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Mt. Lebanon home prices continue upward trend

Agents cite walkability and schools as key drivers

By Rick Schrum

Kim Fisher has been a real estate agent for 25 years, all with Howard Hanna. She works out of the Mt. Lebanon office, lives in the municipality and closely tracks local housing trends.

Those trends continue to point upward.

"Twenty years ago, the average sales price here was around \$210,000," Fisher said. "Over the past year, that figure has risen to about \$485,000," according to Howard Hanna data.

Municipal data tells a similar story. As of the end of December 2024, the most recent figures

available, the average sale price for 398 residential properties in Mt. Lebanon was \$439,118, according to the municipality's annual comprehensive financial report. The report is issued by the Mt. Lebanon Department of Finance under the direction of Andrew McCreery, CPA.

Demand for housing remains strong in the community of about 34,000 residents, Fisher said, driven by the municipality's reputation for strong schools, walkable neighborhoods and abundant amenities.

The municipality's 2024 report

notes that "Mt. Lebanon has to be consistently one of the desirable places to live in Pennsylvania, and our real estate market reflects that sentiment."

The average price of a residential property increased 2.6 percent compared with 2023, the report states. Since 2020, when housing prices began climbing nationwide amid limited inventory, prices in Mt. Lebanon have risen 26.6 percent. The pandemic-era shift to remote work further fueled demand.

In an October interview with
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It is this most wonderful time of the year!



The holiday spirit is on full display in Mt. Lebanon. For more photos and coverage, see Page 11. (Photo by Zachary Smith)

Q&A: Representative Dan Miller reflects on his time in the House

After almost seven terms representing Mt. Lebanon, Miller looks back and ahead By Stacey Reibach

Q: You are leaving the Pennsylvania House to begin a new role on the Court of Common Pleas. What are you most looking forward to in this transition?

A: The legislative debates in Harrisburg can sometimes feel disconnected from people. While I have enjoyed participating in that process, I look forward to serving the public in a more person-to-person, family-to-family role, where the fair application of our laws can make a real impact on people's lives.

Q: You served in the House when Democrats were both in the minority and the majority, even serving as majority whip, with Republicans controlling the Senate the entire time. Did those dynamics feel different? And were there examples of common-sense, nonpolitical legislation that

still couldn't get passed — and how frustrating was that?

A: "Common sense legislation" and "nonpolitical" are very subjective terms in the legislature. Even without a partisan lens, reasonable people can disagree on definitions and priorities. There is an art to the legislative

process when you must navigate 203 House members, 50 senators and a governor for a bill to become law.

That system was designed to curb political extremes and encourage compromise. There is no doubt that in today's era of hyper partisanship, Harrisburg can and must

do better. I would note, however, that current House leadership on both the majority and minority sides seems to communicate better than in any previous term I served, so I remain hopeful.

Q: Is there legislation you sponsored that best represents your legacy?

A: Last year, we passed my bill to improve urban search-and-rescue capacity in Western Pennsylvania. It grew out of a conversation with Mt. Lebanon Fire's former Chief Nick Sohyda, who connected me with Pittsburgh Fire Assistant Chief Brian Kokkila.

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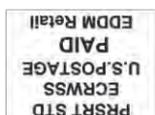
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A strong start for the **LEBO BEAT** Community response to inaugural issue exceeds expectations

By Brion Palmer

Launching something new always comes with a mix of hope and uncertainty. Even after talking with many people before introducing the *LEBO BEAT*—and hearing their encouragement—there's still that quiet question: *Will the community truly embrace this?*

Based on the response to our inaugural issue, the answer is a resounding yes.

"We needed this—thank you," one subscriber wrote. Another simply said, "I love the *LEBO BEAT*." Dozens of thoughtful messages poured in from readers who enjoyed the first edition and took the time to reach out. Just as meaningful were the many who showed their support by subscribing. That speaks volumes.

Even more exciting, residents have contacted me about joining the *LEBO BEAT* team. That kind of enthusiasm reinforces why we created this paper in the first place.

Our mission is simple: a newspaper for **Mt. Lebanon, by Mt. Lebanon residents.**

We are always looking for writers, photographers, and sales professionals to help us tell the stories of this com-

munity. If you're interested, email me at info@lebobeat.com or call 412-944-0080. I'd love to talk with you.

If you have a story to tell, a neighbor to celebrate, or an idea to share, please reach out. We're committed to bringing meaningful, local content to the community every issue.

A vital part of our long-term success is the support of local businesses. I want to personally thank the businesses—and individuals—who believed in our vision from the start and became our Founder Partners. Their early commitment helped make this newspaper a reality.

If I may ask one thing of our readers: please consider supporting these businesses in return. Their ads appear throughout the pages of the *LEBO BEAT*, and your patronage helps complete the circle.

Thank you again, Mt. Lebanon. The *LEBO BEAT* team is excited to bring you your own hometown newspaper. Let us know how we can keep improving—it belongs to you, after all. ♥

Lebo moms launch early learning center to ease child-care crunch

Honey Bee Haven opens with play-based, Montessori-Reggio-inspired approach and strong community roots. By Jennifer Ganser

A chance meeting through the Hoover Elementary PTA about five years ago, while planning holiday shops and classroom parties-sparked a friendship neither of them expected would one day become a business partnership.

But for Ashley Hauck and Jenn Boal, who have spent years serving their community, one concern surfaced repeatedly in their conversations: a lack of childcare options.

"Parents don't have choices because the waitlists are so long," owner Ashley Hauck said. "That's a really challenging and sad thing for people in this community."

That stark reality inspired their vision for Honey Bee Haven Early Learning. The Montessori-Reggio-inspired, play-based program is designed for children from infancy through pre-K.

The pair signed the lease for their ideal location at 1195 Washington Road in Bridgeville back in July. From there, building the facility and idea from the ground up became a family affair.

Boal's husband, Ryan, took

on the role of general contractor, overseeing construction, while Hauck's husband, also named Ryan, used his legal expertise to guide security and compliance decisions, helping ensure the space opens as a safe and well-structured environment.

The family-owned passion project has the Hoover community and beyond abuzz, with people eager to help or donate items for the center. The enthusiasm between the two moms is palpable.

"It's always been about: What can we do to make the community better," Hauck said.

The early learning center features floor-to-ceiling windows in each of its six classrooms and a sprawling play area with private access. Hauck, a mother of two, has led efforts in aesthetics, branding, and marketing. She previously worked in fundraising for Children's Hospital.

Meanwhile, Boal, a mother of four, serves on several boards, including as Managing Director for the Seesaw Center, a nonprofit play center for children in Castle Shannon. She is also PTA

president at Jefferson Middle School and vice president of the Mt. Lebanon PTA Council.

"Finding a partner that has different strengths than you is what makes a business successful," Boal said.

Boal, who has more than two decades of experience in education and is no stranger to owning a business, will help mentor the center's 20 staff members and counting—more than half of whom reside in Mt. Lebanon.

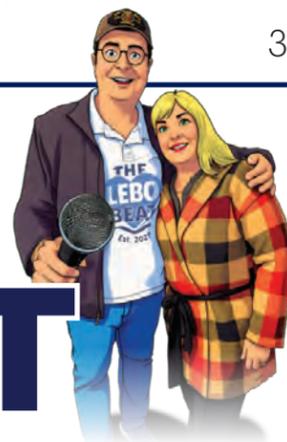
Despite some construction delays and licensing holdups caused by the government shutdown, Boal says the staff has remained eager to begin their work since interviews started back in May.

"They've stuck with us because they believe in the vision, and they want to be a part of this," Boal said. "They want to see this thing grow."

Staff members include a mix of seasoned educators and community members who have spent years showing up for local children—one reason the owners plan to offer competitive pay and provide opportunities for further education.

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STREET BEAT



As 2026 approaches, we asked residents about their New Year's resolutions.

I'm trying "TIME BLOCKING" and to be more intentional with my time and keeping focused on what matters most. Also prioritizing more walks through our beautiful neighborhoods.

– Renae G., Orchard Drive



Explore more of the beautiful outdoor places we have in Mt. Lebanon and also enjoy the love of nature with my two boys.

– Adam F., North Meadowcroft



To Become more efficient with time. The older my daughter gets, the more I realize how valuable the commodity of time is.

– Aaron P., Parkview Drive



Eat more greens...Like mint chocolate chip ice cream.

– Elizabeth M, Washington Road



My New Years resolution is to retire the old sleigh and give the reindeer a break, and buy a new self driving sleigh with heated seats.

– Santa C., North Pole



About our interviewers: Mr. and Mrs. C have been Mt. Lebanon residents since 1967.

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Campaign seeks to honor legendary coach Art Walker with field dedication

Former students launch fundraising effort to recognize longtime Mt. Lebanon educator and coach *By Niki Conway*

For many Mt. Lebanon residents today, the name Art Walker may not be immediately familiar. But for those who attended Mt. Lebanon High School between 1967 and 1987, Walker was a defining presence — and for generations of student-athletes since, his influence remains embedded in the school's athletic culture.

Walker, a longtime football coach and U.S. history teacher, is widely regarded as a cornerstone of the district's athletic and academic identity. His coaching philosophy — centered on discipline, integrity and character development — continues to shape Mt. Lebanon's athletic programs decades after his final season as head coach.

During his 21-year tenure, Walker led the Blue Devils to five WPIAL championships. He finished his career with an overall record of 207-73-6 and is one of only four coaches in WPIAL history to win six championships overall. In recognition of those accomplishments, Walker was inducted into the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2010.

Those who knew him say winning was only part of his legacy.

The same qualities that defined Walker as a coach also distin-

guished him as a teacher. In the classroom, he made U.S. history engaging and relevant. Outside of it, he was known for offering extra academic support, writing letters of recommendation and helping students research college scholarships and athletic opportunities.

To recognize Walker's impact on and off the field, a group of former students and athletes has launched a fundraising campaign to rename the Mt. Lebanon High School athletic field in his honor.

Today, Art Walker is 89 years old, making this moment especially urgent. To honor his extraordinary contributions to Mt. Lebanon, the campaign has set a \$150,000 fundraising goal that will cover all expenses including naming rights, signage, and the required insurance. Any additional funds will be used to support the needs of the athletic department.

If the campaign is successful, organizers plan to hold the dedication ceremony in fall 2026 during a home football game against North Allegheny. The timing of the dedication would bring Art Walker's legacy full circle:

North Allegheny is where his son, Art, who once roamed the Lebo



Art Walker was a U.S. history teacher at Mt. Lebanon High School and coached the Blue Devils football team from 1967-1987. (Photos by Walker family)

sideline as his ballboy, now serves a head football coach.

This moment would bring Art Walker's legacy full circle: North Allegheny is

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where his son, Art, who once roamed the Lebo sideline as his ball boy, now serves as head football coach.

Supporters say the effort is about more than naming a field.

It is about honoring a man who shaped young lives through teaching and coaching and reinforcing the belief that academic responsibility and strong character are inseparable from athletic success.

For more information about the Art Walker Field Project and to make a tax-deductible donation, please scan the QR below or by check made payable to the Blue Devil Club, PO Box 14192, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. (Please note: Art Walker Field in the memo section.)



Legacy Beat

PATRICK HENRY KING, 95

Longtime Mt. Lebanon resident, educator

Patrick Henry King, a Mt. Lebanon resident for more than five decades and a retired Pittsburgh educator and athletic director, died Nov. 22, 2025. He was 95.

Mr. King and his wife, Claire, moved to Mt. Lebanon in 1968, raising their nine children in the community and becoming active members of St. Bernard Church and local schools. He taught history and social studies and later served as activities director and athletic director at South High School, influencing thousands of Pittsburgh students over his 21-year career.

A proud Irish American, Mr. King was known in Mt. Lebanon for his booming laugh, love of song, and stories shared at parish events, family gatherings and with the Pittsburgh Banjo Club, where he played for 15 years after retirement. He rarely missed a Blue Devils game and delighted in cheering on his children and grandchildren.

Born June 5, 1930, in Connellsville, he was a standout athlete at Westminster College, where he later entered the school's Hall of Fame. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War before beginning a long career in education.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Claire; nine children; 25 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren, with two more expected.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 28 at St. Bernard Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Michael the Archangel Angel Fund, People Concerned for the Unborn Child, or the Mt. Lebanon Community Foundation-King Family Fund. ♥

Mt. Lebanon home prices

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Lebo Beat, Fisher shared sales figures from her agency showing continued activity across the municipality.

Howard Hanna reported that 319 houses were sold in Mt. Lebanon over the past year, including 14 homes priced above \$1 million and two that sold for at least \$2 million. The highest sale was a \$2.5 million home on Osage Road in the Virginia Manor neighborhood.

As of late fall, Fisher said there were 33 active listings and 38 homes that were contingent or under agreement.

Homes in Mission Hills and Beverly tend to sell faster than those in other neighborhoods, she said, largely because of strong buyer demand. Fisher added that the Howard Hanna office holds about 53 percent of the residential market share in Mt. Lebanon.

"Three things drive a sale: location, condition and price," Fisher said. "Location used to be number one. It's still very important, but condition is almost equally important now."

Other agents working in the area echoed that assessment.

"There are very diverse homes in Mt. Lebanon. They're not cookie-cutter, and very few houses are sitting," said Cindy Rack, an agent

with Keller Williams Realty. "Many are selling within 30 days, unlike in a lot of other neighborhoods."

Rack noted a brief slowdown in late August and early September that quickly reversed.

"At least 50 percent of homes sold went for the asking price or above," she said, underscoring the strength of supply and demand.

Rack said some buyers mistakenly believe the municipality is out of reach financially.

"Some people think Mt. Lebanon is beyond their price range, but many homes are reasonably priced," she said. "Taxes are higher, but that's tied to the quality of the schools."

Amenities beyond education also play a role, she said, including walkability, neighborhood connections, parks and recreation facilities.

Katherine Correa, an agent with Realty One Group Landmark who works throughout the South Hills, said Mt. Lebanon's appeal is consistent among families relocating to the area.

"Parents are looking for a Mt. Lebanon kind of education," Correa said. "That comes with a strong sense of community. There's a lot to do, a variety of housing options and a mix of local businesses that make people want to live there." ♥



Cindy Rack of Keller Williams. (Photo provided)



Kim Fisher (Photo provided)



Katherine Correa (Photo provided)



Love Beat

The Wedding of Meghan Allison and Jack McMahon



This is a story for the ages. Meghan Allison, daughter of Dennis Allison and Lisa Moretti of Mt. Lebanon, married Jack McMahon, son of Chris and Molly McMahon, also of Mt. Lebanon. The couple have known each other all their lives.

Both sets of parents met and became friends at Duquesne University; the men were roommates there, while the women roomed together after college in Stamford, Connecticut. Jack and Meg crossed paths very early on and began dating in junior high school, both playing lacrosse, going to homecoming and senior prom, and graduating from MLHS together in 2013.

They went off to separate colleges, she to the University of Miami in Florida and he to Lafayette, coming back together in 2019 while both were living in New York City.

They were married at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oakland on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, by the same priest who married Meg's parents, Fr. John Skirtich, who is also a Duquesne graduate and a friend of both sets of parents. A reception followed at The Pennsylvanian, a historic landmark in downtown Pittsburgh.

The couple will honeymoon in December, celebrating New Year's a day before the rest of us in Fiji, followed by New Zealand. They reside in Brooklyn, New York.

Talented vendors included 1978, the Bachelor Boys, B Matisse Beauty, Bramble and Blossom, EF Lighting, Finch Beauty and Bridal Salon, Elite Transportation, Molly's Trolleys, More Than Words, Oakmont Bakery, Primanti Brothers, Rania's, Sara Must Events and TK Photography.

Submitted by Lisa Moretti, mother of the bride.

If you have a "love story" to share (engagement, wedding, or anniversary) send information and photos to the Lebo Beat at lebobeat.com.

The LEBO BEATS in London, England



Molly Shirey (left) and Lori Sullivan (right) show their love for the Lebo Beat and the Steelers outside Westminster Palace, with Elizabeth Tower in the background, during a recent trip to London. (Photo provided)

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Q&A: Representative Dan Miller

We built a coalition to increase state support for this highly technical emergency response work. It was bipartisan, had Senate allies, and benefited from strong outreach by the fire service community. Given the challenges facing fire departments and EMS, I hope this is just the beginning of greater state involvement to support local responders.

Q: You and your staff have organized 12 Disability and Mental Health Summits, with a 13th already planned. What inspired that effort, and do you hope it continues after you leave?

A: As I write this, we are busy planning the 13th Disability and Mental Health Summit, scheduled for May 7. It has been my favorite and, arguably, most impactful event.

With help from nonprofits, government agencies, self-advocates and allies,

we have brought thousands of people together and connected them with resources to improve independence and opportunity. While I am confident the event will occur in 2026, it is up to each representative to set their own priorities. I hope disability and mental health issues remain front and center, but that is something constituents should ask candidates directly.

Q: You represented a district many consider politically safe, yet you consistently went beyond the basics with community events, outreach, and published an annual newsletter that you and staff delivered door to door. Why was that important to you?

A: In a typical term, my office hosted about 40 community events of varying sizes and topics. I wanted to engage with the public as much as possible

and share information in an accessible way.

Those discussions often deepened my own understanding of issues and better prepared me for votes in Harrisburg. We also chose not to mail newsletters. Instead, we hand-delivered them because it allowed us to meet people where they lived and have personal contact many otherwise would not seek out. While I can't promise perfection, I am proud of the effort we made to engage directly with residents, and I thank everyone who made the time to communicate with us.

Q: What will you miss most about serving in the House?

A: It's hard to say, since I haven't stopped working yet to gain perspective. But I know I will miss friends on both sides of the aisle and in my office. You really get to know people in this line of work, and that includes your staff.

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From Lissa Geiger Shulman, Sheryl Cohen and George Nassif, who literally created an office for me out of nothing, to Louise Larkin, Lindsay Flinn and Lisa Wittig, who continue to help people every day, I have benefited greatly from their work, ideas and perspectives.

I would also like to thank Alyssa Stephenson, Kaija Nealon, Jenn Rick, Jenn Wood, Noah Gardner and Aaron Joseph, all of whom are from our district and served tirelessly in my office over the years.

Q: You ran seven House races, often unopposed or winning by wide margins. Is there anything you would like to say to your supporters as you begin this next chapter?

A: I have nothing but gratitude for the opportunity to serve our community for parts of seven legislative terms, along with a term as a Mt. Lebanon commissioner before that. When my family



Dan Miller
(Photo provided)

moved to Pennsylvania in 2002, this was never something I imagined.

I thank those who voted for me, took yard signs, and even those who respectfully disagreed with me and shared their views. Perfection was never my goal. I simply tried my best and never forgot where I came from or the people who sent me to Harrisburg. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and wish for nothing but the best for you, your family, our Commonwealth and our country! ♥

Special election required to fill 42nd House District seat

Speaker has 10 days after Rep. Dan Miller's resignation to set election timeline *By Stacey Reibach*

Residents are seeking clarity on what will happen to the 42nd House District seat once Rep. Dan Miller resigns in the coming weeks.

According to the office of House Speaker Joanna McClinton, state law outlines a specific process for filling vacancies in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. McClinton's press secretary, Nicole Reigelman, cited Rule 1 of the House Rules.

Following a vacancy in the state House, whether by resignation or otherwise,

the speaker has 10 days to issue a writ of election to the appropriate county board or boards of elections and to the secretary of the commonwealth to schedule a special election.

The special election must be held at the next primary, municipal or general election if that election occurs at least 60 days after the writ is issued. Alternatively, the special election may be held on an earlier date, provided it is scheduled at least 60 days after the writ is issued.

Once Miller formally resigns, McClinton will have 10 days to set the date for the special election to fill the remainder of his term, which runs through Dec. 31, 2026. The election cannot occur sooner than 60 days after the writ is issued and, in this case, no later than the Pennsylvania primary election on May 19, 2026.

Candidates for the special election will be selected by the Democratic and Republican committees within the 42nd House District.

If the special election is held on the same date as the May primary, all registered voters — regardless of party affiliation, including independent voters — will be eligible to vote in the special election. Independent voters would not be eligible to vote on other primary ballot items unless a nonpartisan referendum appears on the ballot.

If the special election is held prior to the primary, all registered voters in the district would be eligible to vote.

All 203 seats in the Pennsylvania House will be on the ballot in the 2026 general election. As a result, it is possible that the winner of the special election and the winner of the party primary could be different candidates, depending on how many individuals file to run.

The publication will provide updates in its January issue once the speaker announces the date of the special election and will feature profiles of the candidates as the race develops. ♥



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Three-legged cat survives 53-day odyssey

Mission Hills neighbors help reunite Trippy with her owners after weeks on the run

By Rick Schrum

If cats do, indeed, have nine lives, Trippy nearly exhausted all of them — with an emphasis on exhausted.

In July, Trippy, a domestic shorthair born without a fourth leg, became spooked when one of her owners opened the garage door at their Mission Hills home. She bolted and did not return for 53 days, traveling to parts unknown on three paws.

"There were a few potential sightings and a few calls, but nothing came of them," said Lexie Peterson, who co-owns the 6-year-old cat with her husband, Bobby. The couple worked diligently to find her, setting up cameras, leaving food outside and alerting neighbors about their missing pet. Bobby frequently called her name in nearby woods.

Nearly eight weeks later, Trippy was spotted by neighbors two doors away on Orchard Drive, Kathy and Dave Drapala.

"We got a call from them, and they were very excited," Lexie Peterson said. "They saw her sitting in their yard and sent a photo. It was Trippy."

The timing proved fortunate. The Drapalas, who are retired, noticed Trippy in the afternoon, when many neighbors were away at work and might not have seen her.

"When we found out the cat was missing, we said we'd find Trippy somehow," Kathy Drapala said.

Dave Drapala searched under bushes and trees but came up empty. "We thought she might be hiding under a deck," he said.

One day, Kathy said she spotted a cat that looked like Trippy. Dave approached slowly, careful not to startle her, and snapped a photo that was sent to the Petersons. Bobby Peterson soon arrived with a carrier and blanket and brought Trippy home.

The cat was in dire condition.

"She was wrapped up in a towel and was very sick," Lexie Peterson said. "She had lost so much weight, was dehydrated and had probably used her last ounce of strength."

The Petersons rushed her to a veterinarian, where the prognosis was grim.

"The vet said she maybe had one more day," Lexie said.

Trippy remained at the veterinary office for nearly a week, receiving fluids, minerals and food before returning home.

Her return was an unexpected wedding gift for the couple, who married Nov. 1 — one week before Trippy made it back. They had adopted her the day she was born.

"She's doing great now," Lexie Peterson said. "She's gained her weight back and is very snuggly, jumping on beds and onto our laps — things she had

▶ Trippy relaxing at home after her 53-day ordeal. (Photo provided)

never done before."

Bobby Peterson agreed, calling her "very embracing."

Trippy is not the only pet in the household. The Petersons are also fostering two cats.

In a twist of coincidence, Trippy lives next door to a three-legged dog named Pirate, who is missing the same leg. Pirate, a Great Pyrenees-pointer mix, is a rescue found on a street in Mississippi.

"The vet who amputated his leg named him Pirate because he was missing a leg," said owner Andrea Babb, who lives between the Petersons and the Drapalas.

Babb praised the neighborhood's efforts to help find Trippy.

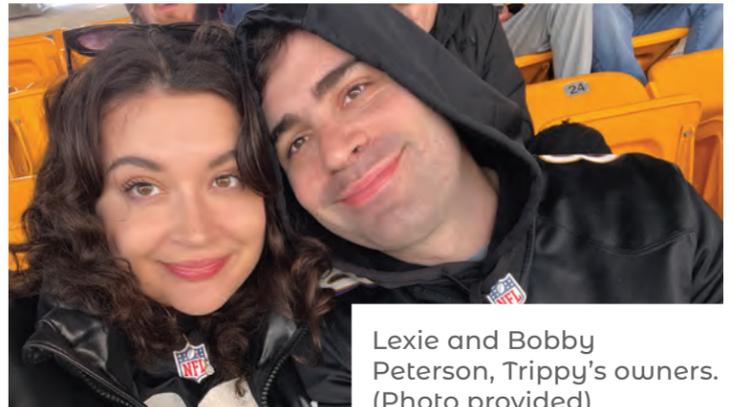
"They did so much," she said. "All of the kids here were looking for Trippy and made signs," including her young daughter, Charlotte Lepore.

When Lexie Peterson posted on the Mission Hills Facebook page that Trippy had returned, the page filled with well wishes from neighbors who had been following the search.

The Petersons have owned their Mt. Lebanon home for just over four months, closing July 21. They said the experience strengthened their connection to the neighborhood.



▲ Pirate, Trippy's next-door canine pal, is also missing the same leg as Trippy — an ironic "doggone" coincidence. (Photo provided)



Lexie and Bobby Peterson, Trippy's owners. (Photo provided)

Lexie Peterson is an attorney, and Bobby Peterson is a senior recruiter for a software company.

They also now oversee a resilient cat whose nine lives, it seems, remain intact. ♥

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Medallion Ball honors local girls

Young women recognized for completing 150 hours of volunteer work through St. Lucy's Auxiliary *By Eleazer Gorenstein*

For 14 young women from Mt. Lebanon High School, Black Friday was their chance to shine as genuinely deserving "belles of the ball."

The Medallion Ball, sponsored annually by St. Lucy's Auxiliary since 1964, held its latest event Nov. 28 at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown. The Mt. Lebanon contingent was part of the 78 girls honored this year.

St. Lucy's Auxiliary is an all-female volunteer organization that works with sponsors and partners on projects benefiting people in Pittsburgh who are blind or visually impaired. The Ball formally celebrates the young women who complete the junior medallion program by performing significant volunteer service.

St. Lucy's Auxiliary

President Rhodora Noethling said the organization's mission has two parts: encouraging a lifelong commitment to volunteer service in young women and raising funds for the visually impaired. All girls invited to the Ball receive the Joan of Arc Medallion from the bishop of the Catholic Diocese. Also vital to the Ball's success are Amanda Carvelli, chairperson, and Kate Evans, co-chair.

"We recognize young women who have made meaningful contributions to their communities through 150 hours of community service completed over three years — from the end of eighth grade through the end of their junior year," Noethling said. "They can volunteer right in their own neighborhoods, or they can volunteer nationally or even internationally on

mission trips. What connects them is that all their service is done with nonprofit organizations."

The auxiliary places no restrictions on where participants must volunteer, as long as their work is done with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Many girls serve through their churches, local nonprofits, hospitals and mission trips.

Mt. Lebanon senior, Kathryn Hart said she joined St. Lucy's Auxiliary because she wanted her service to have a lasting impact.

"I wanted to be part of the St. Lucy's Auxiliary for the Blind because I think that this organization goes to a great cause," Hart said. "I also wanted to be part of something bigger and give back to the community."

She recalled a mission trip as her most meaningful volunteer experience.

"My favorite memory from my volunteer service was on a mission trip," she said. "My group and I were helping a disabled man who was in a wheelchair who lived in a cluttered house due to hoarding. As the next two days passed, the house still required more cleaning and organization, but it was much easier for him to get around and actually live in it. When we said our good-byes, he was so grateful that he started crying tears of joy and told us how important this was. I will forever cherish this memory."

Another Mt. Lebanon senior, Audrey Heim, said she was drawn to the program because it pushed her to explore a wide range of volunteer opportunities.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to complete service, and it motivated me to find diverse places to vol-

unteer," Heim said. "I really enjoyed that process."

Her favorite memories come from her time volunteering at the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh.

"My favorite memory was volunteering at the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh and being able to walk over 150 dogs during my two years of service," she said. "I had the best opportunity to practice behavioral enrichment with the dogs, and I truly saw a difference in the volunteering I was doing. Starting in 10th grade, I realized I had a strong passion for it, and two years later, I know I will continue doing it for years to come."

Senior Reese Hall said she cherished the opportunity to serve.

"It means a lot to me to be part of a community where we all want to serve others," Hall said. "My



Medallion Ball attendees from Mt. Lebanon, from left, Ella McBane, Sarah Kushnir, Scarlett Sweeney, Ainsley Schmidt, Audrey Heim and Reese Hall. (Photo provided)



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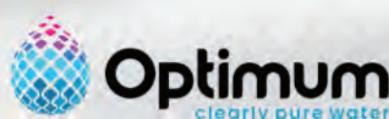
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Is for their community service

▼ Mt. Lebanon seniors Ryan Kokot and Reese Hall attend the Medallion Ball. (Photo provided)



▼ Mt. Lebanon senior Adam Melham and Mt. Lebanon resident and Shady Side Academy senior Sarah Kushnir attend the Medallion Ball. (Photo by Ron Richards Photography)



▲ From left: Ted and Rhodora Noethling, President; Tommy and Kate Evans, Ball Co-Chair; Bishop Mark Eckman; and Amanda and A.J. Carvelli, Ball Chair. (Photo by Ron Richards Photography)

favorite memory was when I volunteered at my local church, St. Bernard's Fish Fry, during Lent. My sister and I would spend our Friday nights serving dessert to members of the church."

Another Mt. Lebanon senior, Hayden Maher, said she was drawn to the auxiliary long before she was eligible to join.

"I heard about it in middle school," Maher said. "I was obsessed with period pieces and the idea of going to the Ball, so when I found out there was a way to do that, I immediately signed up. I also have always enjoyed volunteering, so I was happy to do that part as well."

Her favorite memory came during her freshman year, while volunteering

weekly as a catechist's aide.

"For my service hours, I volunteered every Wednesday for faith formation at my church," she said. "One night, I went to a high school basketball game with my friends. In the middle of the game, I heard my name being shouted but couldn't tell from where. I looked across the gym and saw all the girls from my CCD class waving and shouting my name excitedly. It was so sweet. Creating a connection and bond with the kids throughout the year is always my favorite part and makes it so worth it."

As for the Ball itself, Noethling described it as a deeply formal and meaningful tradition.

"The Medallion Ball is truly a special and elegant

tradition," she said. "The young women wear white ball gowns and gloves, and the gentlemen are in white tie and tails. We begin with a receiving line with the Catholic bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese, which sets a gracious and celebratory tone for the evening."

The night includes a seated dinner, dancing, and a waltz and promenade performed by the debutantes. One of the most significant moments, Noethling said, is when the young women receive their Joan of Arc medallions, followed by the alumni waltz, where past honorees join in — a gesture that highlights the tradition's generational continuity.

"The bishop also shares his remarks each year," she said. "This year, Bishop

Mark Eckman was exceptional and inspiring. He talked about light and St. Lucy, and how hopeful the future feels because of the young women and gentlemen in the room. He spoke about how they're building a spirit of service and reminded us that the Lord asks us to love, and that's exactly what service like this is: loving one another."

To date, after 61 Medallion Balls, more than 5,700 young women have received the Joan of Arc Medallion. Collectively, St. Lucy's Auxiliary participants have contributed more than 1.6 million hours of service, and the auxiliary has donated more than \$4.8 million to organizations supporting people in Pittsburgh who are blind or visually impaired.

Noethling said the organization's mission continues to inspire.

"I think it's special to recognize that the vision of our organization is to embrace mothers and daughters — mothers who want to encourage their daughters to volunteer and use this as a pathway forward," she said. "We're now in our fourth generation of women doing this work, and it's exciting that something has lasted for so many decades here in Pittsburgh. The organization is run by volunteers, driven by this desire of moms to instill in their daughters the importance of serving others."

For those interested in getting involved with St. Lucy's Auxiliary to the Blind, visit stlucysauxiliary.org. ♥

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Mt. Lebanon to host first public Chanukah celebration

Menorah added to holiday display after community advocacy By David Rullo

The streets of Mt. Lebanon are set to glow a little brighter this holiday season.

That's because for the first time, a menorah will be included in the municipality's holiday display at Clearview Common on Washington Road.

As part of the celebration, a group of Mt. Lebanon residents held a menorah lighting on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m. that included rabbis from all three of the South Hill's synagogues—Beth El Con-

gregation of the South Hills, Chabad of the South Hills and Temple Emanuel of South Hills.

The menorah's inclusion is a victory for the Jewish community, who rallied at a January commission meeting and advocated for public recognition of the holiday. The charge was initially led by Chabad's Rabbi Mendy Rosenblum who had spent the last three years championing a public menorah and Chanukah parade.

Charlene Tissenbaum, one of the organizers of this year's menorah lighting, spoke at the commission meeting earlier this year.

When she learned that the municipality intended to include a menorah this year, she felt that the significance of the moment shouldn't be ignored.

Tissenbaum enlisted the aid of Mt. Lebanon residents Eva Gelman and Stacey Reibach.

Temple Emanuel's Rabbi Aaron Meyer said Mt.

Lebanon officials deserve a thank you for including the menorah.

"I'm so grateful to Mt. Lebanon Municipal Manager Keith McGill, Rev. Noah Evans and the Civic Engagement Board, and the Mt. Lebanon Commissioners for hearing and acting upon the concerns of the Jewish community," he said.

Those words were echoed by Beth El's Rabbi Alex Greenbaum who said the resident organized menorah lighting struck the right tone.

"It's perfect," he said. "I don't need any more."

As for Rosenblum who hosts Chanukah celebrations in both Dormont and Washington, he said the victory is the celebration.

"It's unbelievable in this largely Christian suburb of Pittsburgh that the holiday spirit is being ushered in with Chanukah."

In addition to the menorah lighting the celebration will include holiday favorites like gelt, dreidels and donuts. ♥

Uptown Winter Market & Beverly Brite Night festivities

(All photos by Zachary Smith)



SPORTS

Mt. Lebanon Girls Chase Another Trip to “the Pete”

Senior leadership, team chemistry and offseason work spark high expectations

By Scarlett Sweeney

After winning the WPIAL championship and finishing as runners-up in the PIAA state championship in 2022, Mt. Lebanon girls' basketball is hungry for another trip to “the Pete.” Four years later, the team believes this could be the season they return, thanks to extensive offseason work and a tight-knit roster.

Senior captain Reese Hall said her final season means everything to her. Hall has Division III offers from Allegheny College, Dickinson and Washington & Jefferson.

“I have worked so hard to get to where I am today, even through the challenges I faced along the way,” Hall said. “Being a senior means I am one of the people the underclassmen look up to,

and I want to be someone they can rely on and count on as a leader.”

After a 46–45 win against Chartiers Valley on Dec. 4, Hall said her personal goal — and the team's — is clear: make it back to the Pete and compete for another WPIAL title.

“I think we have the ability to do so because we have so many talented players on our team, and we mix so well together,” she said. “I want to continue to work hard every day and strive to be the best player I can be while enjoying and cherishing my last year playing for Lebo basketball.”

Returning junior starter Elizabeth Twyman said last season's semifinal loss to

Upper St. Clair has fueled their motivation.

She has also felt the shift in responsibility that comes with becoming an upper-classman.

“I notice how I am more involved in bigger decisions regarding the team dynamic,” Twyman said. “Even during practice, most of the younger players are asking questions and wanting feedback that the upperclassmen are required to know. Being a junior also means I need to bring energy to the team environment so that we can all create chemistry on and off the court.”

Both players emphasized the strength of the team's chemistry this season.



2025-26 Mt. Lebanon High School basketball team. (Photo by Adam Feth)

Twyman noted that the team holds a Secret Santa exchange to bond outside of basketball, while Hall said the team is exceptionally supportive of one another, leading to strong commu-

nication and energy during practices and games.

For Hall, the bond between upper- and underclassmen is especially meaningful this year because

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Lebo boys set sights on first WPIAL title since 2019

Experienced core and rising juniors aim to break through after three straight semifinal losses

By Scarlett Sweeney

After three years of devastating semifinal losses, the Mt. Lebanon boys' basketball team is on the hunt for its first WPIAL championship since 2019. With four returning starters and a developing young bench, the goal isn't just returning to the semifinals — it's finishing the job.

Senior captain and four-year varsity player Liam Sheely opened the season with 22 points against Allderdice in the North Hills Tournament. Sheely earned first-team all-section honors in both his sophomore and junior seasons and was the team's leading scorer last year. As a sophomore, he scored a career-high 30 points.

After missing the first half of last season with a broken hand and losing his senior AAU season to a dislocated shoulder, Sheely said he is ready to give everything to his final year.

“Coming back from that both mentally and physically was very challenging, but it's exciting to be healthy again,” Sheely said. “It's the most important year and the last chance for all of us seniors to win something big for ourselves and our teammates.”

Sheely said he wants to showcase more than his

scoring this season, after averaging 17.6 points per game last year.

“Everyone knows I can shoot, but I want to pass, rebound and defend better than I have in the past few years,” he said.

Junior Santino Fiumara returns after providing a major spark last season, including a game-winning layup with 4.7 seconds left to upset Central Catholic 50–48. He said the competitiveness of daily practices pushes the team to improve.

“Every day when we play, it gets very competitive, and everyone on the team is looking for a spot to play,” Fiumara said. “Everyone is trying to bring their best every day, and when you're playing against good competition, it also helps you start playing better.”

Fiumara hopes to become one of the team's top defenders while also bringing consistent energy to practices and games.

Both Sheely and Fiumara said the team's shared goal is clear: win a WPIAL title.

“We have fallen short of it the last two years,” Fiumara said. “But this year, we have the pieces to go all the way and come out with a championship. The team isn't

expecting anything less, and we all have the same goal.”

Sheely described this year's group with one word — ready — reflecting the confidence and chemistry that have formed during the offseason.

“The best way to describe this year's team is ready,” Sheely said. “Everyone seems to have the same goals for the season and the same drive in practice. We're returning a lot of guys from last year, so everyone has experience and knows what it takes to be good.”

Fiumara agreed, noting how the seniors' leadership has strengthened the team both on and off the court.

“The most important thing the seniors have taught me is to stay together,” Fiumara said. “Everyone has been playing together ever since youth basketball. Almost every day we're doing something after practice, so I've learned that once you build a bond with the people you play with, it can translate on the court.”

Sheely hopes to continue his basketball career in college, but his main focus this season is playing for his teammates, many of whom are competing in their final year of organized basketball.



2025-26 Mt. Lebanon High School boy's basketball team. (Photo provided)

“The thought that these games are some of my teammates' last games of organized basketball they'll ever play just makes each game so much more important,” Sheely said.

Fiumara said younger players can make an impact by bringing effort and intensity every day.

“Always show up bringing everything you've got,” he said. “Make not only yourself, but the people around you better. Try to push everyone around you to be better every day.”

Sheely also encouraged younger players to embrace every moment and learn from each opportunity.

“Just have fun, work hard and don't make excuses,”

Sheely said. “It goes by way faster than you think, so make as many memories as possible.”

Both players emphasized the value of staying united through challenges.

“We've all been through a lot of ups and downs in previous seasons, and we've stayed strong going through it together,” Fiumara said. “I'm proud to be part of the basketball family here at Lebo.”

Sheely agreed. “No matter what happens on the court, I'll remember this season as some of the most fun times in my life,” he said. “There's nothing more fun than being on a team with a bunch of guys who are all as close as we are.” ♥



Graham Resler's Road to Recovery and Self-Discovery

How one shift changed this hockey player's life By Lauren Cefalo Moore

In August 2024, Mt. Lebanon hockey player Graham Resler dislocated his knee-cap laterally after taking a hit during a game. He tore his medial patellofemoral ligament, requiring surgery and a projected six- to eight-month recovery. Just like that, Resler's future took an unexpected turn.

Resler's love for hockey began when he was 4 years old in Sidney Crosby's Little Penguins Learn to Play program at the Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center. At age 5, he joined the Mt. Lebanon Hornets, where he played for the next 12 years. His weeknights, weekends and most of his childhood centered around the sport. Hockey was Resler's life.

By the summer of 2024, he felt on top of his game.

"I was in the best shape of my life, about to start another season with my Hornets and varsity teams. I felt great," Resler recalled.

That confidence lasted until one shift in a preseason Hornets game in Altoona.

"I took a hit and remember hearing my knee pop," he said. "I kept playing, but I knew something wasn't right."

For the first time, Resler found himself without hockey.

"I'll be honest... I had some really down times and had to isolate myself," he said. "It was so hard being around hockey when I knew I couldn't play."

With support from his family and a friend navigating a similar injury, Resler set a goal to return stronger than before. Over the next several months, he completed physical therapy, rode the Peloton and lifted weights daily. He logged countless hours of training and was making strong progress.

Then something unexpected happened: he developed an interest in the stock market. He began investing his own money, researching blue-chip companies on his iPhone while pedaling through workouts.

"I had a new passion that was getting me up every day even when my knee was painful," he said.

Maybe there was more to life than hockey after all. Well—not so fast.

In just five months, Resler's work paid off. He was cleared to return to the ice, just in time for his Hornets U16AA team's two must-win games to close the

regular season. The Hornets won both, qualifying for the District Championships. They won Districts. That victory sent them to the State Championships. They won States. And the State title earned them a spot in the USA Hockey Tier II National Tournament, where the team placed third and Resler finished as the tournament's second-highest point-earner.

Because of his performance, Resler was selected to the National All-Star Team—an outstanding achievement for any player, let alone one who wasn't supposed to be back in the lineup at all.

"To see a kid go from a season-ending injury to the national all-tournament team is remarkable... love watching Graham play," Hornets head coach Scot Lehman said.

Resler had reached his goal. He came back better than ever.

"It was a true high for me," he said.

But the high didn't last. Continued pain and scar tissue required a second knee surgery in May 2025. Both surgeries were performed by Mt. Lebanon resident and graduate Dr.



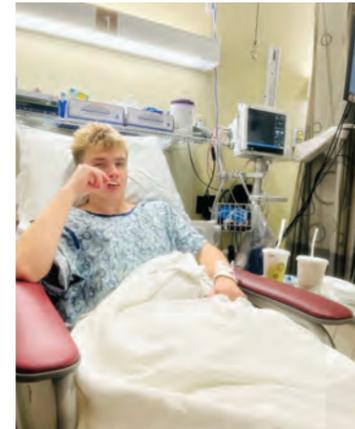
Resler back on the ice for the Blue Devils. (Photo provided)

Bob Schilken, an orthopedic sports-medicine specialist whom the Resler family credits for exceptional care.

Although the second surgery involved less pain and a shorter recovery, Resler knew his hockey future might change.

"Through hockey I have experienced my greatest accomplishments, as well as my greatest disappointments, and they usually follow one another," he said.

Now a high school senior, Resler has hung up his Hornets jersey to focus his final year on varsity hockey—where he is averaging nearly a point per game—and his future plans. He is deciding which college to attend



Resler in hospital after injury. (Photo provided)

next fall and intends to major in finance, hoping to pursue a career in the investment industry, possibly overseas. He also plans to continue playing hockey at some level and is grateful for what the injury taught him about hard work and perseverance.

"Maybe I'll continue to surprise myself on the ice, or perhaps my love for investments will flourish and I'll make a million dollars," he said. "Hopefully both happen, but I know whatever the result, it's going to be up to me."

To catch Resler and the Mt. Lebanon High School varsity hockey team as they make their run at the PIHL playoffs, visit lebohockey.com for the game schedule. ♥

Mt. Lebanon senior Evie Smith commits to Notre Dame rowing

Three Rivers Youth Rowing standout to join Division I program By Scarlett Sweeney

After years of rigorous academics, early-morning lifts and long practices, Mt. Lebanon senior Evie Smith has committed to the University of Notre Dame rowing program, one of the nation's top Division I women's teams.

Rowing is a team sport dating back to the 18th century and typically features four to eight athletes in a boat. The sport includes two disciplines: sweep rowing, in which each athlete uses one oar, and sculling, where each athlete uses two. Smith competes primarily in sculling with her club team, Three Rivers Youth Rowing, though all NCAA women's rowing is sweep-based.

Smith was introduced to rowing by her aunt, a former University of Pennsylvania rower, and a neighbor who competed at the collegiate level. Having participated in swimming, track and cross country since elementary school, Smith already had a strong endurance base that translated well to rowing.

Her neighbor had Smith complete a 2,000-meter test, the standard distance used in recruit-

ing evaluations. That experience led her to attend several rowing camps before eventually joining a club team in downtown Pittsburgh.

Smith began the recruiting process later than many of her peers but said it became one of the most rewarding experiences of her athletic career. Her top schools included Duke, Navy, Southern California and Notre Dame, where she ultimately felt the best fit.

"While I really loved all the teams and coaches I talked to, a big part of my decision was that going to Notre Dame offered me the opportunity to compete at one of the highest levels both athletically and academically," Smith said. "I also get to do it alongside my sister."

Smith will join her sister, Lily Smith, a junior on Notre Dame's rowing team, when she arrives on campus in South Bend.

One of the biggest misconceptions about rowing, Smith said, is that it is an easy sport. In reality, she describes it as one of the most physically demanding activities she has ever done. Her training



Evie Smith (Photo provided)

schedule includes 2½-hour afternoon practices and 1½-hour morning sessions twice a week.

"Rowing, like swimming and running, can be very long, hard and monotonous sometimes," Smith said. "But on those days, I tell myself that being miserable isn't going to make it any easier,

so I might as well enjoy every moment."

The lessons Smith has learned on the water extend beyond rowing. She said the discipline and mental toughness the sport demands have helped prepare her for academic challenges as well.

"I do hard things, whether that is a tough practice or a hard test," Smith said. "Through early-morning practices and days when I didn't feel my best, I've learned that I am capable of so much more than I think."

Smith credits her father as having the greatest influence on her mental approach to athletics.

"Those lessons about pushing through uncomfortable situations and always giving your best have helped me in every aspect of my life," she said.

For athletes navigating the recruiting process, Smith encourages persistence.

"Don't be afraid to put yourself out there and email coaches," she said. "While coaches care about times, they're also recruiting great teammates and leaders." ♥



Lebo moms launch early learning center

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"I would be doing my profession a disservice if I didn't inspire people to continue on, Boal said. Although it's not great for the business model, it's what's best for the human model."

Angela Spieler will serve as the center's director, with Mercedes Duncan as assistant director. Lead teachers Chrissy Daube and Molly Dam live in Mt. Lebanon. Other team members include Caitlin Graham Clark, a former NICU nurse, as well as Lauren Jabara, Marissa Joyce, and Rachel Rezmerski.

The partners are also thrilled about a connection made through Joy Givens, who was leading an English learning group for several local moms from Afghanistan and Pakistan. Falak Nusrat, Fara Khiabani, and Maryam Barakzay will join the team as support staff.

"We want our community to be better. We want our experience to be better. We want families to feel like we are invested in this place," Boal said. "We want the experience to be so good for them that we can feel proud."

For parent Sam Gagliardi, returning to the workforce after being a stay-at-home mom has been a challenge.

"Trying to time waitlists with job offers can be even tougher," Gagliardi said.

Despite delays in the center's opening, she says the owners have gone above and beyond to ease the transition.

"Luckily, the owners connected our family with one of their teachers who was looking for nanny work, so our son is taken care of. We are eager for him to get to school, but we feel grateful to have our needs met for the time being, as I know not every family can say that."

The early learning center is expected to open its doors in January, with more than 60 families already enrolled. And the potential for growth arrived sooner than expected: the partners recently signed a lease for a second location on Bower Hill Road.

That site will house Honey Bee Haven Kids, launching with two weeks of winter break camps in late December. Plans



Owner Ashely Hauck and her family Gavin (10), Shay (8), Ashley, and husband, Ryan. (Photo provided)



Jenn and Ryan Boal with their children, Conner, 13 (red shirt); Collin, 6 (blue shirt); Aaron, 4; and Aiden, 4 (green shirts). (Photo provided)

are already underway for spring break and summer camps as well. Come fall, the Bower Hill Road location will expand again—this time offering programs for kindergarten through fifth grade. ♥

Lebo athletes earn all-conference honors

Nine Mt. Lebanon athletes received all-conference honors at the Big 56 Conference banquet held Dec. 11.

The athletes recognized for their performances in their respective sports include:

FOOTBALL

Jack Steiner, guard
Joseph Malone, defensive end
Patrick Smith, quarterback

BOYS SOCCER

Ignatios Darakos, forward
Caleb Campanaro, goalkeeper
Miko Perkovich, defender

GIRLS SOCCER

Ava Heidenreich, defender
Lucy Pryor, forward
Becca Braunsdorf, midfielder

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her sister, Rylee, is a freshman. It's the first time they've shared a team since they were children.

"My sister and I have been playing basketball together ever since we were younger," Hall said. "We were both always so competitive, especially when we would play against each other. My sister means so much to me, and getting to play on the same court as her means the world."

Twyman credited past seniors for shaping the program's culture.

"Since my freshman year, I have looked up to the seniors on and off the court," Twyman said. "One important lesson they've taught me is to move on from a hard loss or bad game. Holding on to things from the past only hurts your abilities as a player and can crush the overall team dynamic."

Both players said shooting is one of the team's strengths. Twyman said the roster features skilled guards and several forwards capable of hitting 3-pointers in practice. She added that rebounding — on both ends of the floor — is a major point of emphasis this season.

Beyond chasing another WPIAL championship, Hall said she is motivated by her family, teammates and her love for the game.

"My family has always been so supportive of me in everything I do, and I appreciate all the time they've put into watching me play," Hall said. "My teammates

motivate me to work harder every day, and I want to play for them and accomplish our goals this season. I've loved basketball since I was little, so for my final season, I want to make the most of everything and keep doing what makes me happy."

Twyman said the coaching staff plays a major role in her drive to improve.

"I know how much faith my coaches have in me, which makes me want to get better every day," she said. "The entire coaching staff sees my full potential even in times when I play bad, which makes me show up every day and allows me to work hard and set a good example for the younger girls."

She said confidence is a message she stresses to them often.

"Getting on the court nervous is normal, but having confidence is a game-changer," Twyman said. "This allows you to stay dialed in during games, and ultimately is what makes good players great."

Hall echoed that message and encouraged younger players to appreciate every moment.

"Never give up on yourself and work to get better every single day, even when you're faced with challenges and obstacles," Hall said. "Make the most out of every practice, game and team dinner. It really does go by so fast, so always cherish the moments you have on and off the court with your teammates." ♥



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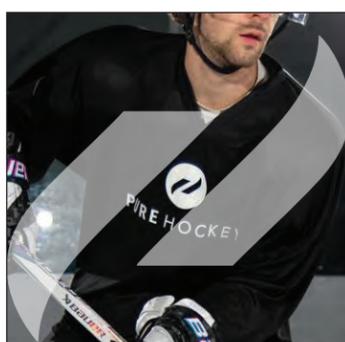
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<p>Access Device Fraud-Use Counterfeit/Altered Device-Enhanced Grading - Value Is \$500 or More 500 Block Greenhurst Drive</p> <p>Theft by Unlawful Taking-Movable – Larceny Amount Taken Equals or Exceeds \$200 300 Block Castle Shannon Blvd.</p> <p>Identity Theft Basic Charge - Less Than \$2000 900 Block Osage Road</p> <p>Retail Theft-Take Merchandise- Enhanced Grading – 1st or 2nd Offense and Value \$150 Or More Bower Hill Road & Cochran Road</p> <p>Disorderly Conduct-Obscene Language/Gesture 900 Block Cedar Blvd.</p> <p>Terroristic Threats-General 000 Block Castle Shannon Blvd.</p> <p>Theft by Unlawful Taking-Movable – From Building, Amount Taken Was More</p>	<p>Than \$50.00 300 Block Castle Shannon Blvd.</p> <p>Access Device Fraud-Use Counterfeit/Altered Device-Enhanced Grading - Value Is \$500 or More 1000 Block Firwood Drive</p> <p>Theft by Unlawful Taking-Movable – Larceny Amount Taken Was More Than \$2,000 700 Block Bower Hill Road</p> <p>Theft of Mail, Unlawful Taking, 3rd or more Offense or value exceeds \$2000 300 Bower Hill Road & Cochran Road</p> <p>Recklessly Endangering Another Person, w/o Negligence 600 Block Washington Road</p> <p>Identity Theft Basic Charge - Less Than \$2000 000 Block Academy Road</p> <p>Identity Theft Basic Charge - Less Than \$2000 400 Block Royce Road</p>	<p>Criminal Mischief-Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- Basic Charge-\$500 Or Less Washington Road and Alfred Street</p> <p>Terroristic Threats-General 100 Block Cochran Road</p> <p>Theft by Deception-False Impression- Amount Taken Equals or Exceeds \$200 200 Block of Buchanan Place</p> <p>Altered, Forged or Counterfeit Documents and Plates 300 Block Castle Shannon Blvd.</p> <p>Propulsion of Missiles into Occupied Vehicle 100 Block Stadium Drive</p> <p>Access Device Fraud-Use Another's Device Without Authorization-Enhanced Grading 700 Block Washington Road</p> <p>DUI Washington Road & Cochran Road</p>
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Full-Circle moment: Clougherty sworn in on family Bible

Mt. Lebanon's new School Director honors great-grandfather's 1945 tradition *By Stacey Reibach*

Being sworn in as a Mt. Lebanon School Director is a special moment on its own. For newly elected School Director Tim Clougherty, it was also a full-circle family moment: he placed his hand on the same Bible his great-grandfather used when elected to the East Pittsburgh School Board in 1945.

Clougherty's great-grandfather, Patrick "Packy" Clougherty, was born in 1889 to an Irish immigrant family in East Pittsburgh. After a stint in the Philadelphia Athletics minor league system, Packy returned home and worked at Edgar Thomson Steel Works until his retirement.

Tim Clougherty is unsure whether 1945 marked Packy's first election or a re-election year, but he knows the Bible used during that ceremony was the same one he used

Dec. 1 when taking his oath as a Mt. Lebanon School Director. Packy Clougherty served on the school board until 1971, when East Pittsburgh merged with Turtle Creek, finishing his tenure at age 82. He died in 1975.

"Education was important to Packy, and he instilled that value in all his children, including my father, Robert, who became a beloved teacher at East Pittsburgh High School," Clougherty said. "He wanted all of his children and grandchildren to excel in school as a way to build a better life. That spirit lives on today in what my wife and I are teaching our daughters."

Clougherty said his aunt, Mary Ellen Faulkner, had kept the Bible and brought it to him from Florida for the ceremony.



Tim Clougherty being sworn in on Dec. 1. (Photo provided)

Asked what he was thinking during the moment, Clougherty said, "I was building on the legacy of those who have come before me and hoping I will be worthy to act as an example for the next generation." ♥

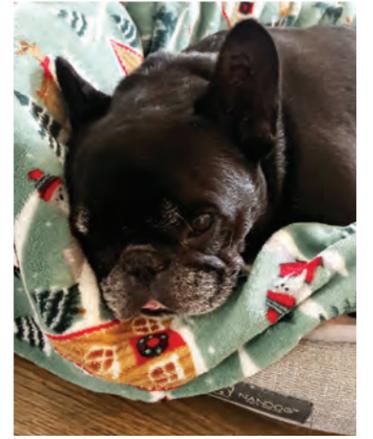
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Celebrating Mt. Lebanon's beloved dogs

Meet Molly & Sammy



Sammy gets the side eye from dad, Kevin Beamon. (Photo provided)



Molly chilling on her favorite blanket and bed. (Photo provided)

Molly is a French bulldog. Sammy is a terrier mix.

- 🐾 Our favorite humans are the Beamon family.
- 🐾 Our favorite toy is the cat!!!
- 🐾 Our favorite treat is anything edible.
- 🐾 Our favorite thing to do besides eating and sleeping is to chase squirrels.
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