Lewisburg hires assistant superintendent

Hoover hired at starting salary of $101,500

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LEWISBURG — The Lewisburg Area School District hired a new assistant superintendent at Thursday night’s public meeting.

Vincent Hoover, who currently works as coordinator of instruction at Pine Grove Area School District in Schuylkill County, was unanimously hired by eight school board directors at a first-year salary of $101,300. Hoover fills the vacant position left when Cathy Money was hired as district superintendent.

“We’re very happy to welcome Vince Hoover to serve as the new assistant superintendent of the district,” said Board President Eric Jandreski. Hoover’s three-year contract begins July 1 and ends June 30, 2026. Upon satisfactory work performance each year as determined by the board, Hoover will receive an annual increase in salary of no less than 1 percent of his current salary, according to the contract agreement.

The assistant superintendent’s duties include “participation in professional associations and presence at numerous meetings, conventions and conferences in order to maintain awareness of current issues, programs and information,” according to the agreement.

Money was hired in October after having interim superintendent since July 1 following the departure of Dr. Jennifer Baugh. Baugh took a superintendent’s job in Garland County, Colorado, to be closer to her husband.

CSIU offers free mental health training

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The Central Susquehanna Intensive Outreach Unit (CSIU) will offer free trainings opportunities for educators, first responders and community members throughout June, July and August.

Two trainings will be offered at several times throughout the summer months.

One of the two, Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMFHA) focuses on challenges that may arise in individuals ages 6 to 18.

"YMHA trains individuals how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 6 to 18," said Jelle Pierce, CSIU director of behavioral health support services.

The training lasts 6.5 hours and will be offered at the following times: 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 23; 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 12; and 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 7. Sessions include an hour lunch break.

Two blended trainings will also be available. The blended sessions require individuals to complete two hours of work online before going to the CSIU for the rest of the training.

The blended program the training will be offered from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 2.

"The second program the CSIU will offer is Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), a suicide prevention training," Pierce said. "QPR is a concise (120-minute) suicide prevention training.

Participants learn how to recognize signs of mental illness and know what to do if someone is exhibiting crisis behaviors.

Suicide prevention training in which QPR is included runs 12 hours online, but the blended version is only 6.5 hours long.

For more information on the trainings, please contact Jelle Pierce at 570-824-4433 or jellepierce@dailyitem.com. Materials will be provided to all who attend.

SUN Pridefest will be held from June 10 to 12 in Lewisburg

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The CommUnity Zone at Pine Alley and South Third streets, Lewisburg. The CommUnity Zone will celebrate Pride Month.

The events outside will have Superb Pride Month, includes the LGBTQ+ community. SUN held its first Pride in the Valley last year in Lewisburg.

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SUN Pride hosting Pride Month celebration in Lewisburg

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LEWISBURG — The borough of Lewisburg will be the place to be on June 16 and 17 with the Snyder, Union and Northumberland (SUN) Pridefest Celebration.

The free pride celebration and drag show kick off celebration will be held at 7 p.m. on June 16 at 34 Main Street, Zone, 324 Market St., Lewisburg.

The second event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17 at White Pine Alley and South Third streets, Lewisburg. The Community Zone will also partnering with the Cooper Theater to present three drag shows during Pride Month.

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Danville Area High School graduates Delaney Bloom, left, and Katie Bonomo, share a moment of excitement during their graduation ceremony on Friday.

Class of 2023: ‘Forge on,’ remember roots

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The Danville Class of 2023 was encouraged to “Forge on” during Friday’s commencement ceremony.

"Tonight’s graduation theme of ‘forge on’ comes from our town’s roots,” said Allison Focht, a 2023 graduate. "In the 1840s, iron was continuously pounded in order to create iron alone to be weak," Hause said. "In the same way, the Class of 2023 has forged through trials into strength that’s only possible if we push ourselves to those limits," Focht said. "Let’s be the agents of change."
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"It's a way for people to express themselves through their art form, whether dancing or singing. It's a way to feel empowered. For people to take on their persona and live their truth, it's powerful," said Pridefest organizer Corrine Albright.

"Pride is about the intersection of the arts and the LGBTQ+ community," Albright said. "It's about celebrating diversity and celebrating the uniqueness of each individual."