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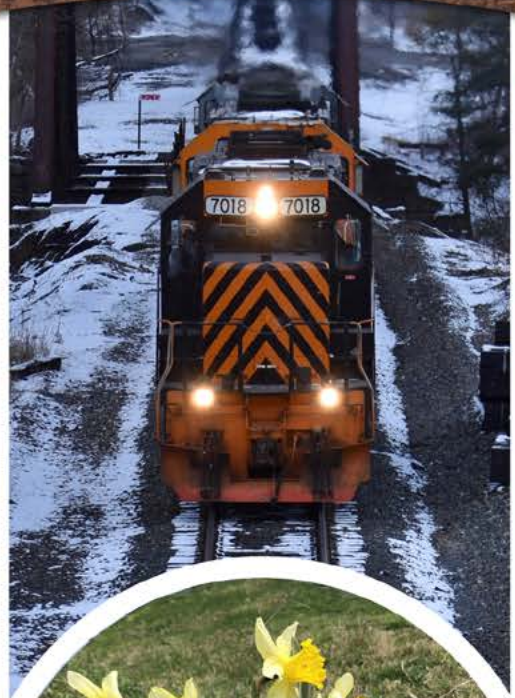
OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP

Washington County · Avella, Pennsylvania

WINTER - SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



VOLUME II • ISSUE I



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

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for the 2nd in a series of short
SURVEYS

What kinds of things would you like to have in Independence Township?



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WINTER - SPRING 2024



Thanks to volunteer residents for providing decorations for the municipal office at no cost to our township. They do a beautiful job sprucing up the interior of the township office seasonally, making it a welcoming atmosphere.



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The Declaration of Independence Township is published four times per year by the Board of Supervisors.

FEEDBACK & NEWS TIPS WELCOME!
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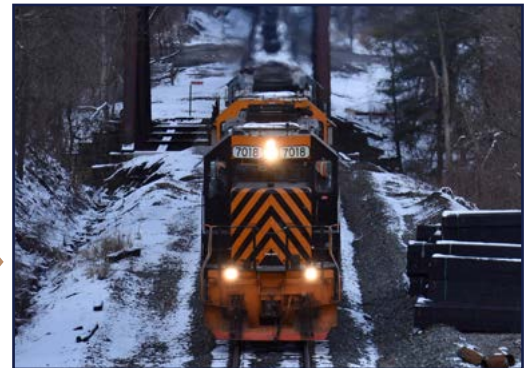
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FROM THE COVER: Local photographer Sebastian Leis visits Independence Township to photograph the incoming trains, and he provided this photo! See page 4.



Message from the Supervisors

Join Us in Revitalizing Our Village Downtown!

As we look ahead to the future of our beloved village, it's clear that there's immense untapped potential waiting to be unlocked right in the heart of our downtown area. We envision a vibrant community hub where residents come together, businesses thrive, and our village flourishes with renewed energy.

To make this vision a reality, we need your help and participation. Your involvement is crucial in revitalizing our downtown area and transforming it into a lively, welcoming space for all. Here's how you can contribute:

- 1 Get Involved & Take Action:** Attend community meetings, join neighborhood associations, volunteer for local initiatives. Identify specific areas for improvement in our downtown (beautification initiatives, infrastructure upgrades, community events). Then, roll up your sleeves and get to work. Every small action counts towards the greater goal of revitalization.
- 2 Be Vocal - Residential Engagement:** Your voice matters. Don't be afraid to speak up and share your ideas, suggestions, concerns and aspirations for our downtown area. Through community meetings, township social media, letters to local officials or conversations with neighbors, we're looking for people who care and want to work together to shape the future of our village.
- 3 Support Local Businesses:** Our local businesses are the lifeblood of our community. By choosing to shop locally and frequenting establishments in our downtown area, you're not only supporting our economy but also fostering a sense of community pride and directly contributing to the vibrancy of our downtown. Businesses from other towns may see success and become interested in branching out into our area.
- 4 Beautification Initiatives:** Let's get to work beautifying our downtown streets. It could be through planting flowers, organizing and participating in clean-up events, or painting murals. Again, every small effort contributes in creating a more inviting environment.



- 5 Promote & Support Community Events:** Keep an eye out for upcoming events and activities in our downtown area. Whether it's a farmers' market, art fair, or live music performance, these events bring people together and inject life into our village.
- 6 Spread the Word:** Share your enthusiasm for our downtown revitalization efforts with friends, family, and neighbors. The more people who are engaged and involved, the stronger our community becomes.
- 7 Lead by Example:** Be a catalyst for change in our community. And take proactive steps towards revitalizing our downtown and inspiring others to do the same.

Complaining only gets us so far, but it's action that brings about real change. Enough with the complaints. Let's roll up our sleeves and take action! Instead of sitting back and waiting for things to improve on their own, let's take matters into our own hands and make a difference. Here's a call to arms to all members of our community.

Each and every person in our community can do SOMETHING, and together we have the power to make a meaningful impact and transform the center of our village into a thriving downtown we can all be proud of. Let's stop talking and start doing it.

Sincerely Yours,

**Thomas Jennings, Chairman
Joyce McKenzie, Vice Chairman
Thomas Cowden, Supervisor**



On the Cover

INTERESTING HISTORY, PHOTO CREDITS, ETC.



Pictured to the Left:
Local Photographer Sebastian Leis visits Independence Township on occasion to capture photos of incoming trains. He provided this photo.

**Follow him on instagram
to see some of his beautiful photography of trains
(@rustbeltrailfan)**



Photos of Southdown Lambs, a meek breed of sheep, from Weatherbury Farm are pictured here (special thanks to Marcy, Dale and Nigel Tudor). Some of the little lambs were only 4-5 days old! On this visit, the Tudors were busy milling Einkorn Grain (the first wheat cultivated by humans!).

The Tudors took time out of their busy day to share some of the VERY interesting history of sheep and wool in our area. **Did you know that our region and our little town was the epicenter for sheep farming in the U.S. in the early to mid 1800s? Washington County led the nation in wool production in those days!** Merino sheep were brought over from Europe and Merino wool, a fine and popular textile of the day was used in a lot of clothing, including military uniforms (Civil War through



WWII). The Tudors are a wealth of knowledge on this topic, as Weatherbury Farm used to be the site of an annual Wool Festival that celebrated this area's heritage in sheep farming. Dale told us about some of the huge sheep farms of the day, like Manchester Farms in Independence Township. Just a few of the other interesting facts that they shared with us: Wellsburg was named after Alexander Wells, a man who owned 2 large flour mills. His son, Bazaleel owned the largest woolen mill in America (he also founded Steubenville and Canton, OH). Bethany College was founded by Alexander Campbell who had a huge sheep farm. One year he raised over \$90,000 through sheep farming, which is the funding he used to start the college! Also, did you know that Drover's Restaurant used to be a popular stopping point for sheep drovers who would be driving herds toward the river (hence the name Dover's)? We have such a cool history in and around Independence Township. **Support our local farmers! Visit Weatherbury Farm online!**



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Try out their organic flours and grains grown and milled right here
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Flour Bags w/ Grain Tracker QR Code Label





ATTENTION PLEASE

WARNING!

Our Bulk Clean-Up Dumpsters Could Go Away!

Individuals have been dumping personal garbage in our bulk clean-up dumpsters. This type of personal garbage, kitchen garbage, food scraps, etc. attracts animals and pests.

This is a problem that could become costly to the township and taxpayers.

If this does not STOP, we will be forced to eliminate the bulk clean-up dumpsters.

Dumpsters are for Bulk Items ONLY
NO Personal Garbage Bags • NO Food Garbage
Absolutely NO Dumpster Diving!



Independence Township Dumpsters



Bulk Item Clean-up

Independence Township
has dumpsters available for

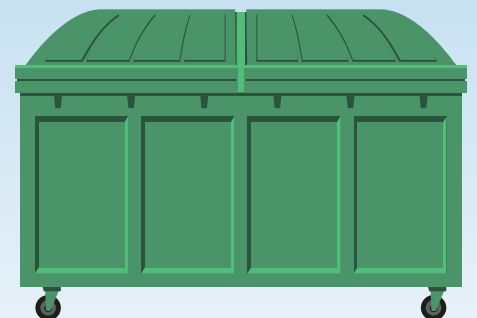
INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

Saturdays Only:

April - October: 8 am - 5 pm | November - March: 9 am - 4 pm

CLOSED ON MAJOR HOLIDAYS

Please NO: tires, electronic devices, computers, refrigerators, garbage, building materials, paint or petroleum products.



Address: 11 School Court, Avella, PA 15312 (behind the Independence Township Community Center)



STUDENT ATHLETE

ABIGAIL DOLANCH



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP RESIDENT & AVELLA FRESHMAN
Wrestles for Female Rangers ★ "Bleeds Blue & Gold"

1st Female in Avella School History to Win 1st at Tournament



BY Dan Moore,
Coach, Avella Wrestling

If you want to know what hard work, heart and determination gets you, look no further. Her name is Abigail Dolanch, a freshman from Avella Jr./Sr. High School, who is the first female wrestler ever in Avella's history to win first at tournament. Abigail is the daughter of Rebecca and Matthew Dolanch of Independence Township, Avella. Pictured to the right with wrestling coach Dan Moore of Avella, Abigail is in her 3rd season of wrestling and her record this year is 13-3. Coach Moore tells us "Abigail has set goals for herself, works very hard at getting better, and even when the obstacles are stacked against her, she finds a way to train and improve." One of her goals is to win a WPIAL title and be the first ever female in Avella's history to do so. Another big goal is to get into a good college for wrestling. Her overall record is 27-7. She is on track to make 100 wins, and if she continues at this pace, she'll be the first girl at Avella to make 100 wins (another big goal of Abigails)!

Coach Moore says "She is currently training for the WPIAL title in February and then hopes to make it to the State finals. Although she wrestles for Fort Cherry, she bleeds blue and gold. We are currently working with the Avella school board now to bring wrestling back to Avella for boys and girls both, and give all Avella students the opportunity to compete in this sport for their school.

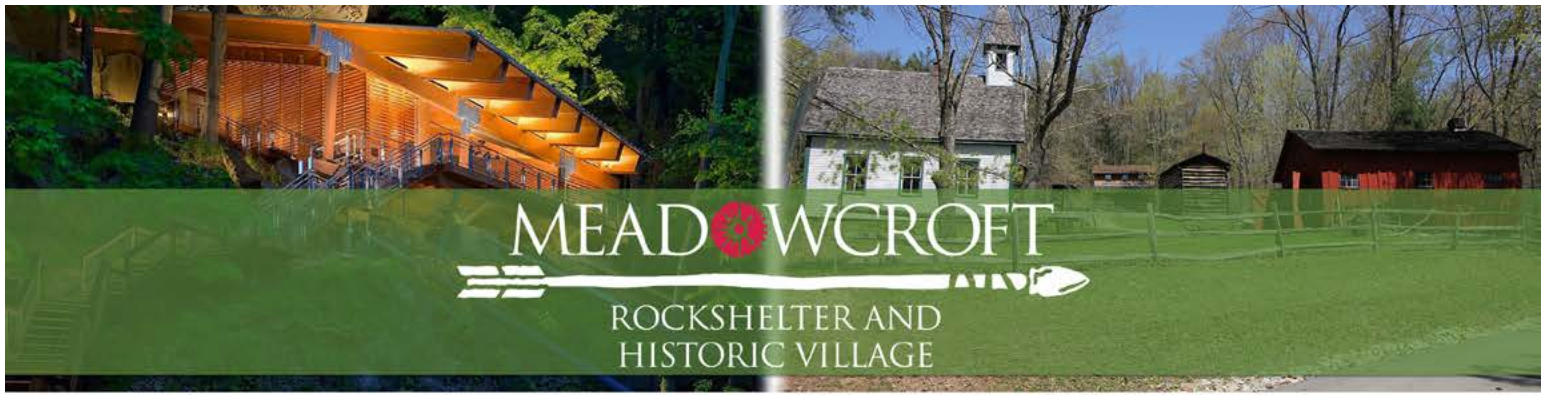
Girls wrestling has exploded in the last few years and is now a sanctioned sport in Pennsylvania. It's becoming increasingly popular across the nation, and many colleges offer it now as well. Dan Moore tells us "Many of these girls work very, very hard, and earn these wins, as you can see from the bloody nose."



UPDATE!

Abigail is going to states! She put it all on the mat, and she advances to the consi-finals with a pin and punches her ticket to Hershey!!!





MEADOWCROFT

ROCKSHELTER AND
HISTORIC VILLAGE

Miller Family Recipe Book

BY Sarah J. Kizina
Visitor Center Coordinator at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village

While the museum grounds and buildings are closed for the winter here at Meadowcroft, staff continues important work in the off-season. One such task is research and development for the upcoming season. A number of years ago, a receipt book was donated to the museum that once belonged to the Miller Family. Books such of these were, and still are, common in households, serving as a catch all for recipes (or receipts as they were known at the time), cures, and little tidbits of other information.

The author of the Miller Receipt book is a bit of a mystery. It appears to date from the mid to late 19th century, which

would place it with Albert Miller's grandmother and great aunts. Albert did make a note within the book that it was either his grandmother's, Etta, or his great aunt, Mary Margaret Miller. However, among the pages is the name Sallie V. Miller handwritten in the same writing throughout the book. Sallie, being a hypocorism for Sarah, might mean that the book belonged to Sarah Victoria Miller/Steen, another of Etta's sisters.

Whoever penned the book, they filled the pages with handwritten recipes for cakes and soap alongside clippings from newspapers that told of miracle cures for ailments afflicting man or beast. Brittle from years of use and age, I have been transcribing the pages in hope to incorporate some of the information into historic programming this upcoming season. Here is a transcribed receipt for Etta's Chocolate Cake, which I've made and produced a dense sweet cake:

ETTA'S CAKE RECEIPT

Chocolate Cake

- 2 ½ cups sugar
- the yolks of 5 eggs
- ½ cup butter
- beat till light
- ¾ cups sweet milk
- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder
- whites of the 5 eggs beaten and put in at last.

Icing

- 1 teacupful of sugar put a little water on and let it boil till almost taffy
- beat the white of one egg
- pour sugar over the white of the egg and grate chocolate in while warm



MEADOWCROFT REOPENS IN MAY!

May Hours: Saturday & Sunday: 10 am - 4 pm

401 Meadowcroft Road | Avella, PA 15312 · Phone: 724-587-3412

www.heinzhistorycenter.org/meadowcroft



PUBLIC WORKS



DEPARTMENT UPDATE

BY **Bob Collett,**
Roadmaster

In the Public Works Department, Independence Township officials have focused some attention on new storage buildings for equipment & materials.

These storage buildings will be used for materials as well as seasonal equipment which is very important to us because as the seasons change, so does the work and equipment.

It's a huge benefit to keep our equipment under roof, in order to reduce costly weather-related maintenance on things like trucks, machinery, apparatus. Keeping anti-skid and salt under roof keeps it dry, which prevents it from freezing solid on the truck and plugging or busting augers, spinners and hydraulic systems. Having these shelters is not only a cost-saving measure, but they also keep our trucks and crew attending to roadways in a snow storm, and not in the shop making repairs or getting things thawed out.



Britespan Storage Building 72'x60'x29'
Sold by Elemental Shelters Solutions · Completed November 2023



Stage 1 of Building



Stage 2 of Building



Other exciting developments

in the Public Works Department is the new truck we added to our fleet back in June 2023, that has been put to good use this season as a plow truck. It is a 2022 F600 Ford 1 Ton Dump and Plow truck. Having this smaller truck in our fleet will help us to reduce fuel costs, maintenance costs and man hours. Smaller trucks are also advantageous here in Independence Township, because they are more manageable in our narrow streets and more cost-effective. This will also give our big trucks a longer life expectancy.



Storage Building
30'x85'x15'
built and sold by
Elemental Shelters Solutions



2022 F600 Ford 1 Ton
Dump & Plow Truck



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP Community Center

11 School Court • Avella, PA 15312

Call for Reservations: 724-507-6448



PICKLEBALL

WEEKDAYS
call to schedule

*Blocks of time available from 10 am - 4 pm
at \$2 per session*

EVENINGS
call for availability

CALL 724-507-6448 TO SCHEDULE

GYM TIME CALL TO SCHEDULE

Call to schedule time during the day for walking, exercise, and play in the gym during this cold wintertime weather. Do laps in the gym to get your steps in until the weather breaks in the spring. The gymnasium is open to the public by calling to schedule a time to come play, and it can be opened early to accommodate work schedules if you call in advance to schedule.

Call The Perfect Venue for Parties

The neutral color scheme of our newly remodeled party room is perfect to go along with any party theme. It is complete with tables, chairs, a bar with electrical outlets (perfect for a buffet of party food), and even a mini fridge for your drinks.

The adjacent gym is perfect for recreation for your guests. Let the kids burn off steam (and those calories from all the cake and goodies!), while you enjoy time in the party room eating and visiting with those you've invited to share in the festivities.

- VERY AFFORDABLE RATES -



Photos above show the party room decorated beautifully for a gathering. Photos compliments of Dana Lis Davis.



AVELLA WINTER GUARD PRESENTS



HOME SHOW

FRIDAY, 19TH OF APRIL

SHOW STARTS AT 7:00PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:45PM

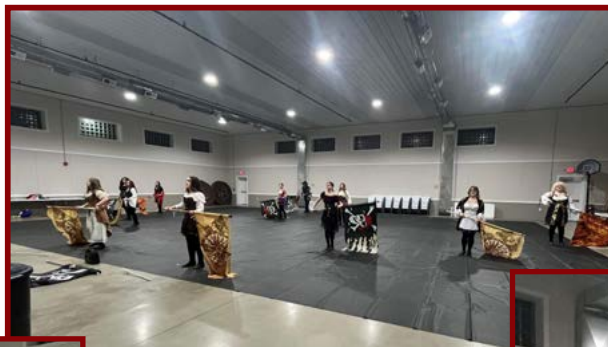
AVELLA HIGH SCHOOL GYM

CANDY GRAMS FOR SALE, 50/50, AND RAFFLE

FREE ADMISSION - DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Come join us for our home show to celebrate our WinterGuard's season and our seniors. Free admission, we will be selling programs for \$5. We will be having 50/50 which will benefit the members and West Middletown Firehall. There will be Raffle baskets and candy grams.

We hope you will join us.



\$6,000 CASH BASH

24TH ANNUAL

Saturday

March 16, 2024

Sponsored by Avella Vol. Fire Dept. and Avella Athletics

Only 500 Tickets Sold • 2 Numbers Per Ticket

Drawing Starts at 8:00 PM Sharp

TICKETS \$50 DONATION INCLUDES:

ADMISSION, FOOD, BEER & MIXERS,

BYOB, DJ JOHNNY FEVER, A CHANCE TO WIN BIG,

RAFFLE OF THE NIGHT \$5.00 (the more you buy, the bigger the pot)

Must be 21 to attend • You do not need to be present to win

For Ticket Information Call:

412-576-2937 or 724-554-9850



Avella
Eagles

Cheer

CLICK HERE



for
Registration

FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING Sign Ups

KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE

D3 (K-2nd Grade)

D2 (3rd & 4th Grade)

D1 (5th & 6th Grade)

For questions, please do not contact the school or office directly. Instead, feel free to reach out to an Athletics officer or send an email to avellaathletics@gmail.com or avella.athletics.cheer@gmail.com for assistance.

\$75 Football Registration fee
\$90 Cheer Registration fee
\$200 Volunteer hold
Volunteer check will be returned upon completion of volunteer & uniform turn in

Discount available for multiple kids of the same family



Avella Sportsmen's Club



MEAT SHOOT

March 17, 2024



Meat Shoot at 1:00 pm • BB Gun Shoot at 12:00 pm

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Join us for target shooting
and try to win some freezer meat!

\$3.00 per shot • Guns and shells will be provided.

Concessions • 50/50

1501 Avella Road, Avella, PA 15312



RUSH MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY AVELLA YOUTH WRESTLING



BRACKET CHAMPS WIN A
CUSTOM SUBLIMATED HOODIE!

2 DAY TOURNAMENT

Wrestling and Weigh-ins are at Avella High School (1000 Avella Road, Avella, Pa 15312)

March 16th-Open

March 17th-All Girls

Online Registration closes on March 14th at 4:00 pm

Doors Open at 6:00 am both days

Weigh-ins: 6U, 10U March 16th from 6:00-7:00 AM at Avella High School
8U, 12U, 15U March 16th from 11:00-Noon at Avella High School
All Girls March 17th from 6:30-7:30 AM at Avella High School
NO WEIGHT ALLOWANCE *\$10 TO CHANGE WEIGHT AT SCALE*

Start Times: Day 1: 6U, 10U begins at 8:00 am

8U, 12U, 15U begins at 1:00 pm

Day 2: All Girls' Divisions (K-3rd, 4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) begins at 8:30 am

Awards: All Bracket Champs win a Sweet Custom Sublimated Champion Hoodie

Registration: \$30 per entry online at pywrestling.com

May register in 2 age/grade divisions (additional registration required.)

Divisions: 6U- 40 45 50 55 60 65 80

8U- 45 50 55 60 65 75 90 HWT (max 110)

10U- 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 120 HWT (max 150)

12U- 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 115 125 135 145 160 HWT (max 200)

15U-77 82 87 92 97 102 108 117 124 132 140 155 170 190 212 252

All Girls Divisions-(K-3rd, 4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) Madison Weight System

Rules: PIAA modified. Age as of 12/31/23. Grade for current school year. Varsity High School Experience allowed.

12U and Girls K-6th 1-1-1, 15U and Girls 7-12th 90-90-90 (consolations 1-1-1). Sudden death OT, one 30 sec ride out.

Double elimination. No guaranteed rest for wrestlers in 2 classes. Tournament director reserves the right to combine weight classes. Brackets of 5 or less may become round robins. Referee decisions are final.

College out of bounds. Proof of age/grade required if contested.

Tournament Director Dan Moore (724) 579-4656 or Dmoore411@gmail.com



Avella Public Library

Craft/Coffee Hour

Spring Birdhouse Mobile Craft & Coffee Hour

Thursday, March 7 at 12:00 pm



Raffle Basket

Stop in the Library to try a chance for our raffle basket. The basket is full of goodies, including the items pictured, along with **Inspection & Emissions from Avella Motor & Body**, a **haircut from Dempster's Hair Salon**, **\$50 Gift Card for Marsha Cassel's Kitchen on Main** and **\$50 Gift Card for Olive Garden**. It is on a \$100 tip board for \$5 each.



Story Hour, Anyone?

Are you a parent/grandparent/caregiver of someone who might enjoy Story Hour? Please get in touch with the Library and let us know. The Avella Public Library would love to make this available to the community if there is an interest. This will not happen if we don't receive feedback from the community.

Are you an individual or business who would be interested in reading a story or hosting story hour? Call us today!

\$10,000 Grant Awarded

In December 2023, the Washington County Community Foundation awarded \$175,000 in grants from the Community CARE Fund and the Horne Family Fund to 11 community-based libraries in Washington County. Avella Public Library Director Melissa Ansell applied, and we received a \$10,000 for programming!

Look for Upcoming Events - Planning In Progress - Late Spring/Early Summer

Spaghetti
DINNER

May Date
TBD!

Summer Reading Program

June 18, 19 & 20
11:00 am - 12:30 pm



Address: 11 School Court, Avella, PA 15312 | Phone: 724-587-5688
Regular Hours: Mon, Tues., Wed., Thurs. 10 am - 5 pm





The AACA has recently gone through some re-organization, and we are looking for more community support and input. The organization currently has funding, but we need people to get ideas off the ground. ***We exist to make our town better for you, your family, and for generations to come.***

DO YOU HAVE

a special **TALENT, IDEAS** or just a **DESIRE TO HELP** our community?

We'd like to use your time and talents in the areas that interest you! Some areas that we focus our efforts toward are:

- Beautification & Clean-Up
- Historical Preservation
- Programs, Speakers, Workshops
- Fundraising
- Publicity
- Special Events



MEETINGS:

3rd Monday of every month at 6:00 PM
Independence Township Community Center

PLEASE JOIN US!

Call 724-507-6448 with questions.



The Avella Area Community Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It costs \$20 to become a voting member. We welcome everyone to join a meeting and to volunteer for a project.

A.D. White Research Society, Ltd.

BY **Lisa Maust**

At the beginning of 2024, President Willard C. White of A. D. White Research Society, Ltd. invited all friends of the Society to join in a meeting and discussion on the future of the Society and its physical assets. Their assets include a modernized building with easy access, modern shelving and storage, and a trove of local family histories. They are in need of volunteers, consistent revenue and updated office equipment.

At the reorganizational meeting on January, 27th, 2024, at the Train Station in Avella, over 20 people were in attendance. There was a lot of energy and folks stepping up to do a myriad of tasks to keep the Society going in the short term, and to do some long term planning. They formed a Board of Directors to decide the future of the building and its contents. And for the time being, volunteers have been coming to clean, file, scan & research materials.



To volunteer time, money, or ask questions, contact us at:

ADWHITE@HKY.COM

724-344-9675 (Wil White, President)

PO Box 562, Avella PA 15312





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Addiction doesn't judge and affects people of all walks of life, regardless of age, race, gender or social status. You are not alone. Let us help!

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ADDICTION

**MEETING EVERY
WEDNESDAY · 7:30 PM**

Avella Church
25 Campbell Street, Avella, PA 15312

All are welcome.

Your anonymity will be protected.

What is said here, stays here.

No cell phone use in meeting.



Send Us Your Photos!

Have any fun or interesting photos from around Independence Township that we can feature in an upcoming newsletter or on our Township Facebook page?

Email: katiee12@hotmail.com
or
Call/Text: 724-288-1374



Newsletter Sign-Up

Can we add you to our Newsletter Email list?

Submit your email address to:
indtwpwashco@hky.com

Please share sign-up info with your neighbors so everyone in the township can be in on the news!

STAY UP TO DATE!



Community Calendar

March

- 12** **Tuesday: 7:00 pm**
Athletics Meeting
- 15** **Friday: 10:00 am**
Independence Township Meeting
- 16** **Saturday: Doors open 6:00 pm**
CASH BASH (AVFD & Athletics)
- 16-17** **Saturday-Sunday**
Rush Memorial Tournament
- 17** **Sunday: 12:00 pm**
Avella Sportsmen's Club
Meat Shoot & BB Gun Shoot
- 17** **Sunday**
St. Patrick's Day
- 18** **Monday: 6:00 pm**
ICCJSA Meeting
- 19** **Tuesday**
Spring Begins
- 23** **Saturday: 12:00pm - 2:00pm**
Weatherbury On-Farm Pickup
(orders due by March 13)
- 27** **Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am**
Food Bank Avella Distribution
- 31** **Sunday**
Easter



Pictured Above: Thanks to volunteer residents for providing decorations for the municipal office at no cost to our township. They do a beautiful job sprucing up the interior of the township office seasonally, making it a welcoming atmosphere.

April

- 1** **Monday**
April Fool's Day
- 9** **Tuesday: 7:00 pm**
Athletics Meeting
- 15** **Monday: 6:00 pm**
ICCJSA Meeting
- 15** **Monday**
Tax Day
- 19** **Friday: 10:00 am**
Independence Township Meeting
- 19** **Friday: Doors open 6:45 pm**
Avella Winterguard
- 24** **Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am**
Food Bank Avella Distribution
- 27** **Saturday: 12:00pm - 2:00pm**
Weatherbury On-Farm Pickup
(orders due by April 17)

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES



**St. Isidore the Farmer
at St. Michael Church**

SUNDAY MASS	WEDNESDAY MASS
10:00 AM	8:00 AM

97 Highland Avenue, Avella, PA

**St. John The Baptist
Byzantine Catholic Church**

DIVINE LITURGY SUNDAY:	MYSTERY OF RECONCILIATION
8:45 AM	8:00-8:30 AM
	SUNDAY & BY APPT.

176 Cross Creek Road, Avella, PA

May

- 4** **Saturday**
Meadowcroft Spring Opening Day
- 12** **Sunday**
Mother's Day
- 14** **Tuesday: 7:00 pm**
Athletics Meeting
- 17** **Friday: 10:00 am**
Independence Township Meeting
- 20** **Monday: 6:00 pm**
ICCJSA Meeting
- 22** **Wednesday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am**
Food Bank Avella Distribution
- 27** **Monday**
Memorial Day

**Avella Church
& Lower Buffalo Church**

AVELLA SUNDAY SVC.	LOWER BUFFALO SUNDAY SVC.
9:45 AM	11:15 AM
25 Campbell St. Avella, PA	335 Campground Rd Avella, PA

Grace Bible Church

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
11:00 AM

4592 Jefferson Ave., Avella, PA

Visit our website to see other worship, study,
prayer meeting & youth group times:
www.gracebiblechurchwmt.org

**THE
FOUNDERY
CHURCH**

SUNDAY MORNINGS
10:30 AM

1340 Washington Pike, Wellsburg, WV
www.thefoundry.church

Connect with INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP



Important Contact Information

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Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Public Meetings:

3rd Friday of the Month: 10:00 AM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thomas Jennings
 Nicholas Cecchini
 Dale Tudor
 Marc Cecchini
 John Hudock

ZONING BOARD

Nigel Tudor
 Ed Seiger
 Larry Graham

ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR

Judy Magon

ELECTED AUDITORS

Hope Thomas
 Michael Dzurko
 Melinda Latynski

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Public Works Department 724-587-3518
 Planning Commission 724-587-3518
 Zoning Board 724-587-3518
 Independence Township Community Center 724-507-6448
 Donegal Police Department 724-587-3518
 Code Enforcement & Zoning/Building Permits
 (Harshman CE Group, LLC) 724-993-4505
 Township Engineer (Harshman CE Group, LLC) 724-993-4505
 Elected Tax Collector (Judy Magon) 724-554-6866
 Wage Tax Collector (Keystone Collections) 724-987-0300
 Independence Cross Creek Joint Sewer Authority 724-507-6464
 Emergency Management Coordinator (Ed Powers, Jr.) 724-587-3518
 Township Newsletter (Katie Leeper) 724-288-1374
 katiee12@hotmail.com

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911
 Avella Volunteer Fire Department 724-587-5870
 Pennsylvania State Police 724-223-5200
 Avella Post Office 724-587-3700
 Avella Area Public Library 724-587-5688
 American Legion Post #643 724-587-5875
 Avella Area Community Association 724-507-6448
 Avella Athletics (Jim Gatewood) 724-288-7144
 Avella Sportsmen Club 724-587-3564
 Cross Creek Senior Citizens 724-587-5755
 Avella Area School District 724-356-2216