Learning the importance of philanthropy

WR's YIP program thriving
BY KEVIN MERTZ
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TURBOTVILLE — Avery Bieber has spent some time over the past three years learning the importance of philanthropy.

“I’ve always been passionate about volunteering and helping others,” said Bieber, a Warrior Run High School senior who has been involved in the school’s Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program over the past three years.

Warrior Run’s program is sponsored by the Warrior Run Education Foundation, and administered through the Central Pennsylvania Education Foundation, and administered through the Central Pennsylvania Education Foundation.

About 20 students have been involved with the Warrior Run High School’s Youth in Philanthropy program this year. They have included, front and from left, Grace Roux, Avery Bieber, Meredith Gardner and Salvatore Pantano. And rear, Emma Ernst, Alyssa Hoffman, Maris Kilgus, Rain Irvine and Madison Rovenolt.

Rustic item to be raffled for parade

Watson-town’s Bushaw donated flag
BY MATT FARRAND
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LEWISBURG — A Watsontown salon owner recently got a local artisan to donate a patriotic piece of artwork for a raffle. Wendy Shoemaker said Dave Bushaw of Watsontown agreed to contribute an American flag made of painted wood. The item, a fine home decoration, was from Bushaw’s Chikin Coop Creations.

Bushaw’s artwork, about 2 feet by 4 feet, is rustic finished. Shoemaker said the raffle winner would be drawn at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, June 29 during the Jeep Jamboree (2 to 6 p.m.) at the Weis Market.

Former Northumberland County sheriff cited by game commission, state police
BY MARK GILGER
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PITMAN — Former Northumberland County Sheriff Chad A. Reiner has been cited by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and state police at Stonington for allegedly killing a deer out of season and shooting a neighbor’s guinea fowl.

Reiner, 41, of 185 Peach Street, Pittman, was cited last year for shooting a neighbor’s guinea fowl.

Market Street solidarity noted as admirable

Noise expert says reroute the trucks
BY MATT FARRAND
The Standard-Journal

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — A North Carolina-based advocate for quiet described action being taken regarding Market Street, Lewistown, as unique.

“It looks as though the businesses downtown are actually complaining about the noise,” said Larry Deal, analyst and volunteer researcher for Noise Free America: A Coalition to Promote Quiet. “Usually it is the other way around. All of the economic desires of the town council and the business owners like noise.”

Noise and traffic congestion prompted formation of the Market Street Corridor Transportation Study Committee. The independent group commissioned an $80,000 study to quantify the troubles exacerbated by highway construction in other communities.

Deal said the input of...
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parking lot. The Jamboree, an all-Jeeps-invited-cruise-in, was planned for the same time as the Weis Block Party. Raffle tickets will be sold on site at $3 apiece or $5 for two with proceeds to benefit the Union County Veteran’s 4th of July Parade. The winner will not have to be present at the drawing.
Shoemaker added that vendors other than food vendors were needed for the Jeep Jamboree and should call her at 570-713-9845 if they are interested.
Visit www.unioncountyveterans4thofjuly.com for more information about the 25th annual parade, scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 29 with other events continuing into the evening.

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United Way collecting diaper donations

SUNBURY — The Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way’s Local Vision project has launched a diaper bank collection effort.
Lois Passi, chair of the Local Vision project, launched the program after learning some families were keeping their babies in the same diapers all day, in order to save money.
Between May 6 and 20, donations of packs of diapers can be dropped off at the following locations: United National Bank and Mount Carmel Public Library, Mount Carmel; Herr Memorial Library and Sacred Heart Church, Lewisburg; Middle Creek Area Community Center, Beaver Springs; The YMCA, St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church and Custom Care Pharmacy, Milton; the Miller Center and Community Service Center, Lewisburg; and St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church and Custom Care Pharmacy, Sunbury.
The collection will benefit diaper banks in the Milton, Lewisburg, Millmont, Beaver Springs, Selingsgrove and Sunbury areas.
For more information on the program, contact Passi at 570-988-0993.

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Better fiscal times continue for Pa.

HARRISBURG (AP) — Better fiscal times are continuing for Pennsylvania, as the state reports stronger-than-expected tax collections amid the best stretch of collections in at least a decade.
The state Department of Revenue said Wednesday it has collected $628 million, or 3 percent, above expectations through 10 months of the fiscal year.
It has collected a total of $29.2 billion through 10 months, a bump of 7 percent in tax revenue over this point last year.
Much of the extra cash, however, could be absorbed by un-budgeted costs in the current fiscal year.
In February, Gov. Tom Wolf proposed a $34.1 billion spending plan for the fiscal year beginning this July 1. Including nearly $500 million for the current fiscal year, Wolf is asking lawmakers for $1.9 billion in new spending, or nearly 6 percent of this year’s enacted budget of $32.7 billion.

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business in such efforts did not hurt.
“It is an advantage to you because they can be on your side,” he said. “It can be a real significant problem.”
Ted Rueter, Noise Free America founder and director, said symptoms of exposure to noise included fatigue and headache.
“I get very tired and worn out if I am around a noisy environment for very long,” Rueter said. “I can get headaches instantly from being assailed with noise.’’
He also claimed there is evidence that noise leads to heart disease.
“Noise is annoying and irritating,” Rueter added. “It also has an adverse effect the cardiovascular system. It raises your blood pressure and puts you in a bad mood.”
They noted that more than 85 percent of the calls to a New York City quality of life hotline were about noise. It was also at the top of a list of reasons why people surveyed seek to move.
Though analysis and packaging of Market Street Corridor survey data is still do come, Deal concluded it was refreshing for local politicians are taking positive steps.
“You have the desire, but you are not quite sure what to do about it,” he concluded. “Bottom line is, one way the other, to keep that truck noise down, these trucks are going to have to be retooled.”
Deal added that it is not unusual for track drivers to modify their exhaust systems to attract attention in the manner of motorcycle drivers.
He noted that Noise Free America has published a book to help law enforcement identify motorcycle exhaust systems illegally modified.
Both Deal and law enforcement personnel have indicated regulations based on illegally modified equipment are more effectively enforced than using audio decibel meters.
Rueter noted that Noise Free America was founded as a public service to raise public awareness of noise pollution. They also help individuals facing noise problems.
Lewisburg Borough Council, which agreed to contribute $10,000 to the Market Street study, will likely see final results at the work session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 in council chambers.

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Tree Lane, Pitman, was issued four citations on April 8 by Officer Derek Spiter of the Pennsylvania Game Commission. He is charged with one count of unlawfully taking or possessing game or wildlife and three counts of unlawfully killing or taking big game.
He is accused of killing an antlerless white-tailed deer out of season on April 1 on his property.
He also was cited by Trooper Raymond Snarski III for criminal mischief for allegedly using a .22-caliber pistol to shoot and kill a guinea fowl owned by Emerald Calvin Snyder, 69, of 177 Peach Tree Lane, Pitman, on Reiner’s property between Feb. 10 and Feb. 23. The citation was filed March 21.
Reiner served as county sheriff from 2004 to January 2014 before resigning. He was succeeded by current sheriff Robert Wolfe.
Reiner, who faces fines and costs for the summary offenses, is scheduled for a summary trial at 2:45 p.m. Monday, June 3, before Magisterial District Judge John Gembick III.
The charges were filed at Gembick’s office after Magisterial District Judge Michael Toomey, of Sunbury, recused himself because he previously served as an assistant district attorney during Reiner’s tenure as sheriff.

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