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Businesses Reopen as Pa. Flattens the Curve - An easing of restrictions set by Gov. Tom Wolf in December will now allow Pennsylvanians to once again dine out, go to movies, gyms and salons.

Richard "Dick" Thornburgh Dies At Age 88 - Thornburgh served as Pennsylvania's governor for two terms between 1979 and 1987. Thornburgh's tenure as governor is marked in part by his management of the 1979 Three Mile Island nuclear crisis, when a partial meltdown at the plant resulted in the most serious accident at a commercial nuclear power plant in US history.

General Motors Unveiled A New Logo - The logo symbolizes its shift toward electric vehicles. The now-lowercase letter M, for example, features arches that are squared so they resemble the prongs of an electric plug, the company said. And the blue coloring is supposed to evoke "clean skies. It's the first time the auto maker has substantially changed its logo since 1964.

The National Rifle Association Of America Filed For Bankruptcy - The group said it plans to leave New York State, where it was founded in 1871, and reincorporate as a Texas nonprofit. The Chapter 11 announcement follows leadership shake-ups and allegations of financial mismanagement at the NRA in recent years. In response, the NRA filed a countersuit alleging the attorney general was hampering the group's First Amendment rights.

Oldest Living US Marine Veteran Dies At 107 Years Old - Dorothy "Dot" Cole was the oldest living US Marine veteran when she died on January 7. Cole, who was born in 1913 and grew up in Warren, Pennsylvania, suffered a heart attack. Cole, also an artist who loved her family and church and highly respected all veterans and first responders, served in the Marines until 1945.

Virtual Farm Show Opens - Because of concerns of Covid19 the decision was made to hold the 105th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show virtually. The online event featured tours and over 200 exhibits. There was also a Pennsylvania trail map of products normally found at the show and people were able to purchase products online through the vendor's website.

Astronomers Discover Black Hole From Dawn of Time - The oldest and most distant "supermassive" black hole and quasar in the universe have both been discovered. At more than 13 billion years old, the black hole and quasar are the earliest yet seen. They date to 670 million years after the Big Bang.

Senator Dave Arnold Looses Battle With Cancer - Senator Dave Arnold, 49, died at home after losing his battle with brain cancer. He represented constituents in Lebanon, York and Dauphine Counties.

New Warden Named for Lebanon County Jail - Tina Litz was selected from a pool of 14 applicants to replace Warden Robert Karnes who retired. Tina spent 25 years working for the county and before her promotion was serving as the deputy warden of treatment at the county prison.

Palindrome Dates - For 10 consecutive days, from 1/20/21 to 1/29/21, the days were all palindrome dates, which are dates that can be read the same forward and backward. For 10 consecutive days the dates are mirrored. And, according to the Farmers' Almanac, this is the first palindrome-number Inauguration Day, with the next one occurring in 1,000 years on January 20, 3021. Later this year, we had even more palindrome dates -- beginning with 12/1/21 and going until 12/9/21.

Baseball Hall Of Famer Don Sutton Dead At 75 - Hall of Fame baseball player Don Sutton died Monday night at the age of 75. A right-handed pitcher, Don Sutton spent most of his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. The team retired his famed No. 20 jersey in 1998, the same year Sutton was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

"Hank" Aaron Dies - Henry Louis "Hank" Aaron, the Baseball Hall of Famer who broke Babe Ruth's all-time home run record died at 86. His longtime team, the Atlanta Braves, said in a

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statement that Aaron "passed away in his sleep."

An Extremely Rare White Kangaroo Was Born At A Zoo In New York -A New York zoo has welcomed a baby red kangaroo with a rare condition that left park employees shocked. Cosmo, the newest joey at Animal Adventure Park, was born with leucism, an incredibly rare condition that causes the partial loss of pigmentation in an animal's skin and fur. "This is the only kangaroo of its kind in existence in North America at this moment, so that's how rare this is", Park owner Jordan Patch told CNN.

Pizza Hut Debuts A New Detroit-Style Pizza - Pizza Hut's newest pizza doesn't look like its other pizzas. The chain is launching a new Detroit-style pizza, which ditches the traditional round shape for a rectangular crust with cheese to the edges that's popular in the Michigan city. It's Pizza Hut's second major product launch this month as the pandemic-era pizza wars show few signs of slowing down.

Budweiser Is Skipping The Super Bowl For The First Time In Nearly Four Decades - Budweiser's Clydesdale horses have become synonymous with the Super Bowl. But this year, they're getting a rest: For the first time in 37 years, the beer company isn't advertising during the Super Bowl. Instead, Budweiser is shifting the money that would've been spent on the commercial slot to support "critical Covid-19 vaccine awareness" with donations and future ad campaigns, the company said Monday.

2021 Just Got Worse: Now There's A Grape-Nuts Shortage - If you're having a hard time finding Grape-Nuts at your local supermarket, you are not alone. The pandemic has come for Grape-Nuts. Supply chain constraints and higher demand for cereal have led to shortages of the product, Kristin DeRock, Grape-Nuts Brand Manager, said in an emailed statement. Grape-Nuts should be "fully back" on shelves in the spring, she said. Though sales of cereal in general were struggling for years, they've grown during the pandemic as customers eat breakfast at home and reach for comfort foods.

Cloris Leachman, Award-Winning Sitcom Star, Dead At 94 - Cloris Leachman, the acclaimed actress whose one-of-a-kind comedic flair made her a legendary figure in film and television for seven decades, has died, according to a statement from her longtime manager and representatives. She was 94.

Annville Student Starts Digital Writing Classes For Kids - Writer Pal is a six-week course offered online where Kate Foley is teaching kids how to write short stories, poetry and other creative formats. The classes are an offshoot of Gamer Pal, started by Foley and her brother Max. Max plays video games with children who may be at home with their working parents, and have little other social interaction.

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More Winter in Store - Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and predicted 6 more weeks of winter. Groundhogs Day was held virtually in Gobblers Knob, Punxsutawney, Pa. this year, due to ongoing concerns of Covid19. The big reveal was viewed livestream by more than 15,000 viewers.

Dustin Diamond, 'Saved by the Bell' Star, Dead At 44 - Dustin Diamond, who played the role of Screech on the popular 1990s high school comedy "Saved by the Bell," died Monday after a recent cancer diagnosis, according to Diamond's manager, Roger Paul. He was 44. Diamond first shared news of his cancer diagnosis last month.

The Better Business Bureau Warns People Not To Post Their Covid-19 Vaccination Cards On Social Media - No matter how excited you are about getting your vaccine, avoid sharing photos of your Covid-19 vaccine cards. "Unfortunately, your card has your full name and birthday on it, as well as information about where you got your vaccine," said the BBB in a news release. "You may be giving valuable information away for anyone to use."

Peeps Are Back - After a pandemic break, Peeps are back in production for Easter. Candy maker Just Born Quality

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Puppy Bowl XVII: Team Ruff Wins With Dramatic Last-Minute Comeback - The 17th Puppy Bowl ended in dramatic fashion Sunday with a come-from-behind win by Team Ruff. Team Ruff defeated Team Fluff in a final score of 73-69 to win Puppy Bowl XVII. Team Ruff's captain got a "Chewy Lombarky Trophy," but really, all the dogs won. Sunday's event featured 70 puppies from 22 different shelters. The event also featured a national anthem performance, a halftime show, play-by-play commentary and a "rufferee." For the past 16 events, 100% of the puppies and kittens featured were adopted.

Elco Grad A Hit With Livestream Sports Broadcasts - Jacob Hitz, 2019 ELCO grad and his alma mater, pulled off an aid to the school district's sports teams and fans. Many school districts livestream the home games, but at ELCO they went one better by having Hitz, a communications and journalism major at Shippensburg, add his announcing talents to the livestream feed and do play-by-play on the games. Other schools have made an attempt to add a broadcasting element to their livestream but not nearly as successfully as ELCO has with Hitz.

A Rare Yellow Lobster, Named Banana, Has Been Caught Off The Coast Of Maine - A rare yellow lobster has been caught off the coast of Maine and has been lovingly named Banana. The University of New England (UNE) said in a news release that Banana was caught by lobsterman Marley Babb and donated to the university on Wednesday. The yellow color comes from a pigment in the lobster's shell and the odds of catching one are about one in 30 million, according to the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine.

Mary Wilson, A Founding Member Of 'The Supremes,' Has Died - Mary Wilson, a founding member of "The Supremes" has died at the age of 76. Wilson "passed away suddenly," according to a statement from her longtime friend and publicist, Jay Schwartz.

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Chick Corea, Jazz Great, Dies at 79 - Chick Corea, an amazing jazz pianist, who accrued 23 Grammy Awards during his career and pushed the boundaries of the genre, died at the age of 79 from a rare form of cancer.

Texas Power Grid Fails - Huge winter storms plunged large parts of the central and southern United States into an energy crisis. Frigid blasts of Arctic weather left millions of Americans without power amid dangerously cold temperatures.

Rush Limbaugh, Talk Show Host, Dies at 70 - Rush Limbaugh, one of Americas most powerful voices for the "right" died from lung cancer at the age of 70. Limbaugh was unflinchingly conservative and larger than life. He galvanized listeners for more than 30 years with his talent for vituperation and sarcasm.

Worlds Oldest DNA Found in Ancient Animal - Love Dalen, a professor of evolutionary genetics at the Center for Palaeogenetics in Stockholm, Sweden reported that scientists discovered the world's oldest DNA in a molar from a steepe mammoth. The mammoth teeth had been buried for more than 1 million years in the Siberian permafrozst. The DNA is a thousand times older than Viking remains and predates the existence of humans and Neanderthals. The mammoth existed during the Early and Middle Pleistocene subepochs.

Tim Tebow's Career In Professional Baseball Is Over - The 33-year-old former college and NFL quarterback, who played in the New York Mets' minor league system, announced his retirement from the sport Wednesday. Tebow, winner of the Heisman Trophy in the 2007 college football season, won two national championships when he was with the Florida Gators. In a three-year NFL career, he played for the Denver Broncos and then the New York Jets.

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Meet Elizabeth Ann The Ferret: The First Endangered American Animal To Be Cloned - Scientists have cloned an endangered US animal for the first time, creating a black-footed ferret named Elizabeth Ann from the frozen cells of an ancestor in a landmark achievement that boosts conservation efforts. Elizabeth Ann was made from the cells of Willa, another black-footed ferret who lived more than 30 years ago. Scientists hope she will eventually be able to mate and help rescue the species from the brink of extinction.

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Tom Brady Rookie Card Sells For Record $1.32 Million - The most expensive trading card in football history, a Tom Brady rookie card, has sold for $1.32 million. FitBit CEO and co-founder James Park made the purchase. The autographed 2000 Playoff Contenders Championship Ticket card is one of only 100 cards in the world, according to PWCC Marketplace.

Rita's Italian Ice Cancels Free Ice Day - Another annual tradition is canceled due to Covid. Rita's Italian Ice canceled it's popular first day of spring "Free Ice Day". While its stores are open for business, the company said it made the move to cancel Free Ice Day to "keep everyone safe".

Spring Awakening - The 17-year periodic cicadas, know as BroodX emerged in 15 states, including Pennsylvania, this year. There are other broods but BroodX is among the most abundant in Pennsylvania. The last time this brood emerged was in 2004.

Spring Ahead - Time moves forward as clocks were set one hour ahead to utilize more daylight hours.

Lebanon County Vaccination Site Opens - Lebanon County's only county-run mass site for coronavirus vaccinations opened in an ex-Kmart building with 611 people vaccinated the first day and 3,000 total over a three-day period.

Closing In On Normal - Desks in schools can be set just 3 feet apart under guidelines released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC also found little evidence that shields or barriers were effective at preventing transmission

Lego Marks First Space Shuttle Flight With New Set Featuring Discovery And Hubble Space Telescope - Lego is launching a new set that is out of this world: the space shuttle Discovery and the Hubble Space Telescope. The set was created in partnership with NASA to mark the 40th anniversary since the first space shuttle flight on April 12, 1981, that started a new era in space exploration.

Cargo Ship Becomes Jammed in Suez Canal - The MV Ever Given, a Panama-flagged, Japanese-owned cargo ship that carries cargo between Asia and Europe got wedged in a single lane part of the canal. The huge ship, carrying around 20,000 containers at the time was believed to have been hit by strong winds and a dust storm. Authorities were unable to unstick the vessel, traffic through the canal was disrupted for the better part of a week.

Numbers Alarm Experts as U.S. Passes 30M Cases - The United States passed the 30M case mark for Covid19. Health officials expressed their concern. No other nation had as many cases or deaths.

Bald Eagles, Once On The Endangered Species List, Are Now Thriving - According to a recent report. The US Fish and Wildlife Service said in a new report that bald eagles have quadrupled in size since 2009. Over 316,700 bald eagles, and more than 71,400 nesting pairs, were present in the lower 48 states during the 2019 breeding season, according to the report. Bald eagle populations severely declined in the lower 48 states between 1870 and 1970 because of hunting, habitat loss and the use of DDT. Bald eagles are now protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

Award-Winning Novelist And Screenwriter Larry McMurtry Dies - McMurtry, who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1986 for "Lonesome Dove," died on March 25 of heart failure at 84 years old.

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APRIL 2021

PA's Move Over Law Takes Effect - Pennsylvania's Move Over Law, requiring drivers to safely merge away from an emergency response area, takes effect. Drivers who cannot merge must slow down at least 20 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit. Penalties include fines and suspension for repeated offenses.

Prince Philip, husband of British Queen Dies - His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, who spent more than seven decades supporting his wife in a role that both defined and constricted his life, died peacefully at the age of 99.

Country Songwriter, Bill Owens Dies - Country songwriter Bill Owens, 85, who was a mentor and early songwriter partner to his niece Dolly Parton and helped start her career, has died. Owens also wrote songs recorded by Loretta Lynn, Porter Wagoner, Ricky Skags and Kris Kristofferson.

State Historic Sites, Museums Set to Reopen - The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission opened state-owned historic sites and museums with reduced hours of operation and limited capacity.

Russian Diplomats Expelled by U.S. - The Biden administration expelled 10 Russian diplomats and imposed sanctions against dozens of companies and people, holding the Kremlin accountable for interference in last year's presidential election and hacking of federal agencies.

Oldest Living American Dies at 115 - Hester Ford, a North Carolina woman, died at the age of 115 years (or 116 depending on which census record was correct). She had more than 120 great-great-grandchildren, she was married at age 14 and grew up picking cotton. According to the Gerontology Research Group, which tracks "supercentenarians" she was listed as 115 years and 245 days old when she passed peacefully in her home.

NASA's Mars Helicopter Completes It's First Flight - The Ingenuity helicopter has successfully completed its historic flight on Mars and safely landed back on the surface, according to NASA. The first powered, controlled flight on another planet took place, Ingenuity, which is a technology demonstration, flew for about 39 seconds total. The 4-pound helicopter spun up its two 4-foot blades, rose up 10 feet in the air, hovered, made a turn, took a photo, and touched back down on Mars. "Now, 117 years after the Wright brothers succeeded in making the first flight on our planet, NASA's Ingenuity helicopter has succeeded in performing this amazing feat on another world," said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator for NASA's Science Mission Directorate, in a statement. The mini copter even carried a bit of wing fabric from the Wright brothers' Flyer that made similar history at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

World Leaders Pledge Cooperation - The leaders of Russia and China put aside their disputes with the U.S. President to pledge international cooperation on cutting climate-harming coal and petroleum emissions.

Michael Collins, Apollo 11 Pilot Dies - Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins, who piloted the ship from which Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin left to make their historic first steps on the moon in 1969, died from cancer, he was 90 years old.

MAY 2021

Gavin MacLeod Dies - Known for his roles on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Love Boat," MacLeod was 90 years old. After a busy career of bit parts in television and film, MacLeod first achieved fame as part of the ensemble of "The Mary Tyler

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Moore Show," a breakthrough sitcom in which he played news writer Murray Slaughter. Following the end of that program in 1977, MacLeod moved into a starring role in "The Love Boat," the campy melodrama set on a cruise ship. MacLeod got top billing as "Your Captain," the dedicated and friendly Merrill Stubing. The "Boat" pulled into port for the last time after nine seasons, but MacLeod continued to embrace his character, making many public appearances in costume. He also served as an "ambassador" for Princess Cruises, the company that provided the ship used in the series.

Major East Coast Pipeline Halts Operations After Cyber Attack - Colonial Pipeline, a major pipeline system that transports fuel across the East Coast, was attacked with ransomeware that affected its information technology systems. The company took cautionary measures to safeguard its systems by taking them off-line, halting pipeline operations. This caused disruptions in the supply of gas to many east coast states.

Rule on Seeking Work to Resume- Pa will again require those seeking unemployment compensation to look for jobs. This will begin July 18 and a work registration will also be resuming in September.

"Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head" Singer B.J. Thomas Dies - The Grammy-winning singer, B.J.Thomas, who enjoyed success on the pop, country and gospel charts has died at 78 years of age. He had been diagnosed with lung cancer in March and died from complications of the disease.

"Love Boat" Caption, Gavin MacLeod Dies - Gavin MacLeod, given name Allen See, a veteran actor who achieved fame as sardonic TV news anchor Murry Slaughter on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and stardom playing the cheerful captain on "The Love Boat" has died, he was 90 years old.

Memorial Day Weekend Is First Maskless Holiday In Over A Year For Many Americans As Mandates Lift - The coronavirus pandemic isn't over, but Memorial Day weekend is set to look more like it did before the virus upended life more than a year ago. Americans were experiencing their first holiday weekend since the CDC changed its masking guidance on May 13 -- that fully vaccinated people don't need to wear masks indoors, and they don't have to keep their distance from others. Mask mandates melted away. As of Friday, California, Hawaii, New Mexico were the only states with mask mandates for everyone.

Red Barn Produce, Upcoming Meat Vendor New Additions To Lebanon Farmer's Market - Two new vendors are arriving at the Lebanon Farmer's Market, Red Barn Produce, providing quality fresh produce that is locally grown, and a "fairly large" Meat Market.

Iceberg Breaks Off Antarctica - On May 20, the world's largest iceberg, which is 80 times the size of Manhattan, broke off Antarctica. The iceberg is shaped like a giant ironing board. Iceberg breakage is normal in the natural cycle of nature and scientists aren't attributing this particular break to climate change.

JUNE 2021

American Passengers Sets Sail Over A Year After The Pandemic Shut Down The Industry - The first major cruise ship open to North Americans since the industry paused over a year ago due to the coronavirus pandemic set sail on this month. Celebrity Millennium, part of the Celebrity Cruises line owned by Royal Caribbean Group, sailed from Philipsburg, St. Maarten with paying passengers. Royal Caribbean has not held cruises since March 2020. Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, President and CEO of Celebrity Cruises, said in a statement. "What an honor to now be the first to enthusiastically say, once again -- 'Welcome Aboard!'

'The Mod Squad' Actor Clarence Williams III Dies At 81 - Clarence Williams III, who played Linc Hayes in "The Mod Squad," died at his home in Los Angeles after battling colon cancer, his manager Peg Donegan told CNN in a statement Sunday. Williams was 81.

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First-Class Stamps to Rise to 58 Cents - The U.S. Postal Service boosted the first-class stamp postal rate by 6.8% in an effort to stabilize finances amid slumping mail volume and lagging delivery. The new rate will take effect August 29, 2021.

Pa. Senate Votes to End Wolf's COVID-19 Disaster Declaration - The Pennsylvania Senate voted 30-20 to immediately end Gov. Wolf's disaster declaration. This vote is part of the effort of 46 states, Guam and Puerto Rico where lawmakers are working to curtail their governors' authority and create a fair balance of power.

Tiny Fossil Found in 99-Million-Year-Old Amber - A small skull found in 99-million-year-old-amber in Myanmar, had scientists thinking it was the smallest dinosaur to date. But new research concluded the fossil belongs to a lizzard-like creature, roughly the size of a hummingbird who existed about 100 million years ago.

Biden Declares Juneteenth a Federal Holiday - June 19, 1865 is the date when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to enslaved Black people in Galveston, Texas - some 2 1/2 years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation had freed the slaves in Southern states. Juneteenth is the 12th federal holiday, including Inauguration Day once every four years.

Winner's of the C.S. "Pop" Kelchner Award - This year's winners of the Kelchner Awards, given annually by the Central Chapter Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame to the top male and female senior student-athlete from Lebanon County High Schools, as well as Milton Hershey, Conrad Weiser and Tulpehocken are Braden Bohannon of ELCO and Gwyneth Young of Ceder Crest.

Mask Mandate Ends - Pennsylvania joins the majority of states in lifting the pandemic restriction of wearing masks and the 6 feet away distancing. Even though the mask mandate is lifted, nursing homes and schools will still require masks. Businesses, healthcare providers and other entities have the option of requiring masks regardless of vaccine status.

Lego Has Created An Adidas Sneaker, Complete With Laces And A Shoebox - Sneaker fans can add yet another new product to their collection, although this shoe is not one to wear. Lego is releasing a buildable toy brick version of the Adidas Superstar sneaker, complete with shoelaces and a shoebox. The set comes as part of Lego's partnership with Adidas. The toy company's designers have been faithful to the original sneaker, with the set replicating the shoe's shell toe shape and serrated three stripes mark. Lego is selling the set with a display stand, placing it firmly in the realm of collectible products.

JULY 2021

"Summer of Freedom" - President Joe Biden declared Independence Day as the launch of "a summer of freedom." He encouraged nationwide celebrations to mark the country's return to normalcy after 16 months of coronavirus pandemic disruption.

Japan Bans Fans at 2021 Olympics - Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga declared that fans will be banned from the Tokyo-area stadiums and arenas during the Olympics. This means that the Olympics will be a TV-only event this year.

Daly, Padelsky Top Local Hoops Poll - Lebanon's high-flying during the Cedars' glory days of the late 1990s, Pat Daly, is the boys' winner of the poll to determine Lebanon County's greatest basketball players of the last 50 years, scoring 1,602 of the 5,377 votes cast in the boys' poll. Andrea Padelsky received 134 of the poll's 664 votes to win the girl's poll. She was the key player on Lebanon's back-to-back Section Two championship teams of 2000 and 2001.

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Dusty Hill, 72, ZZ Top Bassist - ZZ Top's bassist, Dusty Hill died in his sleep at the age of 72. Dusty Hill, born Joe Michael Hill, Gibbons and Beard formed ZZ Top in 1969. The group had many hits including "Tush", "Sharp Dressed Man", "Legs" and "Give Me All Your Lovin".

Western Wildfires' Smoke Reaches the East Coast - The effects of the horrendous wildfires on the West Coast are felt as the haze of smoke covers East Coast cities, prompting air-quality alerts in many areas.

Powerball Adds 3rd Drawing - The Pennsylvania Lottery added a Monday draw for the Powerball. This means there will be three drawings per week, Monday, Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Former Post Office Building Gets New Life - Originally a slaughterhouse in 1936, then the Hershey Post Office, the limestone building at 50 North Linden Road will reopen as a farmer's market. The Greystone Fresh Market is set to debut in October of this year. It will provide fare from local vendors, including freshly grown produce, baked goods, ready-made meals, meats and more.

National Night Out - Local Police Departments, Fire Departments and School Districts work together to host festivities which include music, food, games, raffles and demonstrations to promote "unity" and celebrate National Night Out.

Penn State Requires Masking at all Campuses - Penn State University will require all students, staff and visitors at all campuses to wear masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

AUGUST 2021

Tokyo Olympics Medal Count - Team U.S.A. women alone won 66 medals, dominating the games in a historic first! All together Team U.S.A. won a total of 113 medals, 39 Gold, 41 Silver and 33 Bronze.

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Pentagon Requires Vaccine for All troops - The Pentagon will require all members of the U.S. Military to get the Covid-19 vaccine. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin asked Biden to waive a federal law that requires individuals to be given a choice.

July Hottest Month on Record - As extreme heat waves struck parts of the United States and Europe the globe averaged 62.07 degrees F. in July, becoming the hottest month in 142 years of record keeping, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A Grand Old Time - Historic Old Annville Day returns after a year's absence. The community celebrated its 32nd event with over 130 vendors, stage performances, historical displays and vehicles. The event is usually attended by around 6,000 people, both local and visitors.

"The Mary Tyler Moore Show" Actor Dies - Ed Asner, the gruff but lovable newsman Lou Grant in "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" died at the age of 91. Asner's representative confirmed the actor's death, saying he passed peacefully.

Legendary Drummer Dies - Charlie Watts, the drummer for Rolling Stones, who helped anchor one of rock's greatest rhythm sections died, peacefully in a London hospital, he was 80 years old. He was considered one of the greatest drummers of his generation.

Biden Declares "The War in Afghanistan is Now Over" - After 20 years of war, Biden ended an era of major military operations with a chaotic and deadly withdraw from Afghanistan, leaving thousands behind.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Masks are Back - Governor Tom Wolf announced that beginning September 7 masks will be required inside school buildings. All

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Never Forget, 20 Years Later: September 11 2001 to September 11, 2021- Communities across the United States came together to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 in recognition of both the lives lost and the sacrifices made by first responders and their families.

OCTOBER 2021

Vietnam Helicopter Pilot Honored - Lebanons' hometown John Stephen Chrin, who died on a helicopter rescue mission 50 years ago was honored with a gravesite memorial service. By October 13, 1971 Chrin had flown more than 120 Combat Medevac Missions, he earned six Air Medals, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Aviator Badge and was awarded a Purple Heart. In 2015 Mayor Sherry Capello proclaimed every October 13 as John Stephen Chrin Day in the Borough.

Star Trek's Captain Kirk Blasts into Space - Hollywoods Captain Kirk, 90 year old William Shatner, truly launched into space aboard a ship built by Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin Company. In a convergence of science fiction meets science Captain Kirk (William Shatner) was hurtled, not beamed, into space for 10 minutes. The ship reached an altitude of 66.5 miles above the earth and included about 3 minutes of weightlessness and the curvature of the earth. Shatner is now the oldest person to have been in outerspace.

NOVEMBER 2021

Nerdfest IX Raises Record Amount for Donation to Benefit PSU Children's Hospital - Twenty-four gamers gathered to compete at Nerdfest IX to raise funds for charity. Hershey's Phil Miller was the events champion, winning three games and totaling 59 points in the tournament standings. The event raised $2,200 as well as spending more than $700 with area small businesses for food, prizes and t-shirts for the annual event.

Busy at the Gap - For the second year in a row and the fifth time in seven years, Fort Indiantown Gap was the busiest National Guard training center in the country. Fort Indiantown Gap hosted 113,075 personnel in the 2021 fiscal year. The other years were 2015, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

Wolf Unveils Statewide Litter Action Plan - Gov. Tom Wolf announced Pennsylvania's first litter action plan, developed in concert with more than 100 stakeholders from state and local government, businesses, Legislators, nonprofits and community organizations.

Palmyra Man Judges Westminster Dog Show - Richard Powell, a Palmyra resident will be a judge for the 146th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City in January. Powell will judge the Terrier Group. This will be his first judging event on national television.

Tony Bennett, 95, Leaves His Heart Onstage In A Moving Final Concert With Lady Gaga - Tony Bennett won over generations of fans crooning "I Left My Heart in San Francisco." And on his 95th birthday, the beloved singer left his heart on the stage of Radio City Music Hall. Bennett sang alongside Lady Gaga before sold-out crowds in a two-concert series in early August billed as his final New York performances. Now the special, "One Last Time: An Evening With Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga," aired on CBS.

The Original Gerber Baby Is Celebrating Her 95th Birthday - Original Gerber Baby Ann Turner Cook, whose famous face has been printed on countless products over generations, is celebrating her 95th birthday. Cook has been the face of the company since 1928, when her neighbor Dorothy Hope Smith entered a charcoal sketch of the baby into a contest for an advertising campaign. The artist said she would finish the portrait if she won, but Gerber decided to use it as is. The sketch was so popular that Gerber made the chubby-cheeked tot its official trademark in 1931. The Gerber Baby's identity was kept a secret

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until 1978 and over the years people speculated that it might have been a sketch of Humphrey Bogart, Elizabeth Taylor, Sen. Bob Dole and Jane Seymour.

Subway Co-Founder Peter Buck, Who Turned $1,000 Into A Billion, Dies - Subway co-founder Peter Buck, who turned his initial investment of $1,000 into more than a billion dollars, died Thursday at the age of 90, the company confirmed. With more than 40,000 locations worldwide, Subway today is now the world's largest submarine sandwich chain. Buck, the company's last surviving founder, left a net worth of $1.7 billion, according to Forbes.

DECEMBER 2021

Former Senator Bob Dole Dies At 98 - Kansas lawmaker and decorated World War II veteran Bob Dole died in his sleep according to an announcement from the Elizabeth Dole foundation. Dole, a major force in the Republican Party for 30 years, wanted to be remembered for his service as a World War II veteran.

Neeli Bendapudi named 19th Penn State University President - She will be the first woman and first person of color to lead the 20 Penn State campuses and nearly 90,000 students that encompass the school, one of the largest in the country. Eric James Barron is retiring at the end of this academic year. Bendapudi will take the role in July.

Vampire Chronicles Novelist Dies - Anne Rice, 80, author whose lush, gothic tales reinvented the blood-drinking immortals as tragic antiheroes has died due to complications from a stroke. She was 80 years old. Rice wrote more than 30 books, selling more than 150 million copies worldwide. Thirteen of those books were part of the Vampire Chronicles.

Dollar General Is Targeting New Customers With A New Store Model And Name - Dollar General has become a retail empire by building small stores in rural towns across America to attract mainly low-income shoppers. Now, the company will expand it's push to win wealthier customers in the suburbs using a new store model and name: Popshelf. Dollar General said Thursday it will open 1,000 Popshelf stores over the next four years. The retailer first introduced the concept last year and has 30 Popshelf stores today. Although Dollar General's 18,000 stores sell mostly food, snacks, cleaning products and home essentials, Popshelf stores are stocked with home furnishings, party items, toys and beauty products for $5 or less. Customers often visit Dollar General for specific needs — a run out for milk or laundry detergent — but the company hopes shoppers who head to Popshelf will check out what's new and leave with a few gifts and pillows.

NFL Coach John Madden Passed Away On Tuesday, December 28 At The Age Of 85. - "Few individuals meant as much to the growth and popularity of professional football as Coach Madden, whose impact on the game both on and off the field was immeasurable." The NFL also released an emotional statement about Madden but did not release a cause of death. His sudden death was described as "unexpected". Madden became the youngest head coach in pro football when he was hired to coach the Raiders, leading them to victory against the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl XI and finishing his career with a 103-32-7 record. He has the all-time highest winning percentage among all coaches who won at least 100 games. He was also the namesake of the famous Madden NFL video game franchise.

TV's Saucy Golden Girl, Betty White, Dies - Betty White, 99 was a tv icon for more than 60 years. Among the many highlights of a career that began in 1949 were spots on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" in the 70's and "Saturday Night Live" in 2010. Miss White won 5 Primtime Emmys and 1 Competitive Daytime Emmy as well as a lifetime achievement Daytime Emmy in 2015 and a Los Angeles regional Emmy in 1952. The 2014 edition of the "Guinness World Records" certified Betty White as having the longest ever career for a female entertainer. White was the last surviving member of the Golden Girls' 4 stars. The well loved actress would have been 100 years old on January 12, 2022.

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