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Bangor Wins With A 5 To 0 Shut Out Over Freedom High School in Girls Field Hockey



Bangor took on Freedom in girls field hockey on August 28th. The Lady Slaters won with 5 to 0 shut out! Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

Pen Argyl Battles East Stroudsburg North In Boys Soccer



The Pen Argyl Boys Soccer Team went head to head against East Stroudsburg North on August 29th. Pen Argyl won 3 to 0. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

From Blairstown to the National Stage: Kinsley Kise Named 2026 National Runner-Up Teen Miss Agriculture USA

What started with a passion for agriculture, animals and her small hometown of Blairstown has taken Kinsley Kise all the way to a national stage. Kise recently traveled to Ohio to represent New Jersey as the 2026 New Jersey Teen Miss Agriculture USA, joining beautiful and talented young women from across the country for 3 unforgettable days of competition, friendship and celebration of the agriculture industry. On the Final Day of the Miss Agriculture USA competition, Kinsley was crowned the 2026 National Runner-Up Teen Miss Agriculture USA, an accomplishment she says is about so much more than a crown! Throughout the week-end, Kinsley competed in interviews, questions drawn from a hat, speeches both on and off the stage, formal wear and agriculture wear on the runway. Each portion of the competition gave



her an opportunity to showcase her confidence, communication skills and, most importantly, her passion for agriculture. Perhaps one of the most meaningful parts of the experience, however, *KINSLEY cont'd on pg 2*

Pen Argyl Pulls Off A Win In Close Game Against Old Forge



Pen Argyl took on Old Forge during their Youth Day football game on August 29th. Pen Argyl won 28 to 21. Photo by Dale Young/The Free Weekly Press

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happened between the competitions.

During those 3 days, Kinsley formed friendships with young women from across the country who shared her passion, determination and love for agriculture. Although the competition has ended, Kinsley still calls those girls her “beautiful best friends.” The friendships she made in Ohio are memories she says she will carry long after the crown and sash are put away.

Kinsley returned home to Blairstown with a national title, but she also returned with an even greater determination to use her voice for agriculture.

Now entering her junior year at North Warren Regional High School, Kinsley serves as President of the North Warren FFA. When she stepped onto the national stage, she proudly wore her FFA jacket, representing her Garden State and bringing a piece of her FFA family with her to Ohio.

For Kinsley, agriculture is also family.

She understands the strong ties that come with the agriculture community—the way generations teach the



next generation, neighbors help neighbors and hard work is something to be proud of. Her connection reaches back through her own family, where generations have grown their own food and learned the value of providing for themselves and others.

Her grandparents’ homestead and their work in the orchards gave Kinsley another window into that life. It is a connection filled with memories of hard work, family, love and loss, reminding her that agriculture, much like life, comes with seasons of both abundance and hardship.

Those experiences have shaped the way Kinsley sees agriculture today. She knows agriculture is much more than farm-

ing. It is animals, food production, science, technology, business, conservation, education and the countless careers and people that help feed and clothe our communities.

Agriculture isn’t simply something Kinsley participates in. It is woven into who she is.

Her love of agriculture can also be seen in her passion for animals. Kinsley raises and shows Flemish Giant rabbits and has already earned first-place honors with her rabbits. This year, she hopes to take that passion one step further by beginning her own rabbitry.

Kinsley has also spent time learning to drive tractors, following in the footsteps of generations of hard-working people who have taught her the



value of dedication and getting her hands dirty. If you have attended local tractor pulls, you may have even seen Kinsley there, learning from some of the hardworking men who have spent years behind the wheel and around the machinery.

For Kinsley, those experiences are about more than learning how to drive a tractor. They are about learning from the generations before her and understanding the pride, work ethic and determination that agriculture requires.

Locally, Kinsley has become a familiar face throughout Warren County and across New Jersey. She’s already been a guest speaker at many events, guiding newly crowned Fair Queens on their journey, and had her commercial debut. Many have seen her at agricultural events and community activities, and of course at the Warren County Farmers’ Fair, where she can be found alongside her fellow 4-H and FFA members and her beloved Flemish Giant rabbits.

Her journey to Nationals was also made possible by a community that believed in her.

Residents from Blairstown and surrounding communities supported Kinsley through dona-

tions and purchases at her bake sales, helping her take her New Jersey title all the way to Ohio. Local businesses also stepped forward to support her journey, including Casey Masonry and H&S Enterprises Inc. Their support, along with the generosity of local families and community members, helped make an opportunity that once seemed like a dream become a reality.

Kinsley says she knows the hard work that goes into providing for families.

“I know the hard work that goes into providing for families, putting the food on your tables and the clothes on our backs, and it’s more than you could ever learn in school.”

That understanding is at the heart of what she hopes to accomplish during her year as the 2026 National Runner-Up Teen Miss Agriculture USA.

Throughout the coming year, Kinsley will represent the agriculture industry by educating consumers about food production, highlighting the work of farmers and agriculturists, encouraging young people to become involved in agriculture and promoting the many career opportunities available within

the field.

She is determined to enter the agriculture field after high school, and her experiences through FFA, 4-H, raising and showing animals, fairs and agricultural events have only made that goal stronger.

And while her national title has taken her beyond the borders of New Jersey, Kinsley remains proudly rooted in the place where her journey began.

A small hometown in Warren County may not be where you would expect to find a National Runner-Up Teen Miss Agriculture USA, but Kinsley is helping put Blairstown on the map.

She went to Ohio representing New Jersey, but she carried Blairstown, her family history, her animals, her agriculture experiences, her FFA jacket and the support of her community with her.

Her dreams of a future in agriculture are no longer simply dreams. She is already building that future—one experience, one opportunity and one agricultural adventure at a time.

“My dreams aren’t just dreams anymore,” Kinsley says. “I’m here to make a big impact.”

And for this young woman from Blairstown, there is no doubt this journey is just beginning.



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Pennsylvania Game Commission Announces Start of the 2026-27 Hunting Seasons

The Pennsylvania Game Commission reminds hunters that opening day for Pennsylvania’s 2026-27 hunting seasons is Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, marking the beginning of statewide seasons for both Canada goose and mourning doves. The agency has also upgraded its online mapping center to enhance user experience for hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.

"For hunters, we’re entering the best time of the year," said Game Commission Executive Director Stephen Smith. "The early season is upon us, marking the beginning of the new license year, a time when hunters across the state are making plans and preparing for all our exciting seasons ahead. On behalf of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, we wish all hunters a safe and successful year ahead."

The upgraded mapping center offers a cleaner, more user-friendly interface; faster access to maps and information; live data from authoritative agency sources; improved search, navigation, and overall performance. This platform is available on the agency’s website and will continue to grow as new features and datasets become available.

The former version will be active until its official retirement, but is no longer the PGC's official Mapping Center.

"Most of us have become very reliant on our smartphones, especially when it comes to maps, so we wanted to ensure our enhanced mapping tool had better mobile functionality," added Smith. "Beyond that, it’s a more streamlined tool with better search capabilities, updated symbols for map layers, and more. Updates will continue to be added throughout the fall."

The Canada goose season runs Sept. 1-25 in both the Resident Population Zone and the Atlantic Population Zone. Hunters are reminded that in western Crawford County and northwestern Mercer County, the season runs from Sept. 1-12, with a daily limit of one and a possession limit of three. In the Atlantic Population Zone, the daily limit is eight, with a possession limit of 24.

The mourning dove season begins Sept. 1 and continues through Nov. 27, 2026. The daily bag limit is 15 doves, with a possession limit of 45. The Game Commission has prepared more than 80 managed dove fields on state game lands to enhance hunting opportunities.

As a reminder, Sunday hunting is prohibited for migratory game birds, including waterfowl, doves, and woodcock, throughout the 2026-27 license year.

Licensed junior and mentored youth hunters can hunt ducks, mergansers, coots, gallinules, Canada geese, and brant statewide during a special Youth Day on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026. All waterfowl hunting licensing requirements apply.

Hunting dogs are common partners in both dove and goose fields and are a valuable investment for many hunters. The Game Commission reminds hunters that in Pennsylvania, licensing your dog is required and can be helpful if a dog gets lost or separated while hunting. Visit www.pa.gov/doglicense to learn more.

The Game Commission is also alerting hunters that its current mobile app has been deactivated. The agency’s new “HuntFishPA” mobile app will be managed in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to provide a digital one-stop shop for hunters and anglers. The new app is expected to launch in 2027.

The Game Commission manages and protects wildlife and their habitats while promoting hunting and trapping for current and future generations. Those seeking information – including license requirements, laws, regulations, and more – pertaining to the upcoming hunting seasons can reference the 2026-27 Hunting & Trapping Digest or visit www.pa.gov/pgc.

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Adult Fiction:

The Seance Garden by Juliet Blackwell; *A Summer of Stars* by Liana Cincotti; *The Whitechapel Full Moon Society* by Elizabeth DeLozier; *My Inner Child Wants to Kill* by Karsten Dusse; *The Shadow Friends: A Thriller* by Tess Gerritsen; *Daggerbound* by T. Kingfisher; *Fallen for France: A Novel* by Elizabeth Letts; *Fishbone Cinderella* by Elizabeth Lim; *Brain Damage* by Freida McFadden; *Stay Buried* by Jennifer McMahon; *The Boat House* by Fern Michaels; *Big Little Truths: A Novel* by Liane Moriarty; *The Women in White: A Novel* by Sarah Pekkanen; *Yes, Chef: A Novel* by Grace Reilly; *Extracurricular* by Rachel Lynn Solomon; *The Calamities* by Chuck Wendig; *A Requiem for Fallen Stars* by Hazel S. Wilkes; *A Ballad for the Broken* by Hazel S. Wilkes

Adult Non Fiction:

What to Cook When You Don’t Feel Like Cooking: Make it Fast by Caroline Chambers; *The National Road: George Washington and America’s First Highway West* by Brady Crytzer; *The Nerd Reich: Silicon Valley Fascism and the War on Democracy* by Gil Duran; *The Vampire’s Cult: The Untold Story of Obsession, Control, and a Shocking Small-Town Murder* by Chet Hardin; *Korean Mythology: Gods, Myths and Spiritual Secrets of Korea* by Sun-Hi Kim; *Mothers of Invention: A History of Creativity from the Greek Muses* by Moiya McTier; *Brain Defenders: Harness the Power of your Immune Cells to Protect your Brain for Life* by David Perimutter; *Visions of a Very Vintage Christmas: Nostalgic Decorating and Celebrating All Throughout the House* by Bob Richter; *A Charm of Goldfinches and Other Wild Gatherings: Quirky Collective Nouns of the Animal Kingdom* by Matt Sewell; *Penguins: And Other Sea Birds* by Matt Sewell; *The Pumpkin Spice Café Cookbook* by Heather Thomas; *Blizzard of Lies: Karen Read, John O’Keefe, and the Shocking Unsolved Murder in Cop Town, USA* by Dave Wedge; *Living Trust: A Step by Step Guide to Protecting Your Family, Avoiding Probate, and Planning with Confidence* by Nathaniel R. Whitmore

Large Print Adult Fiction:

The Twilight Garden: A Novel by Sara Nisha Adams; *Beach Reads and Deadly Deeds* by Allison Brennan; *Rage* by Linda Castillo

Easy Fiction:

Peck, Peck, Peck by Lucy Cousins; *The Cow in the Dark at Night* by Jess Hannigan

Junior Fiction:

Rowley Jefferson’s Awesome Friendly Spooky Stories 2 by Jeff Kinney

Young Adult Fiction:

The Hardest Ones to Fool by Christina Li; *Immortal Game* by Alison Saft; *Daughter of a Thousand Faces: Volume 1 the Graphic Novel* by Velinxi; *Crescent Moon Marching: Volume 1* by Hamachi Yamada

New to the Blue Mountain Community Library

Blue Mountain Community Library News:
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.

Our new stairlift has been installed, thanks to grant funding from both the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation and Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities via the American Library Association. It will be inspected and ready for use soon.

Stop by to see our beautiful new siding, lighting, and lettering on our building, via Wagner's Wood Specialties, thanks to a generous grant from the Green Knight Economic Development Corporation.

Get your ticket now for a special luncheon with author Lee Upton on Thurs., Oct. 8 at 12pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 404 E. Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl. Tickets are \$15 and available at the library through Sept. 26. Cash or check. Visit www.leeupton.com and check out one of her books!

Fall Preschool Storytime will meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10:30am: Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 4 and 18, and Dec. 2 and 16. Participants are required to register for each storytime they plan to attend; send child’s name, birthdate, parent/guardian’s name, and phone number to info@bmcl.org, or provide this info at the library or via 610-863-3029. Deadline is Monday two days prior to each storytime. Spots are limited.

Our Readers' Raffle will continue through September! Every time you use your library card, get a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate to Zanette's Nazareth Grill!

The adult book discussion group next meets on Tues., Sept. 8 at 6:30pm to discuss "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. Email info@bmcl.org to RSVP.

Thanks to donors, we have new wooden puzzles and a cute new table and chairs in the children's room! Come check them out - and try our school-themed scavenger hunt for September.

New to the circulating collection:

Adult fiction:

The Unicorn Hunters (Katherine Arden); *Seek the Traitor's Son* (Veronica Roth); *Project Hail Mary* (Andy Weir); *Want to Know a Secret?* (Freida McFadden); *The Intruder* (Freida McFadden)

Large print:

Ghost to the Rescue (Carolyn Hart); *An Island Wedding* (Jenny Colgan); *Jacqueline in Paris* (Ann Mah)

YA fiction:

Amethyst: Princess of Gemworld (Shannon Hale and Dean Hale); *The Okay Witch* (Emma Steinkellner); *Table Titans Club* (Scott Kurtz); *Crown of Midnight* (Sarah J. Maas); *Frank Herbert’s Dune* [graphic novel] (Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson); *George Washington* (Jeffrey Finegan)

YA nonfiction:

Lafayette! [graphic novel] (Nathan Hale); *Total Olympics* (Jeremy Fuchs); *The King of Sting* (Coyote Peterson)

Juvenile fiction:

Poppleton (Cynthia Rylant); *Call of the Sound Dragon* (Tracey West); *Amy the Amethyst Fairy* (Daisy Meadows); *Prism’s Paint* (Emily Bliss); *Vacation Dreams* (Sue Bentley); *Dory and the Real True Friend* (Abby Hanlon); *Intergalactic Gas* (Aaron Blabey); *Peanut Butter and Jelly* (Ben Clanton); *Narwhal’s Otter Friend* (Ben Clanton); *InvestiGATORS Heist and Seek* (John Patrick Green); *The Seals on the Bus* (Lenny Hort); *This Book Is Perfect!* (Ron Keres); *Pete the Cat and the New Guy* (Kimberly and James Dean); *The World Needs More Purple People* (Kristen Bell and Benjamin Hart); *5-Minute Pinkalicious Stories* (Victoria Kann); *Trollbella Throws a Party* (Chris Colfer)

Juvenile nonfiction:

Who Would Win? (Jerry Pallotta); *Lions* (Amy Sky Koster); *Weird Sea Creatures* (Laura Marsh); *What Was the Gold Rush?* (Joan Holub); *What Was the Titanic?* (Stephanie Sabol); *What Was Woodstock?* (Joan Holub); *The Everything Kids' Science Experiments Book* (Tom Robinson); *Explorers: Triumphs and Troubles* (Paul Mason); *100,000 Whys* (Ryan Hale); *The Marvelous Thing That Came from a Spring* (Gilbert Ford)

BANGOR (5) VS FREEDOM (0) FIELD HOCKEY



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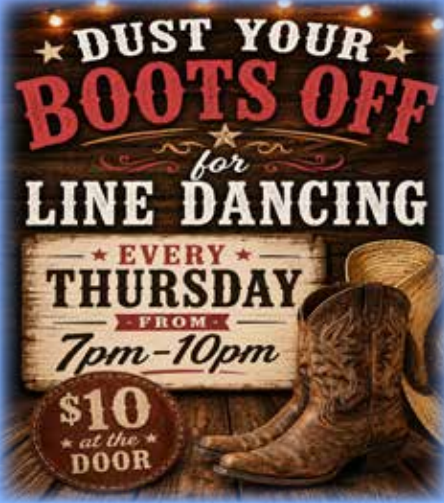
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PEN ARGYL (3) VS EAST STROUDSBURG NORTH (0) BOYS SOCCER



Slate Belt Heritage Center Participates in "Passport to History Weekend" Coming September 26-27

The Slate Belt Heritage Center will participate in the "Passport to History Weekend" on Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27, alongside history museums across a five-county area.

The weekend's events include:

- Saturday: A colonial cooking demonstration presented by Perry Morris.
- Sunday: Pasty samples from the "Smokin' Pasty Company" (while supplies last) and the operation of the "Quarry Hoist" in Bethel Park.

- Ongoing Exhibit: "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," an exhibit celebrating the nation's 250th Anniversary, continues in the Heritage Center Council Chambers.

Museum hours will be extended for the event, running from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday and from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday.

The Heritage Center is located at 30 North 1st Street, Bangor, PA.

For additional information, please contact Karen Brewer at 484-894-5661.

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Comunale Family Scholarship Recipients Announced



The 81st Annual Comunale Family Reunion was held August 9, 2026, at the Roseto Ball Park. This year’s scholarship recipients are Jacob Smith and Brianna Kale. Jacob, son of Matthew and Charlene Smith and grandson of Michele-na (Comunale) and Ted Smith, Bangor, is a 2026 graduate of Bangor High School. He will attend Saint Joseph’s University this fall, majoring in Business Intelligence and Analytics. Brianna Kale, daughter of Shawn and Tasha (Comunale) Kale and granddaughter of the late Jimmy and Bonnie (Ott) Comunale, is also a 2026 graduate of Bangor High School. She will attend Millersville University this fall, majoring in Art Education.

The Comunale Scholarship was established to provide college grants to descendants of Anthony and Rosario Comunale, who migrated to the United States from Salerno, Italy, in the early 1900s. Eligibility requires applicants to submit a written essay describing their lineage to the Comunale family, which is read at the reunion. The Comunale reunion has long held the tradition of celebrating on the second Sunday of August each year. Next year’s scholarship is open to all high school graduates who meet the criteria. To apply, contact your high school guidance counselor or Mary Jo (Comunale) Krafty at kraftylady@ptd.net. The deadline to apply is April 30.

Shapiro Administration Invests \$25 Million in Solar for Schools Program, Helping Schools Save Money and Transition to Clean Energy

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary Jessica Shirley and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Rick Siger visited Steelton-Highspire School District’s new solar array alongside district and local officials to highlight the Shapiro Administration’s investment in clean energy to benefit schools across the Commonwealth, including an additional \$25 million in the 2026-27 budget for the Solar for Schools program.

Funding through the Solar for Schools program, including nearly \$450,000 for Steelton-Highspire, is helping schools across Pennsylvania transition to cleaner, renewable energy while reducing costs. The Steelton-Highspire School District is expected to save \$3.6 million over the next 20 years as a result of its solar investment.

“As we look at different options that can provide electricity to schools across Pennsylvania, solar is one of the cleanest, greenest options,” said Secretary Shirley. “Recipients of the Solar for Schools program, like Steelton-Highspire School District, are thinking to the future about how they can use the sun to power their buildings, save money, and decrease emissions to improve air



quality for everyone.”

“The Solar for Schools program enables school districts across Pennsylvania to lower their electricity bills and invest those savings into their students,” said Secretary Siger. “Solar for Schools investments like this one provide schools with reliable zero-emissions technology, support Pennsylvania jobs, and lower the electricity burden for communities and schools.”

The Solar for Schools program, created by Governor Josh Shapiro in 2024 to help generate more clean, affordable, and reliable energy while creating more jobs and lowering costs for Pennsylvanians, has so far invested \$27,188,960 in 84 schools across the Commonwealth. Governor Shapiro secured another \$25 million in the 2026-2027 budget (opens in a new tab) to ensure the program continues. DCED has established a grant program that school districts, intermediate units, charter schools including cyber, regional, and a school for education of the deaf or the blind, area career and technical schools,

specific trade and technical schools, and community colleges can use to fund solar energy projects. These grants aid in the purchase and installation of equipment, permit fees, energy storage, and utility interconnection. The Pennsylvania Solar for Schools Toolkit (opens in a new tab) is organized into ten basic steps, and is designed specifically for school stakeholders in Pennsylvania to determine whether a solar project makes sense for their facility.

Steelton-Highspire School District (Steel-High) has been a leader in sustainability and the use of clean energy through innovative partnerships and forward-thinking that benefits the district’s students and the surrounding community.

“The Steelton-Highspire School District is proud to be part of the Solar for Schools initiative and to provide our students with an opportunity to see how renewable energy, sustainability, and innovation are shaping our future,” said Steelton-Highspire School District Superintendent Willie Slade. “This part-

nership is about more than installing solar technology—it is about creating authentic learning experiences that connect classroom instruction to real-world careers. We want our students to understand that they can be leaders in building a cleaner, more sustainable future for their families, our community, and Pennsylvania.”

Steel-High received a Solar for Schools grant in 2025 for \$446,363 to install high-efficiency solar panels to reduce energy expenses and carbon emissions, while also integrating renewable energy education into the district curriculum, providing hands-on STEM learning.

Steel-High went on to install a 1.7 MW solar array in an area that was previously a dumping ground for debris from Hurricane Agnes. The array covers 100 percent of the district’s electricity needs through a power purchase agreement, saving \$3.6 million over 20 years.

In collaboration with the McClure Company, the district has implemented a series of energy efficient upgrades that have reduced the carbon footprint while creating substantial cost savings, which are reinvested into the district. In addition, the school’s collaboration with First Student has six electric school buses that not only lower operational costs, but also provide a quieter, healthier transportation experience for students.

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Congressman Kean and Commerce Secretary Lutnick Visit Magna-Power Electronics

Congressman Tom Kean, Jr. (NJ-07) and Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick recently visited Magna-Power Electronics in Flemington. Founded in 1981 by Ira Pitel, Magna-Power Electronics has deep roots in New Jersey. Today, all of its engineering and manufacturing operations are based at its Flemington facility, where they maintain vertically integrated, in-house production of high-power direct current power processing systems. Magna-Power maintains tight control over quality, cost, and lead times while serving

national labs, industry, and universities worldwide. "New Jersey is home to cutting-edge manufacturers like Magna Power that are proving American-made technology can compete with anyone in the world," said Congressman Kean. "I am working to strengthen that advantage by supporting our manufacturers, growing well-paying jobs, and making sure the next generation of innovation is developed and built right here in America. Bringing Secretary Lutnick to Hunterdon County was an opportunity to showcase the incredible work being done



in our district and reinforce my commitment to making New Jersey a leader in American manufacturing." "We chose the hard road forty-five years ago: make it yourself, in America," said Magna-Power CEO Adam Pitel. "Today that decision is our biggest advantage. Vertical integration means our lead times, our quality, and our intellectual property stay in New Jersey. We were honored to show Secretary Lutnick and Congressman Kean what high-technology manufacturing looks like in New Jersey. They saw new machinery, growing headcount, and a backlog of American-made programmable DC power supplies. Good policy gave us room to invest,

and we took it: new machinery, new hires, and a bigger R&D program, all right here." "Magna-Power is a great example of the innovation and advanced manufacturing happening right here in Hunterdon County," said Hunterdon County Commissioner Director John E. Lanza. "Their continued growth and creation of highly skilled jobs demonstrate that world-class American manufacturing can thrive right here in Hunterdon County." "It was a privilege to join Congressman Kean and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick for a tour of Magna Power here in Raritan Township. Visits like this provide an important opportunity to showcase the strength, innovation

and skilled workforce that make Hunterdon County such an important part of New Jersey's business community," said Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President Christopher J. Phelan. "Bringing federal, state, and local leaders together with our business community is essential to understanding the opportunities and challenges facing employers today. We look forward to continuing to advocate for policies that strengthen our economy, support American manufacturing, and help Hunterdon County businesses compete and grow." "Having Secretary Lutnick on the floor at Magna-Power, with Congressman Tom Kean Jr., asking questions and hearing directly about the challenges manufacturers face, was incredibly valuable," said New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program, Inc. CEO Peter Connolly. "Magna-Power in particular is a great example of what American manufacturing can accomplish, with a supply chain that is exclusively Made in the USA. Congressman Kean has consistently supported NJMEP and

the manufacturers in his district, and we appreciate him including us in this opportunity to engage directly with the Secretary. As the leader of the Department of Commerce, which oversees the MEP National Network, Secretary Lutnick's willingness to listen and learn firsthand from manufacturers is especially important as we work together to strengthen manufacturing here in New Jersey and across the country." "It was great to see Congressman Tom Kean Jr. and U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick visit Magna Power Electronics in Raritan Township and see firsthand the incredible work being done right here in our community," said Raritan Township Committeeman Scott Sipos. "Magna Power is truly a gem in Raritan Township. This family run New Jersey business is a great example of American innovation, manufacturing, and ingenuity while providing quality jobs right here in our community. This is what Made in America looks like, and we are proud to have it right here in Raritan Township."

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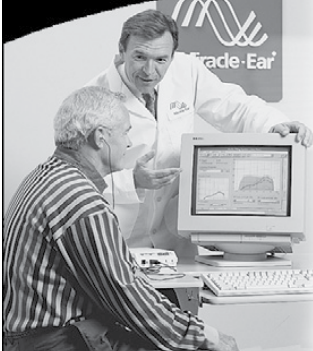
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Hello, fellow readers. Last week, we spoke about sweet peas—and how it is a term of endearment—which is a fun way to start this week’s chat. “Sweet pea” has long been used affectionately for someone sweet or lovely, much as we call someone “a peach.” Peach came to mean an especially delightful or attractive person by the late 1800s, giving us expressions such as “she’s a real peach” and, later, “peachy” for something wonderful. Funny how many of our affectionate names come from things we eat—honey, pumpkin, sweet pea, peach. Maybe there’s something instinctive about connecting those we love with sweetness and nourishment.

Sue, the volunteer coordinator at Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice, recently told me that a family member described a fellow volunteer as “a real peach.” I wonder if young people still use the expression. Peaches are fuzzy and tickly on the tongue, though I like the skin—or peel. For those who don’t, there’s the non-fuzzy alternative: nectarines. I had always associated nectarines with pits that cling fiercely to the flesh, making them less cooperative for a bowl of cut fruit. But I recently learned that isn’t necessarily so. Both peaches and nectarines come in clingstone, semi-free-stone, and freestone varieties. Freestones, as their name suggests, are much easier to separate from the pit. For home growers in our neck of the woods, Rutgers recommends freestone peaches such as Coralstar and Contender. Fantasia is one of the freestone nectarines suited for our area. Speaking of peaches, I’m working with local clients who have several fruit trees, many growing in large containers on their deck, which we’ll replace with a natural stone pa-



tio. Some are Reachables, a trademarked line of dwarf fruit trees that produce full-sized fruit on smaller trees—no fruit-picking pole required. Apples, pears, peaches, and nectarines can all be grown on dwarfing rootstocks or pruned to manageable heights. They described watching the single peach on their deck tree develop, only to have a squirrel pick it. The little fellow held the

peach and ate it down to the pit, rotating it in his paws—“so cute”—before spitting out the pit. “Not only do you eat my fruit, but I have to clean up after you?” It’s nice to share our bounty with wildlife, but as those who feed birds know, squirrels can be greedy. Chipmunks, too. I recall growing cherry tomatoes in pots on my back patio, only to have chipmunks take one bite from each and



leave the rest. Not so peachy. I began harvesting tomatoes at the mature-green, or gel stage, when the green skin begins to lighten, and let them finish ripening indoors. Which brings to mind another peach dilemma. Joanne of Hope, NJ, shared that her peach trees had clear, jelly-like globs near the fruit and rust-colored goo on some branches. One tree also had a deep wound at its base. The oozing of sap from stone fruit trees is called Gummosis, a response to stress or injury that drought, mechanical damage, insects, or disease can cause. One serious culprit is Cytospora canker, also called perennial or peach canker. The fungus enters through injured bark, pruning wounds, or dead tissue. Cankers gradually enlarge, causing amber-colored gum to ooze from the affected area. Young trees may die;

older trees can slowly decline. Joanne’s freckled fruit suggested another fungal disease, peach scab. Her trees seemed to have multiple problems—which often happens, just as it does with people under stress. And perhaps that’s the larger lesson. We can’t prevent every difficulty that lands in our gardens or our lives, but we can build resilience. Protect trunks from mower and weed-trimmer injuries. Water deeply during drought, prune damaged wood appropriately, and keep trees healthy so they’re better equipped to withstand disease. The same advice applies to us too. Nourish your roots. Tend your wounds. Reduce stress where you can—and savor the sweetness when it comes. Even if occasionally a squirrel gets there first. Laughing helps. Garden Dilemmas? AskMaryStone.com or tune in on your favorite podcast app.



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The Health Exam Many Don't Know They Need

(NAPSI)—If you are like most Americans, you wait until you notice changes in your vision before making an appointment for an eye exam. According to a poll conducted by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, only about one-third of adults know that many vision-threatening eye diseases begin without any noticeable symptoms.

“In the early phases of eye disease, your brain tries to fill in gaps in vision. That means many people with eye disease are walking around thinking they have 20/20 vision, or that they don’t need to get their eyes checked at all,” said Laura Fine, MD, EyeCare America® volunteer and ophthalmologist in Boston.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends that all healthy adults get a medical eye exam at least once in their 20s, twice in their 30s, and as recommended by an ophthalmologist in their 40s and beyond. People who have a fam-



ily history of eye disease or preexisting health conditions, such as diabetes, may need to come in more often. If you’re uninsured or underinsured, EyeCare America may be able to help with a no-out-of-pocket-cost medical eye exam.

“Regular eye exams throughout adulthood are important to catch eye diseases and conditions early, before symptoms appear,” Dr. Fine said. “For some diseases, once vision is lost, it cannot be restored.”

Waiting Could Cost You Your Vision:

Take the case of Peggy Wellman. She went to get her eyes checked,

thinking she only needed a new eyeglass prescription. Instead, she was told she had lost most of her peripheral vision to advanced glaucoma and needed surgery.

The diagnosis was a complete shock to Wellman. Although surgery kept her from losing any more vision, it could not restore the sight she had already lost. Had her eye disease been caught earlier, her sight may have been preserved.

“The best care is preventive care,” Dr. Fine said. “You probably go to the dentist regularly, not just when you notice a toothache. You should prioritize eye health in

the same way for the best chance at a lifetime of healthy vision.”

Surprising Benefits of an Eye Exam:

An eye exam can pick up health issues beyond eye diseases. That’s because the blood vessels and nerves at the back of the eye reflect your overall health and can signal the start of certain conditions, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or vitamin deficiencies.

Other diseases an ophthalmologist can help diagnose include:

- Diabetes. Diabetes is a leading cause of vision loss in the United States. Early signs of diabetes can appear in the eye before vision is affected.

- Heart disease. A growing body of research shows that eye health and heart health are closely linked. An ophthalmologist can spot early signs of heart disease by examining the blood supply to the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye.

- Stroke. Loss of side vision, sudden blind spots, blurry vision, double vision, or sensitivity to light can all signal a stroke. Plaque deposits in the

arteries of the eye could be a sign that emergency medical attention is needed.

How to Maintain Healthy Vision: May is Healthy Vision Month but any time is a good time to have regular eye exams. The easiest way to protect your sight is to have regular eye exams.

If you are unable to pay for a medical eye exam, EyeCare America may be able to help. The program provides exams for adults 18 and older who are uninsured or underinsured. See if you qualify for a no-out-of-pocket-cost medical eye exam at aao.org/eyecare-america.

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Dr. James Anderson, Sponsored by Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

(NAPSI)—Back-to-school is an incredibly important moment to get ADHD treatment right.

Every August, I watch the same thing happen. A family walks into my office, and someone describes a version of the same story. The mornings that spiral before 8 a.m. The homework that takes three hours every afternoon, ending in tears. The teacher who pulls a parent aside in the first week to say, “I’m a little worried.”

And the parent, exhausted and quietly heartbroken, says something I will never stop taking seriously: “I don’t know where my kid went.”

I have been practicing for 30 years, and I have seen what ADHD looks like when it is well-managed and what it looks like when it is not. And I can tell you with certainty back-to-school season is not just a scheduling challenge. The demands of structure, sustained focus, and social navigation hit all at once and whatever gap exists between a child’s needs and their treatment gets exposed fast.

ADHD does not live in my office

Here is something I think is worth saying aloud, I see your child for thirty

to forty-five minutes, every three months. I am not there when the alarm goes off and they cannot transition out of sleep, when they have lost their backpack for the third time this week or when the lesson has moved on, but their attention has not. I am not watching them experience the isolation that comes when their classroom seat is repeatedly moved to keep them from distracting others. I am not there at 3:30 p.m. when the school day ends and they still have hours of homework ahead, that often includes assignments not completed in class.

That is where ADHD lives. In the friction of daily life, all day, every day.

And that matters enormously when we talk about treatment because the question shouldn’t only be “does this child have ADHD?”

The question should be “at what

moments in this child’s day are they struggling most, and are we actually helping them through those moments?”

Mornings set the tone of the day

I do not think parents always hear this clearly enough, the morning routine for a child with ADHD is genuinely hard. It is not defiance. It is not laziness. The executive function demands of getting up, getting dressed, eating, remembering what they need, and walking out the door on time can be overwhelming. The feeling does not just impact the child with ADHD, the entire family feels the spiral, the chaos, and the daily effort to get out the door. The arguments and the frustration fill the air of these homes, and the day feels lost before it begins.

What I have learned to ask parents is not just “how is your child doing at school?” I ask them,

“What does 7 a.m. look like?” Because if every morning is a battle, that is a sign that we need to think more carefully about the timing and duration of how we are treating this child.

The right medication, timed appropriately, should ideally be helping your child before the first challenge of the day arrives. If your child’s morning looks like a daily emergency, it is worth having that conversation with your prescribing physician.

What I ask of every family this time of year

As you head into a new school year, I want you to think about your child’s entire day, not just their report card. Think about the moments of friction. Write them down if you can. When does your child struggle most? What time of day? What kind of task? Is the morning worse than the afternoon, or the reverse?

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Changing His Fate with Determination



From the challenges of foster care and homelessness to independence, Akiva Sequoyah is rebuilding his life through hard work, initiative, and help from the Allentown Rescue Mission and its community partners. Reflecting on his journey, Akiva embraces a guiding principle: change your fate with determination. Akiva spent most of his childhood bouncing around the foster care system. Eventually, in his mid-teens, his grandmother adopted him, but he found adapting to life outside of the foster care system harder than he imagined. Wrestling with the difficulties of his unstable childhood, Akiva struggled in most areas of his life. “Anger was my greatest hurdle,” Akiva admitted. He graduated from high school, but at seventeen, he was arrested and charged as an adult. After spending time in jail, he didn’t have anywhere to go, and that’s when he found the Allen-

town Rescue Mission. Determined to build a stable foundation for his future, Akiva enrolled in the Mission’s Transformation Program. There, he began working through personal challenges, turning his anger into drive. Akiva stated, “Through the Mission and my personal journey, I learned patience, self-control, and how to focus on what matters.” Akiva also recognized that long-term success required specialized job skills. With the guidance of his Mission counselor, he discovered an opportunity through PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley to enroll in Lehigh Career & Technical Institute’s welding program. Akiva took the initiative to complete the CareerLink requirements and attend welding classes while simultaneously completing 120 class hours in the Transformation Program. Upon successful completion of the classes, his tuition and transportation were fully covered by PA

CareerLink and the Allentown Rescue Mission’s scholarship program. After graduating from the Allentown Rescue Mission’s Transformation Program, Akiva took a job with the Clean Team Workforce. He worked approximately 35 hours a week at a local auto salvage yard while finishing his welding classes. In April, Akiva graduated and passed his welding certification. He began interviewing; however, landing a job proved challenging because of his incarceration. Recognizing the obstacle, the Clean Team Workforce manager contacted a local business executive who had been a Clean Team Workforce customer for over ten years. The Allentown Rescue Mission, a 501c3, 145 bed non-profit homeless shelter has been providing shelter to men in crisis since 1900. In addition to emergency shelter services (365 days a year), the Allentown Rescue Mission offers a faith-based residential life skills program, and transitional employment on the Clean Team Workforce that’s available for hire to the community. The Clean Team Workforce pays the men above PA state minimum wage—helping them save a nest egg to transition back into the community. In a typical year, the Allentown Rescue Mission provides shelter services for nearly 1,000

men and serves more than 60,000 meals to men in need. To refer someone to the Allentown Rescue Mission for services or to learn ways you can help make a difference please visit www.allentownrescuemission.org Keith Ashner, Executive Vice President of L&M Fabrication and Machine, agreed to interview Akiva, and Akiva capitalized on the opportunity, interviewing and testing well. Hired initially as a trainee, Akiva’s hard work and rapid progress earned him a station promotion after just one week. He is currently welding components for a temporary shoring tower for the company’s Gold Star Memorial Bridge project. “He’s a well-mannered, terrific young person who is prompt and gets the job done,” shared Ashner. Akiva maintained a positive attitude and perfect punctuality, even though circumstances weren’t ideal. Living at the Allentown Rescue Mission without a car, he spent \$250/week on ride-shares to commute 20 minutes each way to work daily. Once L&M became aware of his situation, Ashner offered to help Akiva purchase a car. Ashner coordinated with Joseph DiSaverio, owner of Executive Auto Gallery, to locate a reasonably priced, reliable car for a deserving young man. Moved by Akiva’s story, DiSaverio offered him a great deal on a car. And with the assistance of an interest-free loan, Aki-



va was able to purchase the car. “We try to run our company with the same philosophy as the Allentown Rescue Mission, people helping people,” Ashner emphasized. Today, Akiva is driving himself to work, saving money, and budgeting to secure a place of his own to live. In his free time, he enjoys creating indie animation and working out at the gym. Through strength and determination, Akiva has overcome immense hurdles to reshape his future. While he did the hard work, he couldn’t overlook the generosity of the community that came together to support him. He admits, “It’s shocking, and nice, for people to see my potential and support me.” About PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley: PA CareerLink Lehigh Valley is an

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2026-2027



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Tyler, 2nd Grade



Olivia, 6th Grade

We Hope Everyone Has A Great School Year!
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