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Mt. Lebanon School Board Appoints Strauss to Fill Vacancy

Rev. Dr. Laura Strauss selected by 6-2 vote after public interview process *By Stacey Reibach*

On Monday, Feb. 9, the Mt. Lebanon School Board selected a candidate to fill the seat vacated last month by the resignation of Jake Wyland. Twelve residents applied and were interviewed during public interviews held at the Jan. 26 school board meeting.

Interview responses were evaluated using standard questions and a simple scoring rubric. The rubrics were submitted to the board secretary, who

compiled the scores. The three highest-scoring candidates were announced at the Feb. 9 meeting.

Residents and taxpayers were then invited to speak to advocate for the candidate they felt would be best. Following public comment, school directors were permitted to nominate their candidate of choice for the vacancy. Two of the three finalists received nominations from current school directors. A roll call vote was held, and by



Rev. Dr. Laura Strauss (Photo provided)

a 6-2 vote, the Rev. Dr. Laura Strauss was appointed to fill the vacancy. She was imme-

diately sworn in by Board Secretary Kimberly Walters.

Strauss has served as pastor of Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church for the past six years. She and her spouse, Ethan, have lived in Mt. Lebanon for 13 years. Their 11-year-old son attends Lincoln Elementary School. Strauss holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and art history from Chatham University and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

She recently completed her Doctor of Ministry degree, with a focus on neighborhood engagement.

When asked what she loves about Mt. Lebanon, Strauss responded, "I love the walkability of Mt. Lebanon — the way a quick errand can turn into real conversations on the sidewalk. I love that people here look out for one another's children. There's a shared understanding that kids

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Susan Tracey Brings Local Roots to Statewide Library Leadership

Mt. Lebanon resident begins two-year term as president of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries *By Laurie Garvey*

Mt. Lebanon resident Susan Tracey is stepping into a new chapter of statewide library leadership as she begins a two-year term as president of the Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries. Her appointment follows the completion of a two-year term as vice president, continuing a long record of service and advocacy on behalf of libraries and the communities they serve.

PCBL is a statewide organization dedicated to championing strong, well-funded libraries and the best possible library services for all Pennsylvanians. Its membership reflects the broad reach of library advocacy, bringing together librarians, library trustees, government officials, Friends groups and everyday citizens who value access to information, education and lifelong learning. In her new role, Tracey will help guide PCBL's efforts to raise awareness, influence policy and ensure libraries remain a vital public resource throughout the commonwealth.

Closer to home, Tracey has been a familiar and dedicated presence at the Mt. Lebanon Public Library. Her involvement began as a Book Cellar volunteer in 2011 and grew into board service with the Friends of the Mt. Lebanon Public Library in 2016. In 2021, she stepped into the role of president, leading fundraising and advocacy efforts that support Mt. Lebanon library programs, services and community engagement. As she begins her presi-

dency with PCBL, Tracey is preparing to transition out of her role as president of the Friends to focus her energy on statewide advocacy.

Guided by a favorite Fred Rogers quote, Tracey said, "You don't have to wait for a crisis to be a helper. If you see a need, step in."

Tracey's commitment to libraries is deeply personal. An avid reader and lifelong learner, she sees libraries as essential gateways to knowledge, opportunity and community connection. After



Susan Tracey (Photo provided)

retiring from Citizens Bank in 2009 as an assistant vice president in the Government

Group, Tracey has devoted her time and leadership skills to causes that reflect her belief in access to education and information for all.

As Tracey takes on this new leadership role, Mt. Lebanon can take pride in having one of its own advocating for libraries across Pennsylvania. Her passion, experience and dedication promise to make a meaningful impact — not only locally, but statewide — ensuring libraries continue to thrive for generations to come. ♥

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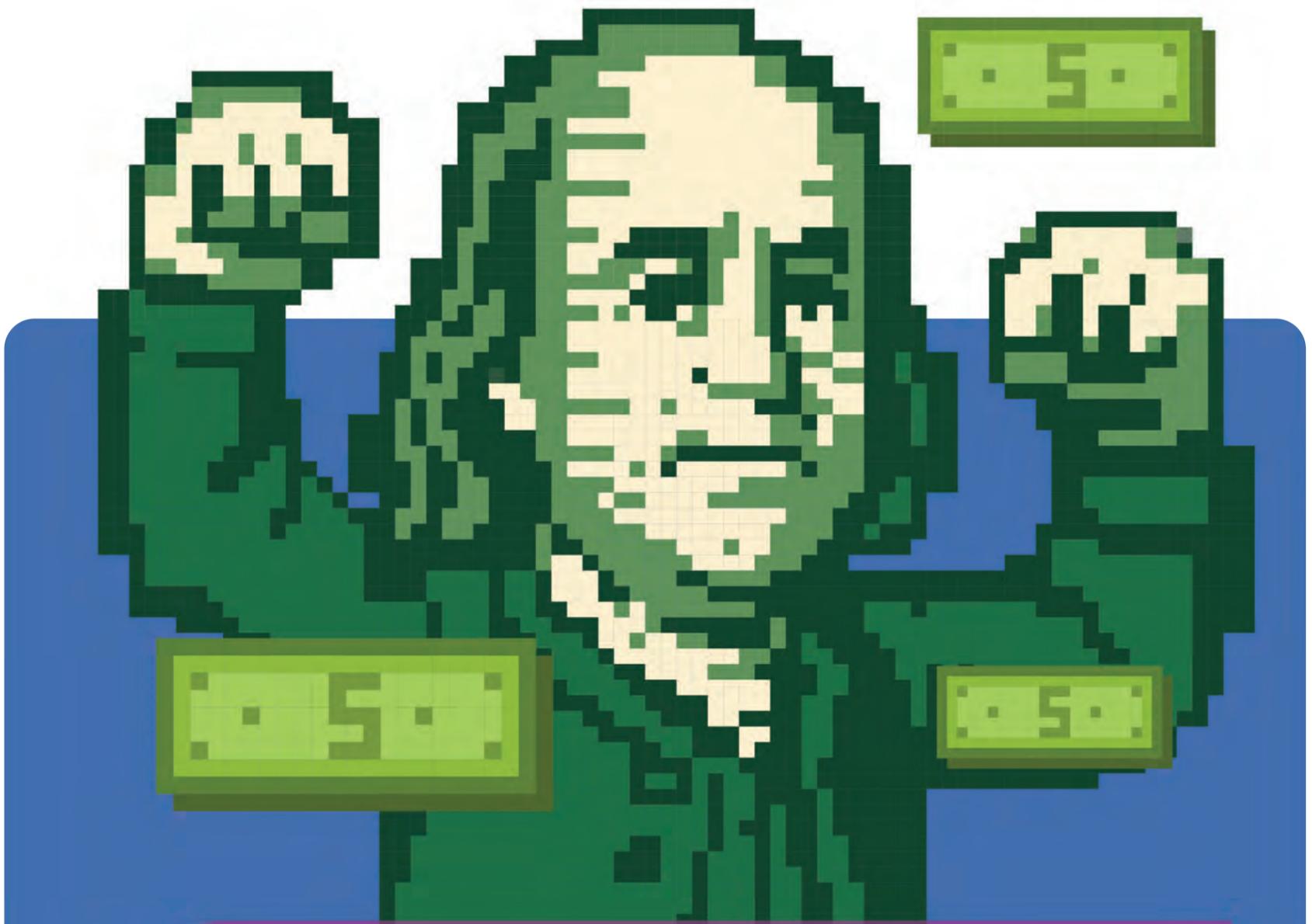
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Mt. Lebanon School District Calendar

MARCH 5

Mt. Lebanon High School Winter Sports Recognition Night
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: High School Auditorium

MARCH 6

Howe Family Bingo Night
Time: 6-9 p.m.
Location: High School Center Court

MARCH 7

High School Snowball Dance
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Location: High School Center Court

MARCH 10

High School Band Concert
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: High School Auditorium

MARCH 11 - 14

Mt. Lebanon Evening Theater Presents: Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare
Performance Dates: March 11-14
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Fine Arts Theatre (FAT)
Tickets: \$8 (not available online just yet).

About the Play: Much Ado About Nothing follows two very different love stories. Beatrice and Benedick engage in sharp-witted banter and reluctant romance, while Claudio and Hero's relationship is tested by a cruel deception. When false accusations threaten to derail love and trust, friends step in, misunderstandings unravel, and the truth ultimately prevails—leading to laughter, forgiveness, and celebration.

MARCH 12

Lincoln Elementary School Science Fair
Time: 6-8 p.m.

Jefferson Elementary School STEAM Spectacular
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 16-17

District Orchestra Concert
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: High School Auditorium

MARCH 18

Howe Elementary School Carnival
Time: 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Location: High School Center Court

MARCH 19

Washington Elementary School Open House
Dismissal for students at 2:15 p.m.
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 19 - 21

JMS Musical (High School Musical Jr) and MMS Musical (Little Mermaid Jr).
High School Musical Jr.
JMS Auditorium
March 19, 20, 21
All performances at 7 p.m.
Runtime approximately 75 min.
Tickets will go on sale to the public on Monday, February 23. Tickets are \$10 each, and cash only will be accepted. Tickets may be picked up at the JMS main office if you do not have a child at JMS who can purchase tickets. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the door on the nights of each performance. All shows begin at 7 p.m. at each respective school.

MARCH 24

Jefferson Elementary School & Lincoln Elementary School Open Houses
Dismissal for students at 2:15 p.m.
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

High School Masterworks Concert

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: TBD

MARCH 26

Howe STEAM Fair
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Mellon Elementary School Open House, Art Show & International Night

Dismissal for students at 2:15 p.m.
Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

High School Cum Laude Ceremony

7 p.m.

MARCH 27

Howe & Mellon Elementary School Spring Parties
Kindergarten AM – 10:30 a.m.
Kindergarten PM thru Grade 5 – 2:45 PM

Jefferson Elementary School Spring Glow Party
12 – 1 p.m.

School Board & PTA Meetings

MARCH 4

Mellon Middle School: PTA Council Meeting
9 a.m.

MARCH 6

Mellon Middle School: PTA Executive Council Meeting (Virtual)
9 a.m.

MARCH 9

School Board Policy Committee Meeting
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: High School Room D205

School Board Discussion Meeting

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: High School Room D205

MARCH 12

Mellon Middle School PTA Meeting
Time: 7 p.m.

MARCH 13

Foster Elementary School PTA Executive Meeting
Time: 1:30 p.m.

MARCH 16

School Board Regular Meeting
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: High School Room D205

MARCH 17

Howe Elementary School PTA Meeting & Elections
Time: 9:30 a.m.

MARCH 18

PTA Meetings
Howe Elementary School
Time: Board 12:45 p.m.
Time: General 7 p.m.
Washington Elementary School
Time: Board 6:30 p.m.
Time: General 7 p.m.
Lincoln Elementary School
Time: 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 19

PTA Meetings
Jefferson Elementary School
Time: 8:45 a.m.
Foster Elementary School
Time: 9:30 a.m.

MARCH 25

Mellon Elementary School Meeting & Elections
Time: 8:45 a.m.

MARCH 27

Jefferson Middle School PTA Meeting
Time: 8:45 p.m.

STREET BEAT



Were there any special people that helped you through the blizzard?

During the snow storm my friend Henry helped all the neighbors with snow removal from driveways and sidewalks which assisted many of us.

— John M, Old Farm Rd.



I wanted to thank my reliable and responsible landlord for helping us so quickly. Thank goodness for good landlords.

— Bonnie R, Helen Drive

I wanted to thank my neighbors Bryan and Joe and their families, for shoveling us out THREE times! My husband is just recovering from surgery and was unable to do it himself. They are the best neighbors!

— Debbie G, Orchard Drive



My wife and I, along with our four children and snow blower, tried to have fun with the snow while we worked. My next door neighbor gave us salt when we ran out. It was a real team effort amongst our family and neighbors!

— Al D, Main Entrance

Special thanks to my neighbors, Steve and Leslie and their family, who generously helped me by clearing my sidewalk and driveway. Just like my song says, "I'll get by with a little help from my friends"

— Ringo C, Abbey Road



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

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Good in the LEBOhood

Column to shares stories of kindness, connection and community By Tressa Glover

If you're ready for some good news, this column has you covered.

My name is Tressa Glover, and I'm the creator and host of the Yinz Are Good podcast and a Mt. Lebo resident. I grew up in the North Hills (shocking!) and made my way to the South Hills via New York City and Chicago. My Yinz Are Good podcast shares and celebrates the good stuff going on out there — the people who are helping folks in our communities, doing good deeds, lifting people up and providing hope.

I started the podcast, with no technical training whatsoever, in the middle of 2020, wanting to share the good news happening around us despite the difficult circumstances under which we were living. I wanted to connect us all in ways we desperately needed. So I carved out space in one of our closets (not a walk-in, by the way) and, with my iPhone in hand and my trusty mini Australian shepherd, Hazel, by my side, recorded my first episode. Now, five-and-a-half years later, we've dropped 196 episodes that have been listened to by people in 66 countries and territories. It's been incredibly uplifting to know so many people want to hear about the goodness happening all around us.

You may be thinking, "That's great, Tressa, but what can I expect from this column?" You can expect to

hear from your neighbors, your friends, your favorite teachers, shopkeepers and baristas. You can expect stories of kindness and goodness and notes of gratitude. This is not really my column, but our column. It will be a collection of all the good happening in our town.

And I'm going to kick it off with my own story of gratitude and appreciation for a neighbor who has become family. My story begins in 2018, with my aforementioned dog, Hazel, playing a prominent role.

We were living on Mabrick Avenue, and our fabulous neighbors, Aida and Jason, had recently introduced us to Aida's parents, who lived on Baywood. Hazel, who was 2 at the time, was not (and still isn't) a fan of strangers, especially those who approach her and dare start talking to her. This, however, did not deter Aida's mom, Hadzi, from attempting to befriend our dear pup. She would call to Hazel from across the street and toss pieces of banana to her. Hazel happily gobbled them up and, much to our surprise, never once barked at her. We kept a comfortable distance, just in case, but she never did.

Fast-forward to 2020, when Hazel was truly living her best life: All the humans were maintaining a respectable 6-foot distance from each other and keeping their conversations to a minimum. This is the kind of order and

self-restraint Hazel had always dreamed of. Then, one day, she and I were walking down Baywood and heard, "Hazel! Hazel!" being shouted in our direction. We both stopped and looked around but saw no one. We heard it again: "Hazel! Hazel!" Then I looked up and spotted her. Hadzi was standing on her second-floor balcony, waving excitedly to us. As soon as Hazel saw her, she sprinted over to their yard. Hadzi and I exchanged greetings, and then she gestured for Hazel and me to wait a moment. Hadzi popped inside and then reappeared with treats for Hazel, which she gently placed into a basket tied to her balcony railing. She slowly lowered the basket so I could give them to Hazel, as Hadzi smiled and clapped along.

I think of this moment often — when I was first overwhelmed by Hadzi's kindness. And I say "first" purposely here, as her capacity for generosity and thoughtfulness is vast. That gesture also marked the beginning of a friendship that perhaps neither one of us saw coming — a relationship that, on paper, might not make sense: this woman in her 70s and this woman in her 40s, who had only ever had brief conversations about the younger woman's dog. This gesture grew into hundreds more as the months and years wore on.

Hadzi began placing treats in the basket for me



Hadzi and Jafez Agovic happily at their posts on Baywood Ave. (Photo by Aida Agovic-Corna)

— fresh homemade pastries that were still warm. Sometimes I would have to finish our walk while balancing a china plate of pastries covered with plastic wrap. Soon, foregoing the basket, Hadzi would simply toss treats down to Hazel, who would leap into the air attempting to catch them. As social distancing faded away, Hadzi — or "Mrs.," as Hazel came to know her, out of respect — started meeting us outside on her walkway, and she and I would talk. And talk. And talk. I learned about her life and family in Bosnia. About the war. I learned what brings her joy, what makes her laugh and what her hobbies are. And she learned about me — my family, my friends, my work.

One day, she asked, as she always does, about my family, and I had to tell her that my mom had passed away suddenly a few days earlier. Her eyes filled with tears so quickly, as if she had known my mom herself. She hugged me tightly, and we just stood there in an embrace for a few minutes. Hazel somehow understood the moment and lay down quietly at our feet. The next day, Mrs. appeared at our front door with a bagful of food and a beautiful condolence card tucked inside.

Before we knew it, we started saying, "Goodbye, I love you!" at the end of each visit. And "Mr." — Hadzi's husband, Jafez — got involved as well, tossing treats to Hazel and loudly calling her name from blocks away if he saw us out and about. If they drove past us, they would pull their car over to give Hazel treats they kept inside just for her.

She calls me every Christmas Day to wish me a happy holiday.



Tressa Glover (Photo by Becky Thurner)



Hazel snuggled on the blanket "Mrs." made for her (Photo by Tressa Glover)

I learned how to make a traditional Eid al-Fitr dish for them for their celebration.

When she was out shopping, she bought me a pair of earrings she thought I would like.

I was given a gorgeous flower centerpiece after an event and took it right to her because I knew she'd love it.

She made a blanket for Hazel.

She had me over for brunch.

It's now, as you may have guessed, standard practice for Hazel to make a beeline for Baywood Avenue every time we go for a walk (which is four times a day, if you want to crunch those numbers). If Mr. and Mrs. aren't home, no worries. Hazel strategically positions herself in their front yard, in full view of the balcony, eagerly awaiting their return.

Hazel has still never barked at Mrs. She now comfortably takes treats right from her hand and lets her pet her whenever she wants. They say dogs instinctively know who the good people are. I'd have to say they're right.

You can share your good news via our Kindness Crates, currently located at Rollier's, Salon Vivace, Commonwealth Press and Babb Orthodontics. Just stop in and they'll point you in the right direction. You can also email me directly at yinzaregood@gmail.com. ♥

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Three Groups, One Mission: Clarifying Mt. Lebanon's Environmental Organizations

By Stacey Reibach

Since we are a community paper, we welcome local story ideas. This story came as a result of a suggestion from members of the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy. At a recent meeting, board members were discussing how their organization is often confused with Lebo Green and Move Lebo. Lebo Beat was asked if we might help to educate the community of the similarities (and differences) of the three organizations, while also showcasing ways that volunteers can get involved. ♥



OFFICIAL NAME	MT. LEBANON NATURE CONSERVANCY	MOVE LEBO	LEBO GREEN
Year founded	1984	2024	2008
Mission	Since 1984, Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy, a registered 501(c)(3) organization, has been working to promote the enhancement, growth and careful use of Mt. Lebanon's green spaces and to foster an appreciation of and respect for the environment.	Move Lebo is a 501 (c) (3) organization, independent of the municipality, working to improve the ways we get around. Our mission is to create a more connected community that prioritizes pedestrian safety and people-centered design.	We work with residents, elected officials, institutions, businesses, nonprofits, and the Mt. Lebanon Resiliency Advisory Board to educate the local community and to encourage the implementation of sustainable strategies. By offering fun and educational activities through strategic partnership with like-minded groups, we seek to inspire Mt. Lebanon residents to embrace sustainable living and inspire additional communities to do the same. We amplify our efforts by joining forces with other environmentally focused communities locally and around the world to effect lasting positive environmental change.
Website	www.lebonature.org or @lebonature on social media	www.movelebo.org or @movelebo on social media	www.mtlebogreen.org or on Facebook: "Earth Day in Mt. Lebanon"
Programs	We offer a variety of programs for all ages, from maple syruping and guided nature walks for all ages, to author talks, native plant programs and speakers. We also host the Green Reads Book Group with Mt. Lebanon Public Library. Each spring, we organize a native plant sale.	We focus on advocacy, action, outreach and education. We offer a variety of programs in each category such as a book club, a run club, a bike club, sidewalk cleanups, Citizen Street Data Initiative, Design Charrettes, Pack the Room Advocacy events, monthly happy hours, quarterly general meetings and more.	Throughout the year, the LeboGreen Sustainability Series (6-8x per year) features free presentations by experts, panels, games, and more focused on educating and inspiring community action through planet-friendly topics like recycling, native plants, safer streets, plastic reduction, composting, and more.
Volunteer Opportunities	We have a volunteer work day every month from February through November (weather permitting) and we encourage the public to join us. Get your outdoor gear and help to both clear invasive plants and to plant native species in our parks. No prior experience is needed - just a passion to make our parks a better place for everyone to enjoy.	See above	Anyone with a passion for the environment is welcome to join us. We can always use help putting educational events together, engaging with the clubs at the middle and high schools, organizing and implementing Earth Day and fulfilling whatever ideas you have.
Volunteer Sign up	Sign up for individual events at https://www.lebonature.org/new-events	Read more about how to get involved and sign up at www.movelebo.org/ourapproach or email us at info@movelebo.org	Email mtlebogreen@gmail.com for details!
Leadership	We are an all volunteer working board consisting of community members with a passion for conservation.	We have an all volunteer working board that consists of Mt. Lebanon residents.	We have a wonderfully robust group that meets monthly.
Confusion with other orgs:	We love our sister organizations and partner with them often. We have partnered with Lebo Green on the Earth Day event or on public programs especially related to plants. We advertise each other's programs and show up and support each other. We look forward to working with both organizations on our Green Reads Book Group.	Move Lebo works to aid in collaboration between groups and build strategic partnerships within the community. We are grateful for the support of our fellow grassroots organizations and look forward to future collaborations.	People confuse us with the Mt. Lebanon Nature Conservancy all the time but they are great so we never mind!
Fun fact	Since the first native plant sale in 2022, the Conservancy has helped residents introduce 8636 native plants into yards and gardens. In 2025, volunteers donated approximately 2500 hours on projects and programs. Our board members include landscape architects, educators, nature enthusiasts, and an ornithologist among others.	Move Lebo is a relatively young organization that has accomplished a lot in a short amount of time. We were founded in January 2024. In September 2024, we became a 501 (c) (3). In the last year, our members logged over 500 volunteer hours and nearly doubled its list of supporters and contributing members.	We've been organizing Earth Day for 17 years.

School Board Appoints Strauss

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belong to the whole community." She added, "I value that this is a town where education extends beyond the classroom — through our library, historical society and houses of worship. Learning matters here. Stewarding our parks and green spaces matters, too. And I'll say it — Mt. Lebanon has the best restaurants!"

Strauss said she felt called to serve when she learned of the opening on the Mt. Lebanon School Board. "As both a parent and a community leader, I see how much our schools shape the life of Mt. Lebanon as a whole," she said. "Public education sits at the intersection of policy, family life and our long-term community health.

When the opportunity arose, I sensed this was a meaningful way to contribute my experience in leadership and governance to something that directly impacts our children — including my own."

Strauss identified her priorities as academic rigor, fiscal responsibility, student well-being and the long-term health of the district. She emphasized the importance of strong public schools that prepare students not only for college and careers, but also for thoughtful citizenship, while supporting student mental health in ways that are sustainable for educators and ensuring students have the basic needs that make them ready to learn. ♥

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From Snowstorm to Sweet Success: The Baked Bean Warms the Neighborhood

New Sunset Hills coffee shop draws loyal customers despite winter weather By Jennifer Ganser

Nearly a year after first announcing their plans, owners of The Baked Bean, located at 380 Broadmoor Ave., are still brewing with excitement despite a less-than-ideal snowstorm during their opening week.

"It was the cherry on top of our very long and arduous process of getting open," co-owner Hannah Olsen said. "When we chose our opening date, that was about five weeks ahead of time, and we had no idea what it was going to look like at the end of January."

While the snow didn't start until the night after their first day on Saturday, Jan. 24, around 11 inches fell, and days of freezing temperatures led to school delays and treacherous conditions.

That didn't stop loyal customers who eagerly awaited the arrival of the coffee shop and bakery.

"I think they would have dug themselves a tunnel if they had to," Olsen said. "Residents of Sunset Hills showed up all week. We had consistent foot traffic Tuesday through Friday."

"'Finally,' was the consensus. And we agree," co-owner Ali Catto said.

Olsen and Catto, of Carnegie Drive, first met in 2020 through a networking group for small-business owners and professionals. The pair kept in contact over the years as Olsen continued to sell her French macarons through her business, Aycho Melange. She also owns a shared kitchen space for small businesses called Batches Bakehouse.

That kitchen space is where the two reconnected, as Catto utilized the space to help run her coffee trailer, BREW3D. When the oppor-

tunity arose to open a coffee shop and bakery in Sunset Hills, the pair felt growing enthusiasm for the venture, one that helped Catto return to her roots.

"My background is actually in patisserie," Catto said. "That's what I got my degree in."

Those pastries continue to pleasantly surprise customers, who can walk in to find an 8-foot pastry counter showcasing expansive confectionery offerings that the owners describe as "intentional and fun."

Their take on the well-known Kaufmann's thumbprint cookie is garnering a lot of attention, bringing in customers from beyond Mt. Lebanon, and social media food influencers are abuzz with reviews.

"Our prep baker, Presley Schumacher, has been knocking them out for weeks," Olsen said.

"We sold more than 100 in less than 48 hours."

"But it's also the Pop-Tarts and Ali's gourmet cookies that fly off the shelves. The good thing is, if you come in for something and it's sold out, you'll find between three and five other items that are exciting to you," Olsen said.

Manager Cheryl Allan is behind the register and building customers' party orders. Her daughter lives just a few minutes from the shop in Mt. Lebanon.

Patrons say baristas Antonio, Alex and Hannah are already calling them by name and remembering their drink orders, making them feel like regulars.

Signature drinks include themed lattes such as the Dirty Bird, inspired by an iconic almond torte, and the Yinzer, a twist on



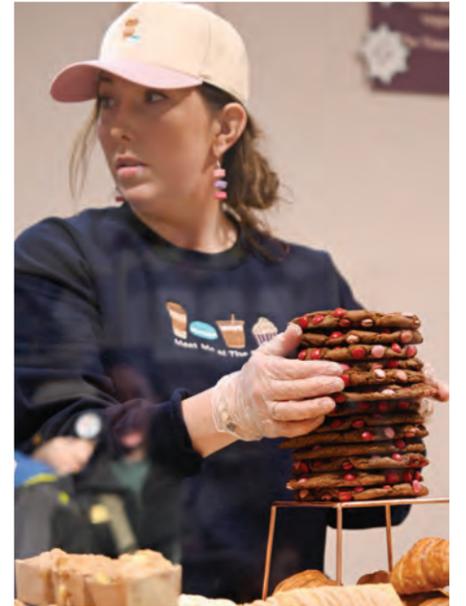
Co-owner Ali Catto background is in patisserie. (Both photos by Zachary Smith)

strawberry Jell-O pretzel salad. The shop also serves its own drip coffee blend, curated with the help of Nicholas Coffee & Tea Co.

As the owners and community wait for the snow to melt, they have their sights set on spring plans.

"We have a front patio. We purchased some four-seater tables, a glider, a standing table and access to the whole lawn space," Catto said. "There's so much opportunity for kids to have fun. There's no limit on what we can do outside. We just want to offer a neighborly vibe."

The hope is to continue catering to families and even students in the neighborhood. The women plan to bring in some healthy lunch-type options for students at nearby Howe Elementary School who may be able to walk over on their lunch break.



Co-owner Hannah Wallace also owns Aycho Melange, which specializes in award winning French macarons.

"A safe spot for them to dip in and get something fun. To practice responsibility and money handling, those kinds of skills," Olsen said.

The shop's Instagram page, which has about 3,000 followers, encourages customers to keep an eye on the account for flavor updates and themed events.

"In March, there are a few anniversaries coming up that people our age are nostalgic about. With it being Women's History Month, we plan to do something fun with a very iconic individual from our childhood," Olsen said.

And just as their first earned dollar is now framed on the wall, the Blue Devil signature latte will be a mainstay on the menu — a nod to the Mt. Lebanon community that showed up from day one. ♥

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Making Midlife Matter: Local Moms Champion Wellness and Strength

South Hills educators launch Midlife Made Well to support women navigating menopause and perimenopause By Jennifer Ganser

There is a resurgence of attention surrounding menopause and perimenopause, and it is welcome news for two South Hills moms, including Erin Weber of Hazel Drive, who have already spent the last several years focusing on health and fitness and their impact on managing midlife.

"We are just heading into this next phase of our lives, wanting to really empower women," Weber said. "We started to get pretty frustrated that there wasn't a lot of information or representation for women our age."

Weber, 49, is a mother of three. Shortly after her youngest was born, she became certified in group fitness instruction. She now teaches several classes at Meka Fitness on Washington Road and works as a sixth-grade writing teacher in Peters Township.

Weber's longtime friend, Jill Keffel, 50, of Canonsburg, also has more than two decades of experience in

elementary education and teaches a mobility, meditation and yoga-hybrid class at a gym in her community.

The pair's shared enthusiasm for movement and mental health was the driving force behind the launch of Midlife Made Well. The business launched in June 2025 with a website and social media presence, offering content designed for women navigating midlife.

"We were tired of women in midlife feeling invisible," Weber said.

In addition to their previous certifications, the women earned certification in menopause, fitness and nutrition through an online program offered by Girls Gone Strong.

Their focus is on educating women about how midlife changes hormones, muscle mass and metabolism, and how recovery can shift.

"Women in those 'sandwich generations' who are still raising children, but

now also dealing with aging parents," Weber said. "They might only have a handful of 30-minute periods throughout their week. So how do we work with that?"

Weber said they started slowly, working for little to no money at first to build a client base. They meet individually with clients to create 12-week programs tailored to women with limited time for fitness.

"We are the anti-quick-fix. If we're selling you something, it's longevity and a lifestyle that works," Weber said.

In late February, the pair will host a one-hour educational session at St. Clair Hospital aimed at what they describe as building realistic, sustainable wellness habits that fit into everyday life.

Shawndel Laughner, a nursing and clinical quality and education specialist for St. Clair Health, said Midlife Made Well's mission aligns with the hospital's commitment to lifelong wellness.



Owners of Midlife Made Well: Jill Keffel (left), Erin Weber (right) (Photo provided).

"Midlife is a pivotal stage, and having local leaders who help women navigate it with confidence and strength is something we're proud to highlight and celebrate," Laughner said.

And celebrating this phase of life is exactly what Weber and Keffel plan to continue through Midlife Made Well, noting that fitness is the one

consistent that supports mental health and helps women thrive, not just survive.

"We are just desperate for other women to find that," Weber said. "If we can help them find it, then this little endeavor will have been a success."

Midlife Made Well can be contacted at midlife-madewell.com. ♥

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Orbis Caffe Blends Coffee, Cocktails and Community

European-Style Spot Offers Specialty Drinks, Small Plates and a Convivial Atmosphere

Story and photos by Rich Shrum

It is highly unlikely that a patron will leave Orbis Caffe dehydrated. You can go with the flow at this European-style cafe, where you can order a specialty coffee or tea — or a beer, wine or cocktail.

Unlike many coffee-focused peers, this popular Mt. Lebanon shop serves both caffeinated and alcoholic drinks at 675 Washington Road, in the heart of the municipality's busiest business district.

"Why not offer a choice of coffee or a cocktail or beer?" said Grant Schutte, who owns Orbis with his wife, Sonja. "Sometimes a customer may want to come in for coffee, sometimes for beer. They have options."

Orbis patrons can select from caffeinated drinks, including cappuccino and brew bar coffees, or cocktails and other alcoholic beverages.

The cafe also offers small plates, house-made desserts, vegan offerings, Sunday brunch and, in Grant Schutte's words, "a convivial atmosphere" inside a deceptively spacious space that doesn't feel crowded. It is a popular place for studying, socializing and participating in trivia nights.

The Schuttes have operated Orbis since 2011, when they took over a building previously occupied by a coffee shop, Aldo. They did so 13 years after moving to the Pittsburgh

area following a job-related relocation.

An industrial chemist, Grant saw his company acquired by an American firm, Valspar, now part of Sherwin-Williams Paints. The Schuttes relocated to the United Kingdom along with the company, then to Pittsburgh, where the company's technical center and headquarters are located.

Sonja was a barista at Aldo for several years and, according to her husband, competed in the national barista championships. The couple's two children, then in college, also worked at Aldo, as did several Orbis staffers.

"We renamed it and became known for our specialty coffees," Grant said. "We're a little nerdy about it, but it's still a huge part of what we do."

He said the couple "put a bar in during the pandemic" in 2021. "That built on what we'd done. We've made things up as we've gone along."

Orbis is tastefully adorned inside and out. Window signs on the storefront are especially impressive.

"The signs were commissioned and hand-done by a friend, Anthony Purcell," Grant said. "He is one of the few people who do this in Pittsburgh." Schutte added that the signs "are a combination of gold leaf, variegated copper leaf and paint work."



Orbis Caffe serves both caffeinated and alcoholic drinks and is located on 675 Washington Road in uptown Mt. Lebanon.

The Schuttes are a hard-working duo. Grant said Sonja is in the shop "every day," and he is often on site when not tending to his chemist duties.

He lauded the "great staff" at Orbis for their work ethic and congeniality.

"We have a nice group of regulars," Grant said. "We have been reciprocated by goodwill from the community and from Pittsburgh."

Andrew Wasser, from the Cedarhurst section of the municipality, is among those regulars. He was on hand during a recent Sunday morning, accompanied by his computer.

"There are a few other coffee shops I go to," he said. "I like the sense of community here, and Graham is super friendly. I usually have coffee and have had a few dinners, but not pastries. The dinners are very good."

"But I don't care for coffee as much as the feel of community. Just the ambiance. It's crowded, but not too crowded."

Carla Druckenbrod, a Mt. Lebanon High School senior from the Sunset Hills neighborhood, is a longtime regular. "I have been studying here since middle school," she said with a smile.

"My friends and I like to come here or Uptown Coffee, a half-block away. I like the ambiance. It's super nice." She said she likes the coffee drinks and the food. "They have the best chai latte I've ever had, and the brunches are super good."

Seven months after relocating from Texas, Taylor Hobbs is an Orbis fan. "The coffee is delicious, and the bagel and lox is a nice treat. You usually don't get good bagels in south-central Texas."

"The big thing is good food and coffee."



Grant and Sonja Schutte have operated the Orbis Caffe since 2011.



Orbis photo of patron Carla Druckenbrod, a Mt. Lebanon High senior has been studying at Orbis for years.

Sonja and Grant Schutte are pleased with their investment.

"We have been fortunate to have a business that not only survives but thrives," he said. "We've never needed it to pay the mortgage, and we can pay our people more."

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Stay Comfortable This Year - and For Years to Come!

By Jeff Moeslein, Owner, Legacy Remodeling

Boy it's been one heck of a winter already!

When the big snow hit at the end of January we ran 3 shifts of snow blowing and shoveling to make sure we were ready to open the next day. Despite Mother Nature's attempts to slow us down, we were here after the storm ready to help our neighbors and customers. We helped each other dig out of plowed-in parking spots over the following days and felt the genuine love of community as we greeted neighbors out helping neighbors. It's times like this that can show the best of us.

We have made it this far in the winter, and despite what Punxsutawney Phil says, we'd like to think that the worst of it is behind us.

This is Pittsburgh, however, and we all know that anything is possible.

So, how should YOU prepare yourselves as a homeowner for the next time temperatures decide to hang out in the negatives? How can you keep your house warmer without setting up an army of space heaters? Well, there's lots of basic things you can do to add efficiency, including improving attic insulation, HVAC tune-ups or "smart thermostats."

Perhaps the most important thing, however, is your windows and doors.

We have all had that feeling, on the coldest days, inside a heated house, when you can still feel the outside cold pushing in from some old windows.

Most people worry about their energy bills to some extent, and whether their heating units are working efficiently, or wearing themselves out. But what about plain old comfort in your home? How about NOT feeling that cold radiating from the glass, or that draft coming from your old doors or windows?

New energy efficient windows or doors will often change your entire home's feeling. Warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer. NOT constantly cranking the heat or A/C.

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What else should you be looking at in a Window and Door company?

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Mt. Lebanon Graduate Killed in I-79 Crash

Evan Matthew Gingo, 18, a Mt. Lebanon High School graduate and Slippery Rock University freshman, was killed Friday, Feb. 6, in a multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 79 in Butler County.

Gingo died in a chain-reaction crash along northbound I-79 in Jackson

Township at about 10:30 a.m., according to Pennsylvania State Police. The crash occurred during snowy, icy conditions and involved more than two dozen vehicles.

A 2025 graduate of Mt. Lebanon High School, Gingo was returning to campus

when his vehicle lost control on the slick roadway and collided with a trailer, police said. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Several other people were injured and taken to area hospitals.

Gingo was a first-year student at Slippery Rock majoring in exercise science. ♥



Evan Gingo, 18. (Photo provided)

Publisher's Column

When Tragedy Touches a Community *By Brion Palmer*

When you start a community newspaper, you imagine writing about the moments that lift people up — school achievements, neighborhood gatherings, small victories and shared traditions. You hope to highlight what makes a community special and the people who give it character.

You do not expect to write about the loss of a teenager.

And yet, sometimes tragedy comes quietly and suddenly, forever changing families and sending ripples through an entire community.

The death of a young person carries a particular weight. Teenagers stand at the edge of adulthood, full of plans, potential and possibility. Their lives are defined by motion — practices, part-time jobs, college applications, first loves, friendships that feel unbreakable. They are building futures in real time, often unaware of how deeply they are woven into the lives of

those around them.

When that life is cut short, the loss is not only personal — it is communal.

For a family, the loss of a teenager is unimaginable. Parents spend years nurturing, protecting and guiding their children toward independence. They celebrate graduations, milestones and the first steps into adulthood. To lose a child at this stage is to lose not only who they were, but everything they were becoming. It is the loss of future holidays, future phone calls, future memories that will now never be made.

For siblings, it is the loss of a lifelong companion — someone who shared childhood secrets, family traditions and the unique language only brothers and sisters understand.

For friends, the loss can feel disorienting. Teenagers form deep bonds. They grow up together. They sit in the same classrooms, compete on the same fields,

laugh in the same hallways. When one chair is suddenly empty, the absence is tangible. Grief at a young age is confusing and raw. It raises difficult questions and leaves behind silence where there once was noise and energy.

Schools feel it. Teams feel it. Workplaces feel it. A community feels it.

In communities like ours, connections run deep. It is not unusual for parents to know their children's friends. It is not uncommon for classmates to have grown up together since elementary school. When tragedy strikes one family, it rarely stays confined there. It touches neighbors, teachers, coaches and co-workers. It reminds us how interconnected we truly are.

In the aftermath of such loss, there is often a collective pause. Daily frustrations seem smaller. Busy schedules momentarily slow. People reach out — sometimes awkwardly, sometimes imperfectly —

because they feel compelled to do something, to offer something.

Often, there are no adequate words.

What remains are memories — the laughter shared, the personality that brightened rooms, the kindness that may have seemed ordinary at the time but now feels extraordinary. These memories become anchors. They are repeated at gatherings, shared in quiet conversations and held tightly by those who loved that young person most.

A teenager's life, even if brief, can leave a lasting imprint. The way they treated others. The way they showed up for friends. The simple, everyday presence that made school hallways and family dinners feel full.

Communities are tested in moments like these. But they are also defined by how they respond — with compassion, with support and with a willingness to

stand beside those who are grieving.

No parent should have to endure the loss of a child. No sibling should have to grow up without their brother or sister. No group of friends should have to learn so early how fragile life can be.

And yet, when tragedy touches a community, we are reminded of what truly matters: connection, kindness and the time we are given with one another.

If there is anything to hold onto in moments like this, it is that grief reflects love. The depth of sorrow speaks to the depth of connection. And while loss changes a community, it can also strengthen its resolve to care for one another more intentionally, more compassionately and more fully.

In the end, what makes a community special is not just its celebrations — but how it comes together in its hardest moments. ♥

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Remembering Evan Matthew Gingo: A Light That Lives On

Friend Reflects on Loss, Laughter and a Legacy of Love By Harper Flynn

You never truly appreciate what you have until it's gone — something I learned too late. On Feb. 6, 2026, this world lost a beautiful light. Evan Matthew Gingo was the ray of sun peeking through your blinds after a thunderstorm. The warmth you felt when your feet sank into white sand. His beautiful smile would light up any room, especially junior-year history class when everyone was bored out of their minds. I remember the way he bounced down the halls with his soccer bag on, acknowledging almost everyone who walked by. You would hear his contagious laugh from center court and think, "Well, at least I know where Evan is." Now, there's a hole in my heart he once occupied.

I became close to Evan a couple of years ago. It started with small talk between periods and spiraled into my phone blowing up

during class with Instagram reels. I would silence my phone and beg him to stop, but he never would.

In September 2024, I was in a serious accident, leading to nearly a month out of school and countless hospital trips. I remember him saying he was going to "spork" me — even though he wasn't in Sporks — and I told him he couldn't unless he broke into my house. I jokingly asked him to bring me Dunkin, and he showed up with four different drinks for me to try. He sat with me in my rental hospital bed and fired off jokes over and over again. I remember pleading with him to stop because my ribs were broken and it hurt to laugh, but that wasn't who he was. He made sure I had a smile on my face throughout my months of recovery, and after that, we became best friends.

He was always nervous to be around my friends,

but wherever I went, I made it known he was always welcome. We talked about college and where we saw ourselves 10 years from now. I always pictured him ending up on "Saturday Night Live." He would have made millions around the world fall out of their chairs laughing.

Trips to Dunkin became a daily occurrence for me after I found out he worked there. I would go when I could drive to school and after spending the night with a friend. He told me he was working his way up to manager, and I was so proud of his dedication at such a young age. The second I walked in, I would shout his name, and he would peek his head out from behind the counter, saying, "Oh no, not again."

He knew my order by heart. The only change was how many hash browns I wanted that day. As I waited

for my order, he would sing overplayed radio songs, and I would laugh at the way his voice cracked on every note. When everything was ready, he would crush my bag into a ball, making sure all my hash browns were smushed. I still remember the day my card declined and how much I got laughed at for that one.

The last time I saw him at Dunkin, I was in a rush to get to work. The line was long, but he noticed me the second I walked in and already had me rung up by the time I reached the counter. He made fun of my outfit, like always, and I told him I'd be back in a few weeks. Never did I think that day would be the last time I got to hear his voice. I wish I had looked at his face a little longer, given him a hug and told him I loved him when I had the chance. I wish I had taken more pictures with him and gone to

more of his soccer games. I wish I had introduced him to my family and taken him skiing with me. There is so much I wish for, but I can't change the way life plays out — even though I would in a heartbeat.

To me, Evan was the definition of a good friend, an amazing son and brother, and a loving boyfriend. His name will forever echo in my veins, and I wait for him to visit my dreams at night. He was beautiful in every single way, and I will always honor his legacy. Though this is an excruciating time for everyone whose life was touched by Evan, he would want you to keep laughing and live every day to the fullest. Tell your people you love them. Show up for them in every way possible.

And to Evan, I love you forever and always. I'll be waiting in line for you. Don't close without me. ♥

A Heart Full of Love: Remembering Evan

By Maddy Prince

Every time I think of Evan, it's hard not to smile or laugh. He brought laughter and joy into every room he walked into. He told the silliest — sometimes the worst — jokes, but somehow, they were exactly what you needed. Even if you were having the worst day of your life, Evan had a way of making it better just by being himself.

One of my favorite memories of Evan was during one of the hardest days I had. Out of nowhere, he showed up at my house

with chocolates, flowers and a handwritten letter. That was Evan: thoughtful, intentional and loving in ways that were quiet but powerful. Evan listened.

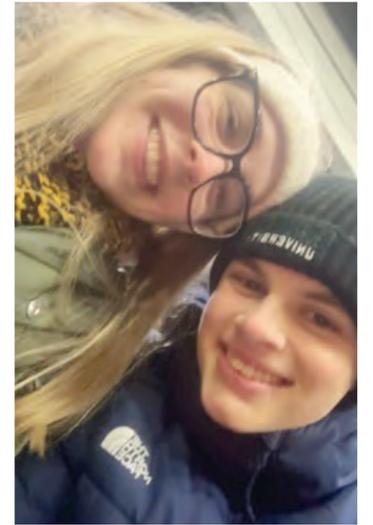
Evan had the biggest heart of anyone I've ever known. He loved with every ounce he had — that's just who he was. He loved me dearly, and I never truly questioned it. I would joke with him and ask, "Do you even love me?" But deep down, I always knew the answer was yes. His love was steady, genuine and full of warmth.

There are so many more things I could say about our sweet Evan — how incredibly smart he was, how he could pick up any sport with ease, how determined he was and how he made people feel seen and valued. He had a gift for making others feel important.

Even though we are mourning the loss of Evan, he will continue to live on through the memories we hold and the love he gave so freely. So many little things remind me of him — Dunkin' runs, Liverpool games and sushi nights.

Those simple moments now carry such deep meaning.

Evan would want us to live life to the fullest — to laugh loudly, love deeply and never take a single day for granted. He would want us to show up for the people we care about, to bring light into dark days and to keep spreading the same joy he gave so effortlessly. Though he may no longer walk into a room the way he once did, his spirit, his love and his laughter will forever echo in our hearts. Evan will truly live in our hearts forever. ♥



Maddy and Evan
(Photo submitted by Maddy Prince)



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Mt. Lebanon Freshman, Mother Honored by Gov. Shapiro for Volunteer Work

Pittsburgh Linxx Chapter Members Recognized for Philanthropic Efforts By Eleazer Gorenstein

Sometimes in life you don't get what you want. You get more than you could have bargained for.

That was exactly the case for Mt. Lebanon High School freshman Allegra Synowiec when she and members of her volunteer charity organization, the Pittsburgh Linxx, spent a surprise day in Harrisburg at Gov. Josh Shapiro's mansion as guests of honor.

Synowiec, 15, and her peers in the Linxx are part of the local chapter of the National Charity League (NCL), a national philanthropic organization that pairs mothers and daughters in active efforts to promote human welfare. Synowiec was one of 14 girls from the Linxx chapter invited to Shapiro's residence on Dec. 15 because of their high volunteer hour totals with the NCL.

"We got to speak personally to the governor and to his wife," Synowiec said. "And then it was really moving to hear his speech. It was so nice because we got to hear that he started out thinking he was going to be a doctor, and then a basketball player, but then he shifted over to his current field. It was a lesson that we can figure things out

as we learn about ourselves, in a way."

The Linxx chapter is made up of mother-and-daughter teams who contribute hundreds of hours to dozens of local nonprofits, including the Mario Lemieux Foundation, Meals on Wheels, the Alzheimer's Association and the American Red Cross, supporting causes ranging from food insecurity and homelessness to senior care and children's health.

Allegra, who volunteers with her mother, Andrea Synowiec, has been part of the Linxx since seventh grade. She was part of the inaugural class of the Linxx and plans to remain a member through the end of her high school years.

Serving as a volunteer has opened Allegra's eyes to local problems such as homelessness, food insecurity and caring for those with disabilities. She cited working with disabled trick-or-treaters as a particularly rewarding experience.

The Linxx's recognition by the governor and first lady came as a surprise because it replaced the suspended Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) program,



Allegra Synowiec shows off her well-earned personalized medal presented to her by Gov. Shapiro. (Photo provided)

a national recognition program that honors U.S. citizens who complete significant volunteer work through qualifying organizations. The PVSA program was paused due to federal funding cuts, so volunteers who achieved the required service hours would not be recognized with a medal or certificate this year.

That is when Shapiro and first lady Lori Shapiro stepped in.

"Our local group reached out to let the governor know that these girls were going to be recog-



Andrea and Allegra Synowiec talking with Gov. Shapiro. (Photo provided)

nized by the president and were now not going to have any support or recognition," Andrea said. "Then the governor just went above and beyond. He invited every girl who would have qualified for a Presidential Volunteer Service Award to personally come to his mansion and meet with all of them. He also handed them each individually medals with their names and the number of hours they had volunteered inscribed. He then gave them a personalized letter, and they got to talk with the governor, the first lady and Secretary of Health Dr. Deborah Bogan. So, they had this cool opportunity

to meet all these high-level people and to be thanked for the work they're doing in Pennsylvania."

Working alongside each other while volunteering has provided the Synowiec women with another benefit: It has strengthened their bond.

"I feel like my relationship with my mom has grown a lot closer doing this," Allegra said. "And since we drive to and from each volunteering event, we talk a lot on the way and then we're volunteering together. Every time we just get closer."

To learn more about the Pittsburgh Linxx, visit www.nationalcharityleague.org/chapter/pittsburghlinxx ♥

Lebo Family's Annual Snow Fort Reaches New Heights After January Snowfall

Ashcrofts transform backyard into eight-foot igloo and winter wonderland

By Annabelle Thomas

2026 has proved to be a year of record-breaking snowfall, with Pittsburgh receiving more than 11 inches in a late January snowstorm that swept the East Coast, according to CBS News. While some hunkered down with hot chocolate and Zoom calls, other families, such as the Ashcrofts, turned to a different kind of winter hobby: enormous igloo construction.

Kari and Pete Ashcroft have proudly kept a winter tradition of building a large-scale snow fortress in their backyard since 2020. Each year, the Lebo parents have made it a personal goal to outdo themselves, along with their two sons, Thomas and Mark.

Pete, the primary engineer, grew up in Canada, where long winters and

heavy snowfall were a hallmark of his childhood. He regularly built forts in his own youth and, after his sons grew old enough, decided to recreate the tradition in Mt. Lebanon.

"So the first year... Mark is 4 and Thomas is 6 and they're tiny, so the fort is tiny," Pete explained. "Then the next year got a little bit bigger. And the next year got even bigger. Last year was the first fort where an adult could stand up inside it, and we were pretty proud of that."

The igloo's height is estimated at around 8 feet, with grown adults able to stand comfortably inside. The interior features a couch, a chair and a lantern for nighttime enjoyment. With help from about a dozen neighborhood kids, ranging from third to sixth grade in the

Markham area, their team has grown exponentially from past years.

"When all these kids helped, it was like a machine," Pete said.

The fort's construction is a serious endeavor. Thomas, Mark and Pete work together for hours each day over multiple weeks, with some neighborhood kids lending a hand. Year after year, their project has grown. This year, building began Jan. 25 and didn't end until Feb. 9.

"Over the years, it became this massive fort," Thomas said. "It took a lot of effort, like two hours a day. But it's been really cool."

Pete recalled that he knew this was a big deal when even their pizza delivery man was impressed by the monument in their yard.



Thomas and Mark Ashcroft pose with neighborhood kids next to their annual igloo. (Photo provided)

"The pizza delivery folks would say, 'You guys build some gigantic snow forts,' and I'd say, 'Yeah, we do,'" Pete said.

If the towering igloo wasn't enough, the Ashcrofts also built a bobsled track snaking down their yard, mostly constructed by Thomas and a team of neighborhood friends. The

track has multiple jumps and even uses a constructed cardboard boundary to avoid collisions with the house. A once-typical residential yard has transformed into a winter wonderland.

"We're a snow-fort-building-machine family at this point," Pete said. "This year was the best one yet." ♥



Local Mt. Lebanon Dog Competes in 22nd Puppy Bowl

Carrie Pawshaw represents Paws Across Pittsburgh as Team Ruff claims trophy

By Annabelle Thomas

More than 100 dogs from around the country performed in the 22nd Puppy Bowl, which aired Feb. 8, including Mt. Lebanon's own Carrie Pawshaw. Not only did she bring local representation to a national competition, but Carrie also won bragging rights — Team Ruff took home the trophy this year.

Carrie's owner, Jacki Hoover, adopted her in August from Paws Across Pittsburgh, a rescue organization that had originally registered Carrie for the event.

"When we adopted her, they had told us that they submitted her along with her littermates to the Puppy Bowl, and they thought that she might get in," Hoover said. "It was a part of the agreement that if she was selected, we would permit her to go, so of course we agreed."

A select number of the Bowl's applicants are invited to film the show, and though Paws Across Pittsburgh has submitted various dogs in past years, Carrie's success was a wholesome surprise. The secret to her success is simple — a strikingly adorable appearance.

"She's a little stunning-looking," Hoover said. "She has really bright blue eyes and a different type of coat. She's not your average dog."

Though the Puppy Bowl aired nationally on Feb. 8, coinciding with the Super Bowl, it was filmed in September. Carrie was taken to New York by Paws Across Pittsburgh board member Sarah Medina for filming, but her owners were left in suspense until the show was publicized.

"Carrie had a great time," Medina said. "She was very playful and very well behaved. Her adopters did great with her."

Carrie's good looks and playfulness certainly won the hearts of many in New York, and she even made her own appearance in the interview process in typical puppy fashion.

"It's all through Animal Planet, and — hold on, stop it," Hoover said. "Sorry, Carrie was chewing on my slippers."



Though her fame has reached new heights, Carrie Pawshaw is just a stage name—her owners have since renamed her Betty Goblin. (Photo provided)

Filming was staggered so that each dog was in the arena for only a few days, according to Medina, and she and the other handlers were mainly responsible for escorting the dogs to the filming location and waiting for names to be called. Most information about the dogs' performances is undisclosed until the show airs, and Carrie's shelter and owners were not allowed to share news of her participation until January.

The Puppy Bowl receives thousands of applications each year, and only around 150 are selected to go to New York. Carrie traveled with Meeko, another dog from Paws Across Pittsburgh that was chosen, though she progressed much further. Along with the show itself, Discovery holds a "Popularity Contest," in which dogs compete in a bracket, and Carrie made it to the second round.

"She was getting a lot of people's attention," Medina said.

This year's Bowl included 150 dogs from 72 shelters nationwide, according to The Sportsbook Review. The participating dogs are shown in a miniature football stadium, with the simple goal of moving a chew toy across the field to score a touchdown. In The Sportsbook Review's summary of participating dogs, Carrie

Pawshaw is listed as a "Norwegian elkhound/American Eskimo dog mix from Paws Across Pittsburgh, faster than a subway train."

Though the lighthearted nature of the game makes it an easy watch, the real goal of the Puppy Bowl is to spread the word about participating shelters and promote dog adoption. Paws Across Pittsburgh is a nonprofit animal rescue that is entirely volunteer-run and foster-based. Representation like Carrie is not just a cute headline, but a meaningful opportunity for the organization to reach broader audiences.

Jackie Armour, president and founder of Paws Across Pittsburgh, emphasized the importance of fun competitions like the Puppy Bowl in raising awareness for dog adoption and helping the foundation.

"It just gets our name out there," Armour said. "A lot of people don't know how many options there are. They don't know they can rescue or adopt, so doing something like this can be good at showing people what they can do to help."

Interested adopters can learn more about Paws Across Pittsburgh at pawsacrosspittsburgh.com or email the organization's information line at info@pawsacrosspittsburgh.com.

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Duncan (Photos provided)



Harper

Duncan & Harper are Mini Berna doodles

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Favorite treat?

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Favorite toy?

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LEBO BEAT SPORTS

Lebo Bocce Clinches Playoff Berth; Students Gain Leadership and Inclusion Experience

Inclusive programs offer opportunities for all students By Scarlett Sweeney

Since 2018, Mt. Lebanon High School has had a unified bocce team. Unified sports teams bring together students with and without disabilities to compete together, and Mt. Lebo Bocce is one of several schools in the district with a team.

Bocce is a precision ball sport in which players take turns rolling balls toward a smaller target ball called the "pallino." Points are awarded for balls that land closest to the pallino. Games are typically played on a court about 60 feet long, and players can use strategy to knock opponents' balls away or block their path.

This year, the team played South Park, Thomas Jefferson, Steel Valley, Keystone Oaks, West Mifflin, and Baldwin, and also competed in tournaments. The team clinched a playoff berth as the fourth-ranked seed.

Senior Sam McAuley has been part of the team since his junior year. He wanted to be involved after taking PE Partners in his sophomore year, a gym class that includes both special-needs and general-education students. Joining the bocce team allowed him to continue that experience and stay involved.

From junior to senior year, McAuley has grown into a leadership role, taking greater responsibility in guiding and supporting his teammates.

"We have a lot of new kids on the team, so I try to help guide them, answer questions, and set a good example during practices and matches," McAuley said.

The team practices for an hour twice a week. Practices include setting up the court, doing situational drills, and playing a game between the teams.

Junior Kate Davidson joined the team this year, wanting to be part of a team that is very inclusive while still maintaining a competitive aspect.

"It is just a nice way to meet new people and build friendships, while also playing competitively," Davidson said. "It is all about inclusion and making everybody feel like they are part of a team."

Davidson emphasizes that the support teammates show each other is what makes the game so special.

"My favorite part of matches is when it is a close game, and we all play a good round to get back up," Davidson said. "We always cheer each other on, we make a lot of handshakes, and always stay positive."

McAuley also pointed to the teamwork and leadership that make the team uniquely special.

"What makes this team different is the mix of people on it," McAuley said. "Not every team has such a wide range of personalities and abilities, and that changes the dynamic in a good way. You have to communicate better and think more about how you play as a group."

The team's inclusive culture has shaped McAuley's personal growth, helping him develop leadership and maturity both in competition and everyday life.

"On the court, it has helped me grow as a leader

and teammate," McAuley said. "Off the court, it has made me more patient and understanding. I've built meaningful friendships and learned skills that I'll carry with me beyond high school."

For Davidson, joining the team pushed her beyond her comfort zone. In doing so, she learned that some of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences happen when you take that step forward.

"Being on the team has taught me to try new things," Davidson said. "I went into the season knowing nothing about the game, but everyone was so helpful. It is all about being a good teammate and supporting each other, not just about winning all the time. We all have very good connections, and we have so much fun together."

For underclassmen, there are many opportunities to become involved with and support students with disabilities. LeboSTARS, a club focused on building friendships and promoting inclusion for students with intellectual disabilities, brings students together through social activities and events throughout the year that build connection and community. Sophomores can also take PE Partners, a class that partners general education students with peers with disabilities, an experience that helped McAuley discover his passion for involvement and inclusion.

The impact of that involvement extends far beyond the court.



The Mt. Lebanon 2026 Bocce team picture (All photos by Marilee Kline)



Junior Kate Davidson joined the team this year.



Senior Sam McAuley takes aim at the pallino (little ball).

"The most important lesson this team has taught me is patience and teamwork," McAuley said. "I've learned that everyone brings different strengths, and success comes from supporting each other and working together."

For someone thinking

about getting involved, Davidson says to just go for it.

"I would 100% recommend joining the team or being involved with the athletes," Davidson said. "You don't need to have any experience, just be open to learning and being a good teammate." ♥

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Girl's Middle School Basketball Schedule

Tue., Mar. 3	
Jefferson Middle School at Canon MacMillan Middle School.....	3:30 p.m.
Mellon Middle School at Trinity Middle School.....	4 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 5	
Jefferson Middle School vs. Peters Township Middle School.....	3:45 p.m.
Mellon Middle School vs. Chartiers Valley Middle School.....	3:45 p.m.

Mt. Lebanon Volleyball – Boys Varsity

Sat. Mar. 7	at South Park High School.....	8:30 a.m.
Tue. Mar. 17	at Trinity High School.....	7:15 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19	vs. Seton La Salle HS.....	6 p.m.

Mt. Lebanon Softball – Girls Varsity

Mon. Mar. 9	at Bethel High School.....	4 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 11	vs. Chartiers Valley (at Jefferson Middle School).....	4:15 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 16	at West Mifflin.....	5:30 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 18	vs. Fox Chapel (at Jefferson Middle School).....	5:30 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 20	vs. Gateway (at Jefferson Middle School).....	5:30 p.m.

Lacrosse - Varsity Girls

Mon. Mar. 9	vs. South Fayette.....	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 11	at Seton La Salle.....	7:30 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 16	vs. North Allegheny.....	7:30 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19	at Fox Chapel.....	7 p.m.

Lacrosse – Boys Varsity

Tue. Mar. 10	vs. Seneca Valley.....	7:30 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 13	at Peters Township.....	7:30 p.m.
Tue. Mar. 17	at North Allegheny.....	7:30 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19	vs. Pine Richland.....	7:30 p.m.

Tennis – Boys Varsity

Tue. Mar. 10	at North Allegheny.....	3:30 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 13	at Fox Chapel.....	3:30 p.m.

Mon. Mar. 16	vs. Upper St. Clair.....	3:30 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 18	at South Fayette.....	3:30 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 20	at Pine Richland.....	3:30 p.m.

Baseball – Boys Varsity

Fri. Mar. 13	at Shaler.....	4 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 18	at Upper St. Clair (Boyce Mayview).....	4 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19	at Upper St. Clair (Seymour Turf).....	4:15 p.m.

Baseball – Boys JV

Fri. Mar. 13	vs. Shaler (Seymour Turf).....	4:00 p.m.
Wed. Mar. 18	vs. upper St. Clair (Seymour Turf).....	4:15 p.m.
Thu. Mar. 19	at Upper St. Clair (Boyce Mayview).....	4 p.m.

Baseball Boys Freshmen

Mon. Mar. 9	at North Allegheny.....	4 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 13	vs. Baldwin (Wolf Field).....	4 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 16	at Pittsburgh Central Catholic (No Off Season).....	3:30 p.m.
Tue. Mar. 17	vs. Pittsburgh Central Catholic (Mellon Middle School) ..	4:15 p.m.



Lebo Softball Club Thrives in One of Western Pennsylvania's Largest Fall Sports Leagues

Program grows from six players to more than 100 across nine teams

By Lauren Cefalo Moore

What began in 2015 with just six young athletes and a passion for the game has grown into one of the region's most dynamic and fastest-growing fall sports programs. Today, the Lebo Softball Club fields more than 100 players across nine teams, serving athletes from 8U through high school varsity.

Leo Orelli founded LSC when his daughter Lexi and her teammates wanted to play slow-pitch softball at a more competitive level than what the Mt. Lebanon Girls Softball Association recreational league offered. LSC joined the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Softball League, a regional fall-based travel league for junior high and high school athletes known for its fast-paced style and constant action. At the time, the WPISL consisted of 17 districts with 43 teams.

"Playing in WPISL really opened my eyes to what other districts are doing. I saw so many young athletes out there on the field competing, having fun and being part of a team and knew there was a real opportunity to grow travel slow-pitch softball here in Lebo," Orelli said.

Team by team, LSC continued to grow. A major turning point came in 2022, when the LSC high

school program earned official high school athletic club status. This recognition elevated the varsity experience and granted athletes eligibility to earn a varsity letter, a dedicated high school yearbook spread and inclusion in the fall sports recognition night alongside all varsity athletes. This validation from the school community marked a key milestone for the club and its mission to elevate slow-pitch softball.

As the program enters its 12th season, it is clear that LSC does not just play in the WPISL — it helps lead it. Orelli now serves as WPISL president, and LSC hosts the annual WPISL preseason junior high and junior varsity tournaments over Labor Day weekend, drawing teams from across the region to kick off the fall season. Later in the year, LSC also serves as host of one of the league's marquee events: the WPISL varsity playoffs, held annually the weekend before Halloween. These tournaments bring the community together and showcase the strong organizational leadership of the club.

"Hosting the league's biggest tournaments is something we take a lot of pride in," Orelli said. "It brings our community together, gives our athletes



Lebo Softball Club's 2025 Varsity Letter Winners (All photos provided)



Orelli and daughter Hayden at 2025 Mt. Lebanon High School Varsity Letter Ceremony



Developmental Spring Clinics held Sundays in March in Greentree

a big-stage atmosphere and highlights what makes slow-pitch softball such an exciting sport."

The WPISL has grown to 70 teams across all divisions, including 12 varsity high school programs.

For those looking to get involved, LSC holds spring clinics for players

through eighth grade at the Greentree SportsPlex, where coaches, alongside experienced players, teach fundamentals such as batting, fielding and sliding.

The clinics are open to all levels, including new players to the sport.

"We encourage everyone to participate in the clinics, play in the spring and then join LSC for that next level of competition. The fall-season format makes it a strong option for multisport athletes or those looking to try something new," Orelli said.

With supportive coaching, a welcoming culture and an emphasis on both fun and competition, LSC continues to attract new families each year. To learn more and to register for any of LSC's programs, visit www.LeboSC.org. ♥

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Lebo Boys Wrestlers Gibbons and Sala Prepare for WPIAL Championships

Senior, junior leaders look to build on strong season as postseason begins

By Scarlett Sweeney

Since 1935, the Mt. Lebanon boys wrestling team has been a dominant force in the WPIAL. During the 2025-26 season, the team produced multiple county championship qualifiers and had several wrestlers place in postseason tournaments. The regular season concluded Saturday, Jan. 31, and now the Blue Devils are preparing to compete at the WPIAL Championships on Feb. 20-21.

The team is led by two standouts: senior Cole Gibbons and junior Evan Sala. After the county finals, Gibbons was 25-4 on the season, and Sala was 24-5 following the Allegheny County tournament. Both wrestlers qualified for the WPIAL Championships as well as the PIAA West Regional tournament.

Gibbons, a New York University wrestling commit, has been wrestling for the past 12 years and sees this as the highlight of his career. He was a recent addition to the "Century Club" after winning his 100th match on Dec. 13. Gibbons is just the seventh Mt. Lebanon boys wrestler to reach this milestone.

"This year means so much to me," Gibbons said. "I feel like the past 12 years of my wrestling career have led up to this final season."

Gibbons chose to attend NYU, where he plans to study business, because of its rigorous academic opportunities.

"I decided to go to NYU for its prestigious academic program and to live in New York City," Gibbons said. "The process was a little stressful, but fun visiting different colleges before I eventually decided on NYU."

Gibbons is also a four-year

member of the boys varsity lacrosse team, where he has won three WPIAL championships, and serves as the school mascot, the Blue Devil. But despite these varied activities, he describes wrestling as something different — "a brotherhood."

"There are no other combat sports teams," Gibbons said. "We are such a unique and tough set of people, which makes wrestling different from anything else I do."

Junior Evan Sala has been wrestling since first grade. He stuck with the sport after picking it up quickly and enjoying the challenge, along with encouragement from his older brother.

This season, Sala said his growth has been just as mental as it has been physical.

"Since freshman year, I've gotten a lot more disciplined and confident," Sala said. "I trust my training and stay focused on being consistent and improving now instead of just winning or losing. A big lesson I have learned is that hard work pays off. If you stay consistent and push through tough practices, results will eventually come."

During tough practices, Sala stays motivated by focusing on his goals and how he wants to perform in matches, while also drawing encouragement from his teammates.

"It's also nice to have a team full of great people who help push me to work hard," Sala said.

Gibbons agrees with Sala's emphasis on leadership and teamwork, values that both wrestlers strive to pass down to the underclassmen.

"I try to teach the younger wrestlers through respect and show them what it takes by leading by



Cole Gibbons (Photo provided)

example," Gibbons said. "I also try to bring a positive mindset into whatever I am doing. Smile, laugh and just truly enjoy the moment, no matter the circumstances."

Sala has continued to develop his leadership skills this season, qualities he plans to carry into the remainder of his junior year and into his senior season.

"I try to encourage the younger wrestlers or give them tips and act like a leader or coach," Sala said. "I just want them to keep improving and feel welcome."

Beyond the mat, wrestling has taught both Gibbons and Sala life lessons they will carry throughout the rest of their high school careers and into adulthood.

"Wrestling has taught me that hard work pays off," Gibbons said. "It is so prevalent in the sport. When you do the right things each and every day, results will show."



Evan Sala (Photo provided)

Sala agreed, noting that wrestling has not only shaped his physical skills but also built mental resilience and discipline — lessons he carries both on and off the mat.

"Outside of the sport, I think wrestling has helped me with mental toughness," Sala said. "I feel like I have that dog in me. It has also taught me time management skills."

The Class 3A individual WPIAL Championships are set for Feb. 20-21 at Canon-McMillan High School, while the team championships will be held at the AHN Arena at Peters Township High School. The team welcomes support as it competes for a WPIAL title, whether as a team or through individual wrestlers.

For younger wrestlers, Gibbons offers a piece of advice: "Soak it in and enjoy every moment, because four years truly go by so fast." ♥



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Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club Names Lauren Cassano Head Coach

Former college standout aims to grow developmental and competitive programs

By Sarah Core

The Mt. Lebanon Aqua Club has begun its winter season with new head coach Lauren Cassano leading the program. The club, which celebrated its 70th anniversary last fall, offers learn-to-swim instruction and competitive teams under USA Swimming.

"She brings so much passion and energy to our athletes," said Stacie Carlson, first vice president of MLAC. "Under her leadership, the club is experiencing exciting growth and renewed energy."

Cassano has focused on strengthening the club's developmental pipeline and reorganizing practice groups to create clearer progression between levels. Programs range from beginner instruction to competitive swimming.

"I'd love to see our developmental group grow and grow," Cassano said. "We want to see the growth and development of our athletes."

"It's giving our athletes a roadmap to meet their goals," Carlson said.

"Everyone wants to be an Olympian at some time," Cassano said. "But we also just want the athletes to enjoy themselves."

Board President Michael Fronczek said MLAC offers six levels of American Red Cross-certified learn-to-swim courses for children

ages 6 months to 14 years, as well as diving instruction and lifeguard certification. Many programs have wait lists. The club also offers a master's program for adults ages 18 to 70.

Fronczek said the club is focused on meeting the swimming needs of everyone in the community. To that end, MLAC offers subsidized scholarships to help ensure access for local families. They've become the largest provider of learn-to-swim programming for Mt. Lebanon.

Cassano joined MLAC in 2023 as assistant head coach and worked under former head coach Tom Donati before his retirement.

"It's quite the honor to step into these shoes," she said.

Previously, Cassano served as associate head coach for West Virginia University's swimming and diving team. A Peters Township native, she was a four-year letter winner at Grove City College, earning All-American honors and conference titles in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke and 200 individual medley.

In October, MLAC earned bronze-level recognition in USA Swimming's National Club Excellence Program, one of four clubs in its region to receive the distinction. The club also is SafeSport certified through



MLAC new head coach Lauren Cassano at recent meet. (Photo provided)



Swimmers take a break and have a snack at recent MLAC meet. (Photo provided)



Mt. Lebanon swimmers cheer on teammates at recent MLAC event. (Photo provided)



Mt. Lebanon Masters swimmers Mike Chiapetta and Matt Mead at the Rowdy Gaines Classic in Florida. (Photo provided)

the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee. "Everything we do is

governed by USA swimming," Fronczek said. "We have opportunities

for everyone," Cassano said. "It's a safe place and a fun place." ♥

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Mt. Lebanon Residents Turn Out for Second Annual MLK Day of Service

By Stacey Reibach

On Jan. 19, more than 200 residents of all ages took advantage of having the day off from work or school and chose to give back to the community at Mt. Lebanon's second MLK Day of Service, an event sponsored by the Mt. Lebanon Civic Engagement Board. This year's event grew from last year's, both in volunteer numbers and project locations. Participants had several volunteer options, including leading bingo and serving lunch at Asbury Heights, assembling hygiene kits for Global Links, making valentines for senior citizens, and preparing sandwiches for residents of downtown Pittsburgh shelters, a project of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The idea for the Day of Service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came from the prior iteration of the Civic Engagement Board, the Mt. Lebanon Community Relations Board, as well as the ad hoc diversity, equity and inclusion committee. According to Kelsey Leigh, a current Civic Engagement Board member and chair of the 2025 and 2026 Days of Service, the idea resurfaced during the November 2024 Civic Engagement Board meeting, was discussed and was voted on affirmatively by the board. Leigh said, "The goal was to celebrate MLK Day and Dr. King's legacy as a municipality and a community and for the Civic Engagement Board to host an event in the spirit of the board's name: civic engagement and service."

Members of the Civic Engagement Board are hopeful that the MLK Day of Service will continue as an annual event that the Mt. Lebanon community looks forward to and that participation will grow each year. ♥



Mara Brand volunteering her time on MLK Day of Service. (Photo provided)



Mt. Lebanon kids making Valentine's Day cards for seniors on MLK Day of Service. ((Photo provided)

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000 Block Castle Shannon Road
Terroristic Threats-General
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600 Block Washington Road
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Burglary-Unlawful Entry-No Force
- 1/29 -7:01 p.m.
200 Block Lavina Avenue
Altered, Forged or Counterfeit Documents And Plates
- 1/29 – 9:16 p.m.
700 Block of Wisteria Avenue
Theft by Unlawful Taking-Movable – From Building- Amount Taken Equals or Exceeds \$200
- 1/29 – 11:10 a.m.
200 Block Sieaforthe Avenue
Access Device Fraud-Use Counterfeit/Altered Device-Enhanced Grading - Value Is \$500 or Mo
- 1/25 – 8:39 a.m.
400 Block Pinoak Road
Theft from a Motor Vehicle- Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories - Value is Less Than \$50
- 1/23 – 4:19 p.m.
700 Block of Crystal Avenue
Access Device Fraud-Use Is Unauthorized for Any Reason-Enhanced Grading - Value Is \$500
- 1/23 – 10:30 a.m.
700 Block of Bower Hill Road
Harassment/Physical Strike Kick
- 1/22 – 10:11 a.m.
300 Block Rawley Road
Simple Assault - Actor 21+ Years old and Victim Under 12 Years old, Causes Bodily Injury
- 1/19 – 11:28 a.m.
Connor Road & Washington Road
Simple Assault-General
- 1/16 – 8:56 p.m.
100 Block Shady Drive W
Identity Theft Basic Charge - Less Than \$2000
- 1/15 – 3:04 p.m.
800 Block Meadowcroft Ave.
Terroristic Threats
- 1/15- 9:40 a.m.
200 Block Dell Avenue
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