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Transitions Conference offers a glimpse of life ahead



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From left, Cody Goodspeed and Logan Harrison, of the Warrior Run School District, Cullen Dobson and RJ Cameron, of the Shikellamy School District, and Hunter Rider, of Milton, were honored at the 2022 Northumberland County Transitions Conference.

BY MATT FARRAND
The Standard-Journal

SELINSGROVE — Students participated in morning and afternoon breakout sessions Tuesday at the 2022 Northumberland County Transitions Conference. The students, enrolled in

Northumberland County school districts, came to learn strategies for what would likely come their way after completing school. Preparation for other challenges such as staying safe, the risk of addiction and personal hygiene were also outlined.

Some students were busy handing out printed material or answering questions posed by facilitators while others pondered topics such as careers, nutrition, budgeting, use of social media and others. All agreed that

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Fire department allocated \$100,000



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White Deer Township Supervisors presented a \$100,000 check to the White Deer Volunteer Fire Department on Tuesday. Chairman Carroll Diefenbach shared that the supervisors wanted to present the funds, with assistance from the American Rescue Plan Fund, to show their support of the fire department. Donated funds will aid the purchase of a new rescue truck, estimated to cost around \$700,000. Fire Chief Kevin Koch and company President Rod Cromley said they hope to have the new truck delivered in about two years. The truck had originally been quoted at around \$675,000, but with the increasing cost of materials, prices have continued to climb. From left, township representatives Don Wilver, Ellie Koveleskie and Diefenbach, along with Cromley and Koch.

Pool study grant sought

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MIFFLINBURG — Grant funding of Mifflinburg Community Pool repairs hinges on how promptly a feasibility study can be completed.

Rob Rowe, Mifflinburg Borough project manager, reiterated the need for the study Tuesday night at a meeting of a committee formed to explore the future of the Mifflinburg Community Pool. He said to take action without it would be like putting the “cart before the horse.”

Grant funding for the feasibility study comes with an application deadline of Wednesday, April 6. Rowe said the study would cost from \$40,000 to \$60,000.

“They’ll look at everything from finances to operation of the pool with code compliance and handicap accessibility,” Rowe said. “Then all the deficiencies whether it is cosmetic or structural.”

Feasibility studies generally offer different options, Rowe said, with different costs associated with each.

If everything falls into place, such as funding for the actual work and an aggressive work schedule, renovation could begin in August 2025 with a return to service the following year.

“My concern is that you are talking nine months of construction,” Rowe said. “In my schedule, that is really aggressive and I don’t know that it can physically happen.”

Repairs to the pool

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Student charged in alleged assault

By THE STANDARD-JOURNAL

LEWISBURG — Allegations that a Bucknell University student sexually assaulted a female student were filed Monday.

Bucknell University Public Safety filed counts of felony sexual assault, felony indecent assault and aggravated indecent assault, a misdemeanor, against Ze-Nable Adisalem, 18, of Arlington, Va.

Officers interviewed the alleged victim in late February in the office of D. Peter Johnson, Union County district attorney.

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being there was worthwhile.

A breakout session titled “Getting My Act Together” outlined strategies to do exactly what the name implied. Facilitator Emily Smith, of the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU), suggested using “brain hacks” or “life hacks” or shortcuts to make some things a little easier.

Using color codes was a helpful shortcut, Smith said. If a person has a key to a garage which is light blue, a light blue plastic tag on the key could be a helpful “hack” to remind a person which one of their keys goes to the garage.

Students replied almost across the board that the phone was their biggest distraction. Smith suggested putting phone use on a “not to do list” to prevent it from becoming a distraction.

“If we can train our brain to really know not what to focus on, it can help us pay better attention to what we are supposed to,” Smith said. “We can put things on the list like ‘turn off your phone’ by putting it on airplane mode or focus mode or whatever your phone might have.”

Award recipients were named at the opening of the conference in the Stretansky Concert Hall on the Susquehanna University campus.

Cody Goodspeed received the Andrew Hergan Transition Education Award. His participation in soccer, basketball, track and student council was noted. A teacher added that his experience at Warrior Run High School has helped him develop the skills needed for independent living.

Three students received Dr. Cynthia Schloss Transition Education Awards. They were RJ Cameron and Cullen Dobson, of Shikellamy, and Hunter Rider, of the Milton Area School District.

Cameron was credited for his study of culinary arts

work at a local Burger King. Dobson has been working at Sunbury Motors and has participated in community activities through the Shikellamy Junior ROTC.

Rider has worked in the duplicating center and been part of the custodial staff at his school. He was credited by teachers for working hard and his kind nature.

Logan Harrison, a nominee from Warrior Run, was credited for also attending a Lycoming County Career and Technical Center training program. He is also a member of the Warrior Run Area Fire Department and plans to attend Harrisburg Area Community College.

The awards followed talks by two keynote speakers, both of whom had dealt with the consequences of life-threatening situations. Earl Granville, a former Pennsylvania Army National Guard member, and Alex Douglass, a veteran Pennsylvania State Police trooper critically injured on duty, carried similar messages of inspiration.

Granville was deployed to Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan before losing a leg to a roadside bomb while patrolling. He told students of the importance of thinking beyond his individual challenges to the importance of serving others.

Douglass was injured in a 2014 attack at the Blooming Grove state police barracks which killed a fellow trooper. He later chose to have a leg amputated below the knee due to complications of the injuries sustained.

Granville and Douglass similarly described how they dealt with negative emotions and self-centered fears. Both men sought help and are now involved with nonprofit organizations which keep wounded and disabled uniformed personnel physically active and encouraging to others.

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Landon Rice, a student from Northumberland County, participates in a breakout session titled ‘Getting my Act Together,’ an overview of planning strategies useful at school and the world of work.



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From left, Hunter Rider, of the Milton Area School District, and RJ Cameron, of the Shikellamy School District, are presented Transition Education Awards from Alex Miller and Tarah Schloss at the 2022 Northumberland County Transitions Conference.

Dewart water main replacement underway

DEWART — Pennsylvania American Water has launched a \$520,000 project to replace 2,000 feet of water main in Delaware Township, Northumberland County.

Contractors for the company this week started installing new 8- and 12-inch ductile iron pipe, replacing existing 6-inch cast-iron pipe along Main Street, from Route 405 to Spencer Drive in Dewart.

Crews will work between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Traffic restrictions will be in place during construction. The company expects to complete the water main installation, including connecting all customer service lines to the new mains, by the end of May, with final restoration and paving completed this summer.

“To continue providing reliable service to our customers, we routinely invest in our infrastructure,” said Jeremy Resseguie, senior superintendent of operations, Pennsylvania American Water. “Projects are prioritized based on a number of factors, including the need for larger mains to handle system demands, age of existing pipe, and history of main breaks or service interruptions.”

During construction, customers might experience temporary service interruptions, discolored water, and lower-than-normal water pressure. Crews will work as quickly as possible to shorten the length of these temporary inconveniences. For more information, contact Pennsylvania American Water’s customer service center at 800-565-7292.

Assault

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The victim claimed Adisalem kissed her without her consent while at a party on Saturday, Oct. 30, at a house along South Seventh Street.

The filing said Adisalem directed her to his dorm room, where the alleged assault took place.

Adisalem allegedly admitted being with the victim on the same night but claimed the incident was consensual.

Bail, unsecured, was set at \$50,000 by District Judge Jeffrey A. Rowe. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28.

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