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ARNOLD PALMER REGIONAL AIRPORT: A KEY ECONOMIC CATALYST FOR OUR REGION

Passengers flying in and out of Unity Township's Arnold Palmer Regional Airport have long appreciated all that the facility has to offer, including a low-cost airline carrier, an on-site restaurant and free parking.

Some 300,000 passengers are ferried each year through the terminal that many consider the gateway to the Laurel Highlands.

Since Spirit Airlines first launched off Runway 6-24 in February 2011, nearly three million passengers have flown in and out of the airport, noted Westmoreland County Airport Authority Executive Director, Gabriel E. Monzo.

Far from serving simply as a transportation hub, however, the airport is both a valuable resource to and a booster of its regional community.

Busy on a daily basis, even when planes are not taking off or landing, the property includes emergency services, helps to promote local tourism and hosts airshows that both highlight the airport and its services and raise funds for various local organizations.

According to a PennDOT study, the airport's annual economic impact is \$226 million, with Spirit responsible for \$100 million of that figure, Monzo said.



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Community Asset

"I think that the airport is one of the greatest assets we have here. We are really lucky to have access to it," said Briana Tomack, President of the Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce.

She hopes in the future more people will come to the region from Orlando and Myrtle Beach. But many who do fly into the area are visiting and sometimes staying for a few months, contributing to the local economy by supporting local lodging and dining establishments, she noted.

The recent \$18 million runway widening project is an example of good forward thinking, Tomack said, and she anticipates the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project will increase good traffic flow.

She believes people are pleasantly surprised when they learn the airport has two gates and a restaurant upstairs.

"You can eat and be at your gate in five minutes," she said.

The airport offers easy access to those coming to attend Pittsburgh Steelers training camp at the Saint Vincent College campus, she said.

"As far as DeNunzio's (Italian Chophouse & Sinatra Bar) and the community room, so many community groups use that facility. We use it for weekly Rotary meetings," Tomack said.

The nearby location, adequate parking and ability to hold a fairly large group help make it a "one-stop shop" for community events, she added.

Meeting Community Needs

The Public Safety Building, operated on airport property in cooperation with the Westmoreland County Department of Emergency Management, offers emergency services to aid the region.

"We lend our expertise in security to the local school districts and other agencies for security and surveillance systems. Our fire department assists our local departments in training and utilization of our facilities for hose testing," Monzo said.

"Our Public Safety Building has been utilized by all emergency services for all of Westmoreland County," he added.

The airport also touts community events with a "town crier" of sorts, a large electronic billboard at the intersection of Routes 30 and 981. Passing motorists are greeted with public service announcements for the Township and other entities at no or low cost.



Promoting Region, Resources

Inside the property, the airport has expanded its role as an ambassador for the Laurel Highlands. Collaborating with GO Laurel Highlands, the marketing organization for Westmoreland, Fayette and Somerset counties, it recently unveiled a beautification campaign highlighting the region's many tourist attractions.



er Airport

Passengers are proudly welcomed with a visual salute to the area's stunning beauty, architectural highlights and popular destinations. Banners and photos created by Greensburg's Blue Sky Sign Company greet those passing through the airport's secure passenger and baggage claim areas, as well as the stairwell connecting the two.

Along with featuring local vistas, a Resource Wall suggests sites visitors may explore and offers local dining options, further helping to bolster the economy of the region the airport calls home.

While most people are aware of Spirit Airlines, said Ann Nemanic, Go Laurel Highlands Executive Director, not everyone realizes the "tremendous amount" of corporate and private plane traffic that uses the airport.

"It gives (those pilots and passengers) the opportunity to set foot in the Laurel Highlands, some for the first time," she said.

The airport also provides additional transportation options by offering rental vehicles and serving as a Greyhound bus stop, Nemanic noted.

GO Laurel Highlands approached the Airport Authority with the enhancement project idea for two reasons, she said.

First, it sought to offer those flying into the region a sense of welcome.

And while some snowbirds fly south for the winter, the marketing effort reinforces the Laurel Highlands region's "all-season" appeal with a three-dimensional ski mural, Nemanic said.

In addition, the many local residents who use the airport can have a sense of place and pride in where they live, she said.

"When people ask 'Where are you from?' folks respond 'Latrobe, home to Arnold Palmer, the birthplace of Mr. (Fred) Rogers.' They can also say, 'Here is what else is there ... They become storytellers as well," Nemanic said.

"You never want someone to say, 'There is nothing to do around here.' There is oodles to do, much of that within a 15-20 minute drive from the airport," she said.

Providing Jobs, Attracting Business

"First and foremost, the airport actually helps our business community tremendously, everything from the hotels to restaurants in the area. It also creates employment opportunities for many of the local residents," said Mike O'Barto, Chairman of the Unity Township Supervisors.

Indeed, Monzo noted, the airport employs 80 people, many full-time.

"Mechanics have moved to this region and are viable residents to the community. L.J. Aviation and Laurel Highlands Jet Center operate charter and aircraft servicing operations with over 150 people employed," Monzo added.

"I'm also thinking about the future, what that might hold. I would like to see cargo flights coming out of Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. That would go hand-in-hand with our industrial park, right across the road," O'Barto said.

"I'm hopeful someday we could get a UPS or FedEx terminal next to the airport," he added.

The result would boost the region's employment numbers and benefit the local tax base, O'Barto said.

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Helping Others a Core Goal

The airport prides itself on finding ways to help others in the community, often working with other entities to offer resources, financial assistance or simply space for those seeking to expand their charitable efforts.

The airport encourages local students interested in careers in the aviation industry via small scholarships.

And in 2021, as the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions eased and travel began increasing, the airport began serving as a now-permanent drop-off location for donations to the Westmoreland County Food Bank, helping to feed the region's hungry.

This endeavor encourages passengers leaving town to help out their neighbors by dropping off non-perishable goods within the terminal.

Drawing Eyes to the Skies

A high-profile, much anticipated event the airport hosts for the community is its airshow, which often serves as a site of family reunions and re-acquaints area residents with the airport's numerous resources.

Held this year on June 11 and 12, the airshow also serves as a fundraiser for local entities.

"We're happy if we break even, but I would be quite comfortable saying that it generates millions of dollars in economic impact to the community," Monzo said.

"Millions of dollars have been donated to various groups and organizations over the past 30 years' worth of airshows," he added.

Honoring Those Who Serve and Planning for the Future

Recognizing that area communities possess a strong veteran population, the airport dedicated the Donald Rossi Airport Memorial Park in December 2021.

A 13-flag memorial honors all who served, including the 13 fallen U.S. service members who perished in a terrorist attack during efforts to rescue refugees fleeing Afghanistan on August 26, 2021. The project was completed at no cost, thanks to the generosity of Donald Rossi, a longtime Airport Authority board member.

Far from resting on its laurels, the airport continues to seek opportunities to serve as a responsible business operator and good neighbor, help to support the environment and attract corporate business to the area.

With an eye toward sustainability, the airport has used a fleet of all-electric ramp equipment to service Spirit aircraft since 2011. *"That significantly reduces the airport's carbon footprint,"* Monzo said. *"That's something we're very proud of."*

And a feather in the community's cap, the Authority will host the 42nd annual Pennsylvania Aviation Conference in Unity Township this September 19 and 20.

Those attending will be hosted at the Springhill Suites hotel, across from the airport property.

The conference will provide yet another opportunity to showcase the Laurel Highlands region to the aviation community, noted Monzo, who recently was named President of the Aviation Council of Pennsylvania.



Poised for Growth

Looking further ahead, the Airport Authority currently has as a goal securing sources to fund a much-needed \$22 million terminal expansion to carry the airport into the future.

With a plan to double its size to about 90,000 square feet, the new design will add more space for passengers and provide for additional security gates.

Additionally, Authority members anticipate the expansion may attract a second commercial carrier to the airport, further enhancing the services it could offer the region.

Plans are to continue securing funding and work toward seeking bids next spring, with construction to possibly begin in the fall of 2023.



Westmoreland County Airport Authority
Executive Director Gabe Monzo

"The airport's role in the community is to provide an anchor for regional pride and sustainability. Aviation is the reason we are here. Community collaboration and representation are critical components to our existence," Monzo concluded.

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SAVE THE DATE!

DECK THE TREE WITH UNITY - DRIVE-THROUGH

Santa Claus is coming to Unity Township for a special "Drive-Through" event on *Friday, December 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m.*, at the Unity Township Municipal Building, 154 Beatty County Road, Latrobe.

Wave to Santa from the comfort of your car and receive a holiday treat! Send your letters to Santa from the "Santa Express Mailbox." Treats are limited to the first 300 kids, age 12 and under. For more information, call 724-539-2546.

SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The Unity Township Board of Supervisors invite area seniors to celebrate the holidays with a special luncheon just for seniors 55 and over on *Friday, December 2, 2022, at 12 p.m.*

The luncheon will be held at Giannilli's II, located at 4816 Route 30, Greensburg. All seniors and their guests are welcome, but space is limited.

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available to purchase on November 1 at the Unity Township Municipal Building. For more information, call 724-539-2546.

SENIOR CITIZEN TAX REBATE

Senior Citizens, who meet the eligibility requirements, will receive a rebate of their 2022 Unity Township Real Estate Taxes. Eligible taxpayers may pick up an application at the Unity Township Tax Office. The form can also be downloaded at www.unitytownship.org under the Taxes tab at the top of the page. The deadline for filing the application is July 31, 2022. Please call the Unity Township Tax Office if you have additional questions.

Eligibility Requirements for Unity Township Senior Citizen's Tax Rebate

1. One or more persons named on the real estate tax duplicate issued for the property is 65 years of age or older on January 1 of the year in which the rebate application is made; and
2. Such owner or owners have owned and resided upon the property for which relief is requested for a period of five (5) consecutive years or more;
3. All real estate taxes for the property for which relief is requested have been paid and no tax delinquency exists; and
4. The Adjusted Gross Income of the Applicant or Applicants is either equal to or less than the "Lower Income Limits" established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, based on income from the previous fiscal year.

Number of Persons in Household - 2021 Income Guidelines

1 Person: \$47,500	3 Persons: \$61,100
2 Persons: \$54,300	4 Persons: \$67,850

Limitations for Senior Citizen's Tax Rebate

1. Only one rebate shall be available for each applicant, regardless of the number of properties owned by the applicant;
2. The rebate shall only be available for the property which the applicant uses as their full time residence; and
3. The amount of the rebate is limited to the amount paid by the applicant in Township Real Property Taxes for the year in which the application is made; and
4. The application must be submitted to the Township Tax Office before July 31, 2022.

2022 Construction Update SR 981, Section Q20

Work is underway on the Route 981 / Route 819 roundabout and the new realigned Route 981 between Hecla Road / State Street and the PA Turnpike. Construction crews are excavating for the new Route 981 alignment between Carpentertown Road and Walton's Lane.

Work is also ongoing for the 1.75-mile new alignment north of the PA Turnpike including relocation of Carpentertown Road and construction of a new Route 981 / Boyer Road intersection. A new bridge will be constructed over Boyer Run. Additional work will be underway throughout the year with limited traffic impacts. Detours will be in place periodically throughout the construction season.

UNITY TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

(Unless Otherwise Announced)

PLANNING COMMISSION

First Tuesday of Every
Month - 7 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Fourth Tuesday of Every
Month - 6 p.m.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Second Thursday of Every
Month - 4:30 p.m.

GREATER LATROBE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

(Call for Meeting Location)

Third Thursday of Every
Month - 4:30 p.m.

SEWAGE AUTHORITY

Third Wednesday of
Every Month - 3 p.m.



REMEMBER TO STAY ALERT AND PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO SIGNS AND FLAGGERS



UNITY TOWNSHIP BURNING REGULATIONS

Burning is permitted in Unity Township in all zoning areas unless a burning ban has been issued by the Township Ordinance Officer. A burning ban will be issued at the request of the Unity Township Fire Bureau or at the discretion of the Ordinance Officer if dry weather conditions dictate a need for a burning ban.

When maintaining a fire in the Township, the following guidelines must be adhered to:

- ➔ Burning is limited to Tuesdays and Saturdays only from dawn to dusk.
- ➔ Fires shall not be allowed to burn or smolder throughout the night.
- ➔ No burning is permitted on Sundays or holidays.
- ➔ No burning is to be conducted within 50' (fifty feet) of any structure or within 25' (twenty-five feet) of any property line.
- ➔ Burning shall be limited to yard waste only (e.g., brush, branches, tree limbs, etc.). The use of "burn barrels" for burning garbage and trash is strictly prohibited.
- ➔ Burning of construction materials is strictly prohibited.
- ➔ When maintaining an outdoor fire, please be considerate to the adjoining property owners. The smoke from your fire may offend your neighbors.
- ➔ Burning of any kind is specifically prohibited in any land development areas of Unity Township. That is, those areas that are being cleared and prepared for current or future development projects.

All fires must be attended and have an adequate water source immediately available at the site to extinguish the fire completely in the event of an emergency (e.g., windy conditions arise, fire spreads beyond controlled area, etc.).

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate or fail to conform to any of the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100 for the first offense, \$300 for the second offense and a minimum of \$500 for a third or subsequent offense which occurs within a twelve-month period, together with costs of prosecution and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Unity Township.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IN UNITY TOWNSHIP:

As part of the Pennsylvania **DEP's MS4 program (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems)**, The Unity Township Supervisors would like to remind everyone that our storm sewer inlets and drainage swales discharge directly to our streams and creeks such as Monastery Run, Twin Lakes and Nine Mile Run. We are striving to educate our residents and businesses about the problems of pollutants entering our natural waterways through our storm sewer system and what we all can do to prevent or reduce these pollutants. Our streams and other natural waterways bring many benefits to our community. We ask your assistance in helping us to further educate our community about inappropriate practices that cause harm to one of our most precious resources.

Items that are not permitted in the storm sewer system include trash, lawn clippings, leaves, oils, paints, chemicals, pet wastes, construction debris, chlorinated swimming pool water, sewage and sediments.

If you have items such as paints, pesticides and batteries (hazardous materials), the Township participates in the Westmoreland Cleanways Program. The Township is a member of this program and residents of the Township are able to dispose of these types of items at a one-day collection location for a minimal cost. We will announce the collection day, when the date is known, at our Township meetings and post this information at our Township office and on our website.

Again, we want to make sure that everyone realizes that whatever enters the storm sewer system goes directly to our streams and creeks without receiving any treatment. Only what falls from the sky should be in the storm sewer system.

Thank you,
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The Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Commission has been busy identifying the most pressing issues and community needs. One specific area that will receive attention is making sure all 11 playgrounds are safe and clean. We also recognize the population is changing along with resident's recreation desires and interests. As the department marches forward and develops a five and ten year recreational and facilities plan we need the communities' input. In the publication "Around Latrobe", Latrobe Mayor Eric Bartels, speaks about the importance of conversation leading to change. So as a new neighbor, I ask you to come have a conversation with me to share ideas. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

A few details and information about the Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation Department:

- ➔ We are directed by a nine-member commission that represents either school district, city or township.
- ➔ The department has four full time employees and staffs over 20 employees during the summer months.
- ➔ We maintain 14 parks, 12 playgrounds and a community swimming pool.

The department also offers numerous activities for children and adults: swim lessons, summer day camp, Tball, dek hockey, bus trips and pickleball to name a few, plus hosting over 12 special events like Turkey Trot, Foam Frenzy and Farmers' Market.

Please visit our website: www.latroberecreation.org or our Facebook page for information and updates.



Have a great day in the neighborhood!

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Greater Latrobe Parks & Recreation

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Volunteer Fire Department News

Unity Township Fire Bureau

The Unity Township Fire Bureau (UTFB) is an organization that consists of seven volunteer fire departments serving Unity Township which includes Crabtree, Dryridge, Lloydsville, Marguerite, Mutual, Pleasant Unity and Youngstown-Whitney.

Firefighters meet regularly, train and work together to provide the best fire service possible for our residents. St. Vincent College Fire Department, Arnold Palmer Regional Airport Fire Department and Mutual Aid Ambulance Service also participate in the Bureau.



Unity Township Fire Bureau Vehicle Rescue Training

Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department

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- ◆ The 2022 Crabtree Volunteer Fire Department Mailing Fund Drive is underway. If you haven't done so, we ask that you consider making a tax-deductible donation this year to help support the operations of your local Volunteer Fire Department.
- ◆ We thank all of those who supported our two fundraisers so far this year, the annual Lenten Fish Fry and Spring Gun Bash. Thanks to all who helped to make these important fundraisers a great success!
- ◆ The annual St. Bartholomew Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Community Festival and Crabtree Fireworks are back! The festival is scheduled for Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, with the Fireworks on July 16 at 10:30 p.m. You can visit our website or Facebook page for complete details, along with the Church's website or Facebook page.
- ◆ Remember to follow us on Facebook and our website www.CrabtreeVFD.com for the latest updated information from the fire department and around the community. We thank you for your support!



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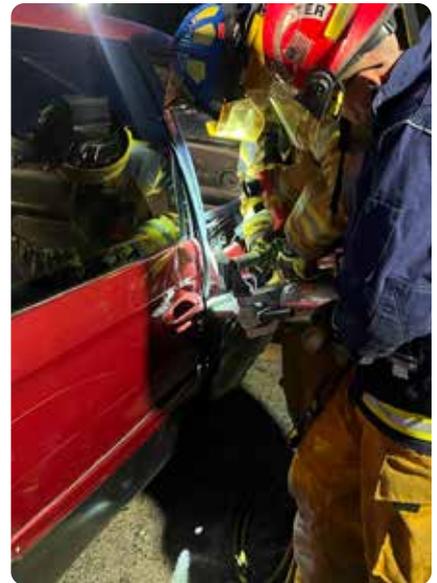
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Rich Levay, Chief

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- ◆ We responded to a total of 338 calls for the year ending 2021. They ranged from flooded basements to house fires, tree fires, car fires, vehicle accidents and the list goes on. We have responded to calls for help into Hempfield Township, Mt. Pleasant Township, the cities of Latrobe and Greensburg, Derry Township and Ligonier Township along with a few others. We are looking for volunteers to help out with these duties, we will provide all the necessary training. If you would like to help out but do not want to do any of these, there are plenty of opportunities to do so. We are looking for help with our fundraisers, filling out reports for the government, and in other ways. For the children in the family, all Township companies have a Junior Firefighter program. This program is for kids 14 and older. Please call our station for more information or stop down on a Monday evening.
- ◆ We are selling the address signs required by Unity Township that help us to find your house faster in the event of an emergency. Call our station for details and an order form.
- ◆ We have a sub sale the last Saturday of the month starting at 8 a.m.
- ◆ Our Fund Drive has started for the year. If you would like to donate but did not receive a donation request, please send a check to us payable to the Dryridge VFD. We are a 501(c)(3) so your contribution is tax deductible. To those of you who donate to us and other Unity Township fire departments, thank you for your support.
- ◆ We have a Facebook page at Dryridge VFD and also on the web at www.dryridgevfd.com. You can also keep informed of our events and community events by watching our marquee.



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- ◆ The officers and members of the Lloydsville VFD would like to thank everyone for their continued support during our drive-thru fish fries and raffles. Please look for more details on Facebook and our website www.lloydsvillevfd.org.
- ◆ Lloydsville VFD is excited to announce that Rescue 114 is now certified as a Rescue Basic through the Pennsylvania Voluntary Rescue Service Recognition Program (VRSR), a division of the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The water rescue team is now certified as a VRSR Swift Water Type 2A. These certifications were obtained through the purchase of new equipment and by members through hours of training and individual professional certifications.
- ◆ Lloydsville firefighters have participated in over 600 hours of training so far this year including courses in rope, rescue, essentials of firefighting, structural collapse, trench rescue, incident safety office training, building construction, national incident management courses and fire behavior. More trainings are scheduled for later this year.
- ◆ Don't have a smoke or carbon monoxide detector? Need new batteries for your detectors? Contact the Lloydsville VFD via our Facebook page or call the station at 724-539-9872 and a member will be able to assist you with getting this life saving equipment for you and your family.

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Pleasant Unity Volunteer Fire Department

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ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

The Pleasant Unity VFD 2022 Annual Fund Drive will be sent out this fall. Over the past two years due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to cancel several of our traditional fundraising events which makes this annual fund drive so important for raising much needed funds. The annual letter drive fundraising campaign raises the capital needed to pay for annual operating costs such as building and vehicle insurance, electricity and fuel oil, and truck fuel as well as maintenance and repairs. We need a little help from each and every household, business and property owner to keep our doors open. We are very appreciative to those who annually make generous donations, we would be very thankful to get a response and donation from everyone in our district. Your volunteer firefighters continue to train and respond to emergencies regularly. If you don't receive a Fund Drive appeal and would like to contribute, please mail your tax deductible check payable to PUVFD Annual Fund Drive Campaign, PO Box 197, Pleasant Unity, PA 15676.

SPORTSMEN'S BASH RETURNS

Pleasant Unity VFD typically hosts two Sportsmen's Bash Fundraiser events each year and are finally able to host another event this fall. Tickets for the Saturday, September 17, bash are going

fast so please get your tickets early. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the fire department social hall. For information, email gunbash@puvfd.org.

BONANZA ELIMINATION DRAWING AND DINNER

The annual Bonanza Elimination Drawing and Dinner is also scheduled to be held once again after a two year absence. The annual dinner and drawing will be held Saturday, November 5, 2022. Tickets will be available mid-summer. Watch for updates at www.puvfd.org and on our Facebook page or email bonanza@puvfd.org.

OPEN HOUSE

As many of you know, Mutual Aid Ambulance Service had expanded late last year. As part of their reorganization of resources, they now cover our region with ambulance garages at the airport and in Norvelt. They no longer needed the ambulance garage attached to our fire station and after 35 years on a lease given by Pleasant Unity VFD to the ambulance service for \$1.00 per year, the fire department was extremely pleased to regain the ambulance garage space for fire department operations as we had outgrown our current space. We are currently working on some building updates and renovations to fit the fire department's needs. The Officers and Members of Pleasant Unity VFD plan to

host an "Open House" this fall to show the community how we were able to expand our operations. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for announcements on the Open House which will be a fun day to bring the family and check out the renovated fire station.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA INFORMATION UPDATES

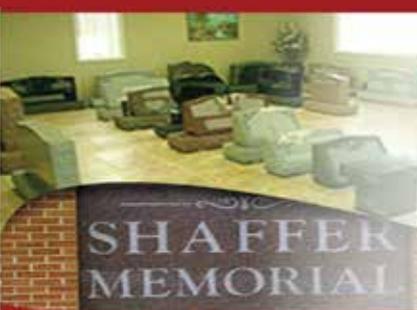
The Pleasant Unity VFD has an easy to navigate website with news, events and emergency incidents. You can also find information on emergency apparatus, FAQs, how to become a Pleasant Unity VFD member, social hall rentals and a listing of our members at www.puvfd.org. You can also like our Facebook page by searching Pleasant Unity VFD.

MEMBERS ALWAYS NEEDED

Pleasant Unity VFD continues seeking new men and women who reside in the area to become Firefighters and Junior Firefighters. No experience is required; we will provide new recruits opportunities for training and protective gear. Anyone interested can find additional information by checking out the "Membership FAQs" section and download a membership application on our website at www.puvfd.org. Any questions may be sent to chief@puvfd.org.



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- ◆ The Youngstown-Whitney VFD's 2021 Fund Drive is complete. Many of you responded generously and we thank you. For those who didn't, we would appreciate you giving serious consideration to sending a donation now to YWVFD Fund, Drive PO Box 283, Youngstown, PA 15696. All proceeds are used exclusively for training and the support and purchase of firefighting equipment and apparatus. Contributions are tax deductible. Please include your name and address.
- ◆ The Youngstown-Whitney VFD's dedicated volunteers responded to 437 calls last year. Our volunteers spent 2,770 hours responding to those calls. We continue to spend hundreds of hours with drills and training in addition to answering the fire, rescue, and emergency calls, as well as maintaining equipment. Much of our testing and training is done with Unity Township Fire Bureau companies and other fire departments with whom we work regularly.
- ◆ The last two years have been difficult to fundraise due to health concerns and regulations. We are doing online fundraising to help make up the deficit. Please check out our Facebook page at Youngstown Volunteer Fire Station 39 to participate.
- ◆ The Youngstown-Whitney VFD is always looking for volunteers to help as firefighters (18+) and Junior firefighters (Under 18). We welcome help for other jobs such as driver/operator, fundraising, clerical work and administrative assistance. We can use your help! If you would like to volunteer there's something you can do. To help, or find out more about the Youngstown-Whitney VFD, visit the department's website at www.YVFD39.org, call 724-539-4447, or like us on Facebook.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT!** Help us find you in an emergency. Please make sure your street address is up to date and easily visible from the road both day and night. Also, please make sure your driveways and private roads are accessible for our emergency vehicles all year round. Thanks!



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UTFB Junior Firefighter Recruiting at High School



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GLSD HOSTS THEIR ANNUAL SPRING SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Greater Latrobe Senior High School hosted their annual Spring Scholarship and Awards Ceremony on May 26, 2022. Junior and Senior students were recognized for their achievements in academics, arts, athletics and community service. The Greater Latrobe Partners in Education Foundation, through the generosity of donors, provided over 26 scholarships at the ceremony.

Greater Latrobe Senior High School Principal Jon Mains stated, "I would like to thank the numerous donors, community organizations and businesses that came to personally present the scholarships and awards to celebrate our students and support them in their future endeavors. I am grateful for the generosity of the Greater Latrobe school community." The ceremony was live streamed on The Wildcats Network and can be viewed at www.WildCatsNet.com/past-broadcasts.

ACADEMICS

LATROBE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

- o Virginia S. Griffin Business Award: **Delaney Quinn**
- o Latrobe BPW Mary Martha Himler Art Award: **Kaylee Dusetzina**
- o Geraldine Mccartney Award: **Emma Santora**
- o Jeanne Van Houten Award: **Merize van der Westhuizen**

LATROBE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Matsko and Geina Shaker

GLLV REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

Nathan Lemmon

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARD

Teko Angelicchio

BEATRICE BATES HOSPITALITY & FOOD MANAGEMENT AWARD

Kassidy Zacur

PSMLA OUTSTANDING SENIOR RECOGNITION

Maya Jain

PSMLA GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Kaylee Dusetzina, Maya Jain, and Neehla Pal

NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM RECOGNITION

Neehla Pal

THE CHALLENGE PROGRAM SPONSORED BY ROBINDALE ENERGY

- o Attendance Award: **Delaney Quinn**
- o STEM Award: **Alex Brubaker**
- o Academic Improvement Award: **Alanna Thiel**
- o Academic Excellence Award: **Julian Zhu**
- o Community Service Award: **Kristen Thomas**

GLEA SENIOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Reese McCracken

PA STATE EDUCATION ASSOC. OF RETIRED TEACHERS SCHOLARSHIP

Reese McCracken

KEYTEX ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP

Hailey Staschak

LATROBE LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Zoey Bier

ANITA DOYLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR WOMEN IN STEM

Maya Jain

THOMAS NALEVANKO JR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- o EWCTC Recipients: **Hunter Menear** and **Autumn Pavlik**

PETER PARADISE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- o EWCTC Recipient: **Daniel Meadway**

SOCIETY OF WOMEN'S ENGINEERS RECOGNITION

- o Senior **Abby Kostic**
- o Junior **Madelaine Mohler**

SYLVIA KLOOS McKAY SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING

Meghan Henderson

S&T BANK SCHOLARSHIP

Noah Johnson

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Cam Rohrer

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Elizabeth Planinsek

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE TROOPER MICHAEL P. STEWART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jaden Alesi

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH STAMPS SCHOLARSHIP

Geina Shaker

THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT APPOINTMENT

- o Cadet: **Tyler Lynch**

ARTS

THEATER BOOSTERS THEATER AWARDS

Allison Himler and Isaac Krom

NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD

Isaac Krom

DEVIN CAPASSO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Allison Himler

KATHLEEN L. MARUCCO MEMORIAL THEATER & VISUAL ART SCHOLARSHIP

Rose Butina

DIANE FUNK EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

Rose Butina

HEADSPACE MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP

Harley Cochran

LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Mowery

NATIONAL ARION AWARDS

Allyson Horner and Olivia Ruffner

STAGE MANAGER AWARD

Cole Pfeifer

LATROBE LIONS CLUB JOHN PHILIP SOUSA AWARD

Reese McCracken

CARL A. MASCANTONIO MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Reese McCracken

LOUIS A. SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Jaden Alesi and Reese McCracken





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NEWS FROM THE GREATER LATROBE SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AMERICAN RED CROSS AWARD

Geina Shaker

TLC HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Geina Shaker

RONALD REAGAN LEADERSHIP MEDAL RECOGNITION

Merize van der Westhuizen

FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION

- o City of Latrobe: **Evan Svehla**
- o Youngstown: **Madison Coffman**
- o Mutual: **Jacob Withrow**

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Harley Cochran

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Merize van der Westhuizen

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LATROBE AREA HOSPITAL AID SOCIETY-JUNIOR VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIPS

Breanna Carini, Morgan Reilly, and Tyler Lynch



ATHLETICS

JOEY DADO, JERRY FERRARO MEMORIAL SOCCER SCHOLARSHIPS

Morgan Reilly and Brennan Campbell

GEORGE LAZUR MEMORIAL CROSS COUNTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Alexis Planinsek

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Julian Zhu

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Maya Jain

KEITH FLODIN MEMORIAL SWIMMING/DIVING SCHOLARSHIP

Colin Spehar

ALLY ICE HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIP

Vinny Amatucci

MYRON "PETE" DIGENIS GOLF SCHOLARSHIP

Owen Miele and Daylan Yeager

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Tyler Lynch

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LATROBE LITTLE LEAGUE MAX SCIULLO BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP

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Jenna Bell

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DR. F. CLAY GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY EXCELA HEALTH

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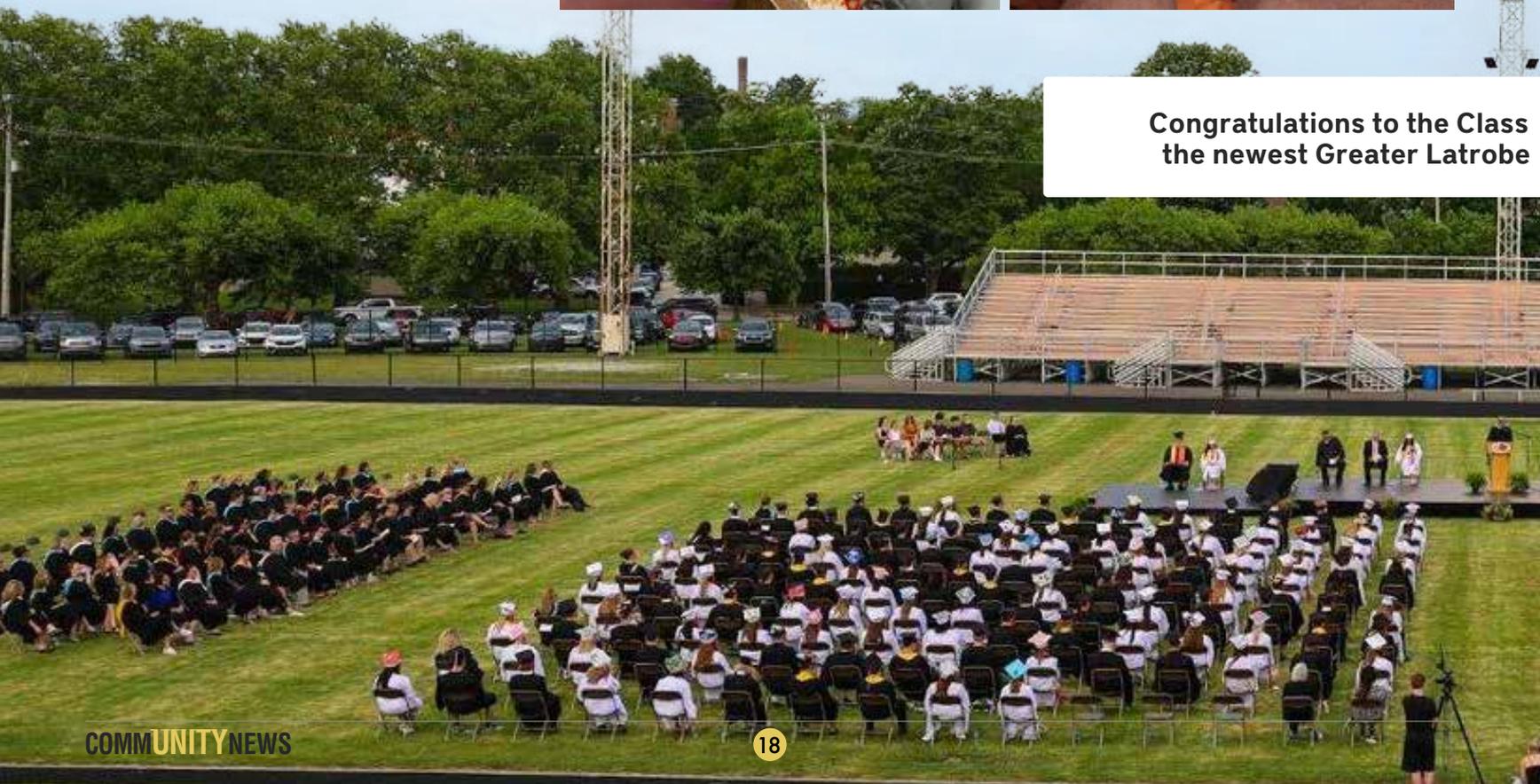
Greater Latrobe kindergarten hatched and sent 135 healthy chicks off to their new homes on Friday, April 8.

All kindergarten students district wide studied the life cycle of a chicken and viewed the incredible daily changes of the developing embryo over the course of the 21 day incubation period. The students counted down in anticipation of the day when the new baby chicks start pipping their way into the world.

This annual Life Science project is funded by the Greater Latrobe Partners in Education Foundation and the Dr. and Mrs. William Stavisky Grant. Mrs. Marian Ferlin, Latrobe Elementary School Kindergarten teacher, has led this initiative for over seven years. Mrs. Ferlin would like to express her utmost gratitude to the GLPIEF, the Grant Selection Committee, the kindergarten teachers and to everyone who made this project possible. "Thank you for giving students and staff throughout the three elementary schools an incredible project based learning experience."



**Congratulations to the Class
the newest Greater Latrobe**



GREATER LATROBE PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Greater Latrobe Partners in Education Foundation thanks all of the attendees and sponsors that made the 2022 Loyal & True Dinner a great success!

Congratulations again to Distinguished Alumni Lester R. Sutton and the Class of 1972. The Loyal & True Dinner is a special evening of Wildcat fellowship to share the impact of GLPIEF's grant making in the areas of Academics, Arts and Athletics and highlight the success of Greater Latrobe students and alumni.



The Greater Latrobe Partners in Education Foundation was pleased to announce over \$10,000 in teacher grants for the 2022-2023 school year.



of 2022 and welcome to School District Alumni!

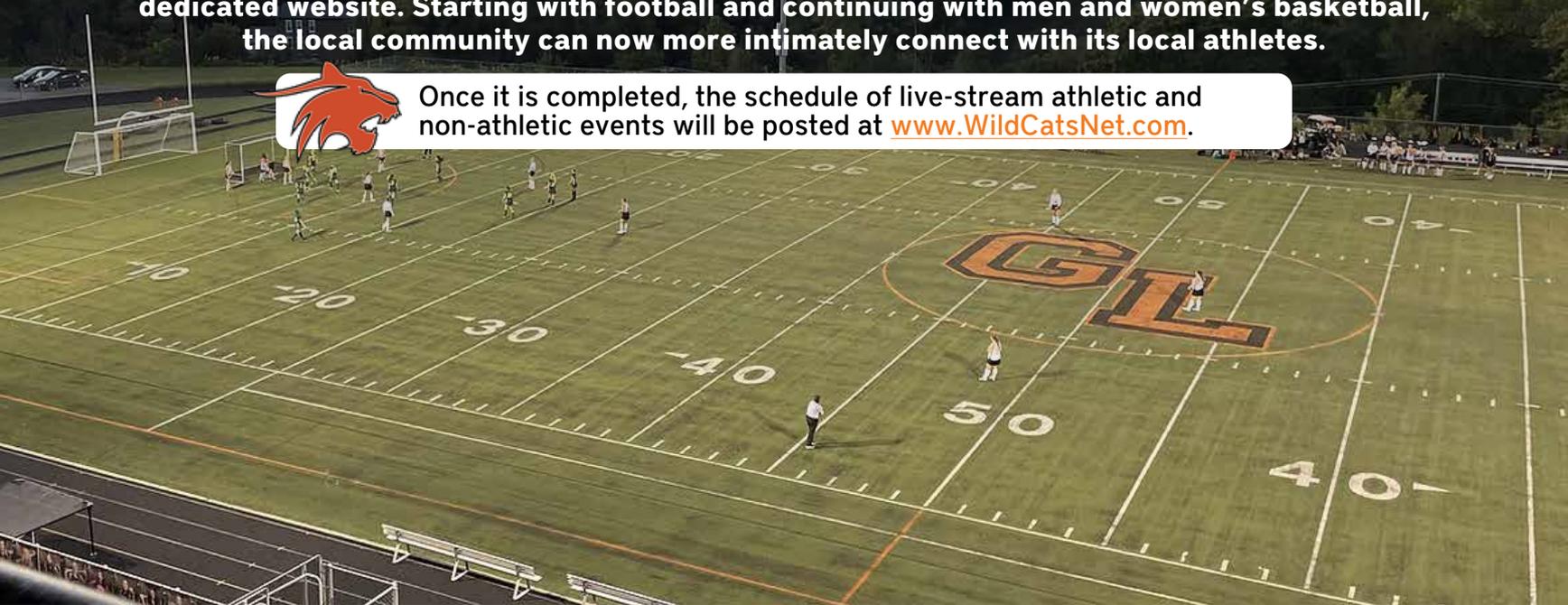


"WILDCAT NETWORK" ANNOUNCED

The Greater Latrobe School District, in conjunction with LHTC Media, is pleased to report that starting this fall, Latrobe Wildcats Sports will be live-streamed on its own dedicated website. Starting with football and continuing with men and women's basketball, the local community can now more intimately connect with its local athletes.



Once it is completed, the schedule of live-stream athletic and non-athletic events will be posted at www.WildCatsNet.com.




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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SCAMS! BE SMART! STAY SAFE!

Written by Amy L. McLendon, Executive Director

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Scam and fraud attempts are on the rise and are very common in the world we live in today. Many schemes happen utilizing email, regular mail, phone calls, and even door-to-door solicitation. There may be offers to reduce debt, obtain credit cards, charity donations, home improvements, state someone is charging on existing cards or taking money from bank accounts, investment opportunities, quick money opportunities, offering of various types of insurance, or some schemes even prey on the relationships we hold near and dear seeking money for medical care or bail for someone we love. Reputable businesses do not engage in hard sell or pressure tactics.

There are a wide variety of tactics being used by scammers to get people, especially the seniors, to fall for their schemes. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) is actively monitoring the various scams targeting seniors. Let us look at some of the more prevalent ones effecting our community.

Medicare Scams: If you have reached the young age of 65 years of age or older you qualify for Medicare benefits. This type of con does not require much research and can be perpetrated either on the phone or in person with the senior. Most of these scammers claim to be a Medicare representative and will likely do one of the following:

1. Tell you that you need a new Medicare card, and to issue one, they will need you to provide them your Social Security number.
2. Ask for a processing fee to get you access to additional benefits.
3. May ask for personal information to "update" the Medicare files. It is possible that they get enough information to enable them to bill Medicare for services that were never provided, keeping the money for themselves.

Telemarketing Scams: Telemarketing scams are one of the most common scams to happen to the elderly, due to no face-to-face interactions and convincing acting by the caller of being someone with authority and power. Telemarketing scams usually offer free trials, extended warranties, sure-thing investment opportunities, cheap or free travel, elaborate prizes, opportunity to work with government agency to catch the "bad guy," or even loan advances for a small fee. Many times, the telemarketers represent themselves to be IRS agents, bank officials, or some other type of authority figure. A sad commentary about telemarketing scams is that once someone falls victim to one scam, their name is likely to be passed on so other scammers know that this person is easy prey.

The best way to prevent falling victim to any telemarketing scheme is to know that legitimate financial institutions, corporations, or government agencies will NOT CALL and ask for personal information over the phone.

Should you receive a call from a telemarketing scammer, it is best to hang up immediately. Do not confirm or offer any information.

Internet Fraud: The internet has been a tool used for the purpose of scams since its inception. Some examples of internet fraud are:

1. Fake virus pop-up to trick victims to pay money to remove. This type of scam also results in the person granting remote access to their computer to someone on the phone who can then copy all information held on computer.
2. Phishing Scams via email is the main internet method used by scammers to obtain personal information from unsuspecting people. The scammer creates an email address and template that looks like an official email from the bank, credit card, business, or government agency. The email looks legitimate and claims that your information needs to be updated and provides a way for the new information to be typed in and thus shared with the scammer. Passwords, account numbers, and other personally identifying information is requested to "fix" the issue.

No bank or other business will ever ask for any personal information through an email. If you are concerned about your account, you can contact the bank or business directly to check your information.

If you think you might be a victim of a scam, reach out to someone you trust such as a close friend or family member. Some of the scammers will instruct against talking to someone. Do not be afraid to talk to someone because doing nothing could make the situation worse.

Unfortunately, once the money has been paid by credit card, or you have purchased gift cards, or given bank account information for a wire, it is more than likely gone. However, that does not mean there is nothing left for you to do. Quick action can sometimes halt transactions from being completed and make it possible to get some or all of your money back. Even if this is not the case, your report may protect someone else from falling victim to the same scam.

10 Tips to Stay Safe and Scam Alert

1. If something looks too good to be true, it probably is!
2. No reputable website or business will ever ask you for your password!
3. Use strong passwords. Longer passwords are better than shorter ones. Do not use your birthday or other commonly used passwords.
4. Do not share passwords between different websites or service.
5. NEVER GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION (Social Security Number, Bank Account, Credit Card, Drivers License etc.) over the internet, unless you completely trust the entity.
6. Watch for phishing emails or phone calls. Do not get too chatty with strangers
7. Be wary of what you post on social media. Do not broadcast to the world you are on vacation. Then everyone knows your house will be empty!
8. Avoid quizzes or questionnaires about yourself on social media. While it may be tempting to see what type of dog you are or what song was written for you, many of these questions are similar to security questions that enable access to your account.
9. NEVER let someone remotely access or control your computer. Always be cautious of any website or site that claims to "fix" or "repair" your computer. They can access your information or hold your computer ransom.
10. Remember reputable businesses, organizations, and agencies do not engage in hard sell or pressure tactics. If someone is demanding an immediate decision not giving time to think, the answer is simple...it is NO!



SUMMER ON THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY

By Lauren E. Koker, Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor

With the summer of 2022 in full swing, we've got some wonderful events coming up—an old favorite, a new addition, and a celebration that's 27 years in the making! I hope to see you there—and be sure to bring your classic or beloved car to any of them!



2022 Lincoln Highway SuperMarket

Our 9th annual Lincoln Highway SuperMarket returns for 2022! Join us for our weekly open-air food festival Wednesdays, June 1 through August 24, 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Highway Experience! Enjoy breezy summer evenings on our lawn with great food from local chefs, BYOB and live music!

\$5/car for admission. Additional cost for food purchased from chefs' booths.

Tables are limited, so we suggest you bring chairs or blankets, especially if you will be arriving late. No outside food or pets are permitted.

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Roaring 20s Anniversary Celebration!

Latrobe Country Club on the Old Lincoln Highway
Saturday, August 20, 2022
5 to 8 p.m.

After a two-year pit stop, we're ready to party! Celebrate 25+ years of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor's work along America's first coast-to-coast highway with a 1920s style party at the historic Latrobe County Club! Put on your flapper or gangster dress and dance the Charleston, or come in semi-formal wear and party like it's 1922!

Enjoy a sit-down dinner, live entertainment by DejaVu, live and silent auction items, 50/50 and more! Semi-formal or 1920s party dress encouraged.

Register at LHHC.org.

Keep Thinkin' Lincoln!

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor is a nonprofit organization that identifies, conserves, promotes and interprets the cultural, historical, natural, recreational and economic resources along the 200-mile Lincoln Highway in Westmoreland, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams counties in Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.lhhc.org.

The Lincoln Highway Experience is the museum of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, located at 3435 State Route 30 East, Latrobe, PA (just before Kingston Dam heading into the Ligonier Valley Gorge).

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AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

The Junction of Routes 30 and 981 is Unity Township's major intersection. Here it is in the 1950's: Mission Inn on the left, Lou's Diner on the right, and the airport on the upper right.

Photo by Harry Frye, courtesy of Latrobe Area Historical Society



Readers interested in more information on the Latrobe Area Historical Society or who would like to join are encouraged to visit www.LatrobeHistory.org