insects have had their chance to emerge. Spring brings pruning decisions. A helpful rule of thumb: prune non-flowering evergreen shrubs and deciduous shrubs in early Spring. For flowering shrubs, wait until after they bloom. And resist the urge to prune late in the season. New growth won't have time to harden before winter, which can lead to damage.



The smokebush (*Cotinus coggygria*) is calling for attention. When rejuvenating, selectively reduce the canopy by about a third, cutting just above growth nodes or removing entire limbs cleanly at the branch collar. Thoughtful pruning keeps them full and thriving. It's true that when plants are properly spaced, you won't need to prune them. The rule of thumb in garden design is to space trees and shrubs half their width at maturity, and herbaceous plants such as perennials and groundcovers by

their width at maturity. Give plants room to be who they are. However, sometimes we wish to have certain beauties in tighter spots. Then, careful haircuts are needed. I've been enjoying a bit of early-season creativity. A beloved "Mother Earth" face pot, gifted years ago by my first clients, is adorned with forsythia branches for hair. Forsythia isn't native, and I wouldn't plant it anew—but since it's here, I appreciate its cheerful early bloom. And if branches root, I may plant them along the property edge, where



they suit the landscape. There's a balance between honoring what is... and choosing what comes next. Though a favored native alternative to forsythia is Northern spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)—called "forsythia in the wilds"—with its soft yellow flowers, fragrant leaves, and brilliant fall color. A staple decoration in Mother Earth's head-dress is tree branches lassoed into a cross. Pansies provide a colorful accent above the bangs of Japanese forest grass (*Hakonechloa*). While not a native plant, I adore the tawny gold color when dry and how the new growth pushes out the old. Carex, commonly called sedge, is a native option, though they tend to stay evergreen, so I'd miss the golden hair highlights of fall and winter. As I move through the garden, noting emerging peonies and last season's sturdy Joe-Pye weed stems to cut and turn into sweet pea trellises, I find myself reflecting on

something deeper. It's easy this time of year to focus on what needs fixing—what didn't survive, what must be moved, what needs tending. We do the same in our lives. Especially in difficult seasons, we can become consumed by what feels broken or missing. For me, this Easter carried an absence of loved ones. And yet it also brought gifts—a church visit with neighbors who have become friends and the celebration of my singing partner and dearest friend Ken's birthday. There are always many gifts to be grateful for. Perhaps the garden reminds us not to rush toward fixing everything. Instead, we take one small step at a time. We tend what we can. And we notice what is already beautiful. And in doing so, something within us begins to heal and grow. Garden Dilemmas? AskMaryStone.com or tune in on your favorite Podcast app.

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Pennsylvania Game Commission Releases Deer Harvest Estimates

Pennsylvania hunters harvested about 6% more deer in the 2025-26 hunting seasons than they did the year before, according to Pennsylvania Game Commission estimates.

The statewide 2025-26 deer harvest was estimated at 505,600 deer, 185,310 of them antlered and 320,290 antlerless.

By comparison, the statewide 2024-25 harvest was estimated at 476,880 deer.

The year-over-year increase is equally attributable to rises in the antlered and antlerless deer harvests. Both were about 6% higher than the year before.

It's notable, however, that 2025-26's antlered deer harvest was up about 9% over the most-recent three-year average, and the antlerless harvest was about 17% higher.

That was partly by design, in regard to antlerless harvest, said Game Commission Deer and Elk Section Supervisor David Stainbrook.

The objective in most of the state's 22 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) was to reduce deer numbers, either because deer were negatively impacting forest health, Chronic Wasting Disease is present and increasing harvest might slow the spread, or both.

To help meet those harvest objectives and expand hunter opportunity, the Game Commission offered additional antlerless licenses last season.

That hunters responded — helping guide local deer populations toward target levels by buying hunting licenses, obtaining available antlerless deer tags and filling them — is no surprise, said Game Commission Executive

Director Steve Smith. For more than century, hunters have been a powerful force for conservation.

"Pennsylvania has a strong hunting heritage, one that brings hundreds of thousands of hunters together in groups large and small each fall and winter to enjoy days with family and friends," Smith said. "But this is about more than just fun and tradition.

"Deer are one species that can impact the composition of their own environment, with consequences not just for themselves, but for our forests and fields and all the other wildlife that habitat sustains. Hunters, by managing deer, buoy not only deer, but all our other natural resources. Their time afield is a commitment to stewardship that deserves our thanks."

The Game Commission's harvest estimates are calculated using antlered and antlerless harvest reports submitted by hunters in combination with data from deer checked at processors across the state, Stainbrook said. Last season, hunters reported more than 150,000 deer — by far most often using the online reporting form — and Game Commission personnel checked more than 25,000 deer at processors.

Statewide, about 29% of deer hunters took an antlered deer. That's the highest success rate since at least 2007.

Most of those bucks were older ones, too. Two of every three were at least 2.5 years old.

Meanwhile, hunters turned about 25% of antlerless tags into harvested deer. That's consistent



with past seasons, as is the fact about 70% of those deer were adult females.

Looking at the harvests by season, hunters once again took more deer overall in the regular statewide firearms deer season than in any other. It accounted for an estimated 299,230 deer, counting 89,980 antlered and 209,250 antlerless.

Archers, meanwhile, took an estimated 182,190 deer, 94,290 of them antlered and 87,900 antlerless. Muzzleloader hunters got 24,180 deer, 1,040 of them antlered and 23,140 antlerless.

It's worth noting that firearms seasons account for the majority of the harvest in most WMUs. Archery harvests make up the majority in more-de-

veloped WMUs (such as WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D), where the use of firearms might be more restricted. Archery hunting is critical, Stainbrook said, to effectively manage deer in those more-suburban areas.

The 2025-26 Deer Harvest Estimates report can be found alongside harvest estimates from other years on the White-tailed deer page.

In the meantime, here's a look at the estimated harvest by Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) for 2025-26, with 2024-25 estimates in parentheses for comparison:

WMU 1A: 10,000 (8,900) antlered, 15,800 (16,600) antlerless; WMU 1B: 11,100 (9,200) antlered, 17,600 (14,100) antlerless; WMU 2A: 8,400 (8,800) antlered, 13,600 (13,800) antlerless; WMU 2B: 9,000 (8,000) antlered, 15,000 (14,300) antlerless; WMU 2C: 11,400 (10,400) antlered, 23,000 (21,700) antlerless; WMU 2D: 15,000 (13,400) antlered, 27,300 (28,800) antlerless; WMU 2E: 7,700 (6,800) antlered, 12,500 (14,900)

antlerless; WMU 2F: 10,800 (11,100) antlered, 15,700 (17,700) antlerless; WMU 2G: 7,600 (9,300) antlered, 12,300 (8,200) antlerless; WMU 3A: 7,600 (6,300) antlered, 6,900 (6,600) antlerless; WMU 3B: 7,900 (7,100) antlered, 14,100 (8,500) antlerless; WMU 3C: 8,000 (10,500) antlered, 14,700 (12,300) antlerless; WMU 3D: 6,000 (5,600) antlered, 9,600 (7,700) antlerless; WMU 4A: 5,000 (4,000) antlered, 8,500 (9,700) antlerless; WMU 4B: 6,700 (6,200) antlered, 14,400 (12,600) antlerless; WMU 4C: 9,400 (8,000) antlered, 13,900 (12,000) antlerless; WMU 4D: 9,400 (8,600) antlered, 15,400 (15,800) antlerless; WMU 4E: 7,500 (7,400) antlered, 17,500 (15,900) antlerless; WMU 5A: 4,800 (3,900) antlered, 7,300 (8,300) antlerless; WMU 5B: 10,300 (11,200) antlered, 19,800 (17,200) antlerless; WMU 5C: 8,100 (7,700) antlered, 18,000 (17,000) antlerless; WMU 5D: 3,000 (2,300) antlered, 7,100 (7,700) antlerless; Unknown WMU: 610 (580) antlered, 290 (200) antlerless.

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Lehigh Valley Democrat and Republican Team Up to Make Health Care Setting Safer: Boscola/Coleman Bill to Outlaw Harmful Toxins in IV Bags Passes Senate

The Pennsylvania State Senate today passed legislation authored by Senator Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton) and Senator Jarrett Coleman (R-Lehigh) that would phase out, and ultimately ban, a toxic chemical additive found in most intravenous (IV) bags and other medical devices.

“You go to the doctor to get better, not get sicker,” Boscola said. “Study after study have shown the toxicity of these additives – so I was shocked to learn how common they are in medical settings.”

Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP) is a common additive in the production of plastic medical devices meant to increase flexibility and reduce brittleness. However, researchers

have found that DEHP leaches into the contents of these medical devices. Senate Bill 804 sets a timeline to phase out DEHP in medical devices in Pennsylvania by 2035. Additionally, the bill prohibits the use of other toxic chemicals, known as ortho-phthalates, as replacements for DEHP.

“SB 804 puts patient health at the center of our healthcare system, where it belongs,” Coleman said. “No one receiving treatment, whether a newborn in intensive care or a patient fighting cancer, should be exposed to a chemical linked to serious health problems through the very IV equipment delivering their care. With safer alternatives already in use



across many hospitals, this legislation ensures that every patient in Pennsylvania has access to the safest possible materials.”

Healthcare systems across Pennsylvania are already using DEHP-free devices, including St. Luke’s University Health Network in the Lehigh Valley, demonstrating that this transi-

tion is both realistic and already underway.

“St. Luke’s does not use IV solution containers that contain PVC or DEHP and we support Senator Lisa Boscola and Senator Coleman’s efforts to make sure all patients across the Commonwealth are similarly protected from these harmful forever chemicals,” said Dr. Jeffrey Jahre, Senior Vice President Medical and Academic Affairs, St. Luke’s University Health Network.

If enacted, Senate Bill 804 would make Pennsylvania one of the first states in the nation to ban DEHP. California and North Carolina each passed similar legislation in recent legislative sessions. Noting Bethlehem’s connection

to this issue, Boscola added, “I’m proud that Bethlehem is home to one of only two nationwide distributors of DEHP-free IV bags.”

“Passage of SB 804 by the Pennsylvania Senate is a big step forward for patient safety. We applaud Senator Boscola and Senator Coleman for their leadership on this issue and appreciate all the senators who supported this important legislation. DEHP should have no place in IV bags and tubing used in Pennsylvania,” said Dr. Stephanie Pitts, Vice President, Healthcare Strategy and Innovation, B. Braun.

Senate Bill 804 passed the Senate 48:1 and will now be considered by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

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