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kept him going through the fall. Being from Trout Run area, he has many connections. Hoffman is reaching out of the area to attract more customers. There are two full time employees and also he has his dog, Hoss, as the store's mascot. With the upcoming spring gobbler season, for only bearded birds, which begins on Saturday, April 29 and runs through until Tuesday, May 30, Jim's Sporting Goods is the place to find all you

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together. Then she worked for Melvin Good for three years. "I had a very good time with them, watching them milking the cows," said Eunice. They were like family to her. The Good family had visited Kenya before meeting Eunice and that is why they interviewed her and hired her. She was with each of the families for three years. Then she took care of Malcolm Kern for one year. She became very good friends with Connie Kern. Connie and her sister, Sharon, traveled with Eunice to Kenya. They all enjoyed the country, food, the people and of the weather! After the unfortunate passing of Malcolm Kern, Woodruff was then requested to take care of Ruby Woodruff, which was Gary's mother. She took care of her for three years also. Their family has been so good to Eunice. Gary's sister, Gail Wilcox, has been wonderful to her and done some many good things for her. As you can see she enjoyed working with a lot of local people that needed assistance with home health care. She got engaged to Gary in 2021 and then they were married on June 11, 2022. She resides in Troy and works full time at Martha Lloyd and part time with American Care Givers. "I enjoy working at Martha Lloyd, it's a good place to work, they make us laugh and it's fun to work with them," said Eunice. She identified what she was most enthused about with being in America. "Being the best place to be, the people are good, enjoy working here, and it's the best country to live in," said Woodruff. "I love my job and my family," she said. She has so many friends and she was blessed with a Surprise Citizenship Party on Sunday, April 2 at New Life Church. Her husband, Gary, and her sister-in-law,

spring hunting items you may need. Licenses can be purchased here, along with a special wild turkey license which can be obtained, allowing for a second spring gobbler to be taken. Although the daily limit is still one. In addition, Jim's has new and used guns of all different types, ammo, decoys, blinds and accessories that may need for the spring gobbler season. They also carry an assortment of fishing supplies, from poles, reels, lures and fishing items. Stop in and say Hi to Owen and his crew. They will be willing to assist you any way they can.

Gail Wilcox, planned it and with the assistance of her very good friend, Connie, they were able to pull the party off as a surprise. She is a member with her husband, Gary, at New Life Church, which is where they were married by Pastor David Ayers. Their church has supported them so much over the years. She has visited some great American cities, such as Las Vegas, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and of course, Elmira. Recently, she went on a trip with Connie and other friends to Washington, DC. The group stopped to eat lunch in Gettysburg and then drove through the battlefield area. Even with all the exiting cities she has visited, her favorite place is still Troy. "It is very nice country," Woodruff said. She didn't like the traffic and noise in the big cities and didn't want to stay there. Eunice has two children and two grandchildren in Kenya, which she hopes they will be able to come here one day. She also has two step-children and a lot of step-grandchildren here. She loves them all and is very happy to be a grandma. She stated the food is very similar in Kenya to here. They have sweet potatoes, corn, beef, pork, fish, and chicken. There are just different ways to fix them. The only real difference from Kenya to here, is they do not get any snow in Kenya. She got to experience snow the first time when she was in Russia. They had snow for six months and she had to wear three pair of socks and a very heavy jacket in Russia. She was here when this area got three feet of snow and they couldn't open their door. She felt like she was in Alaska. Also, she had to call in and pay taxes to Africa, while having to also pay them here. She had an International Driver's License from Kenya, and now has to work on getting her driver's license here. "I'm very grateful to be an American citizen," Woodruff said.

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what the district can afford, and there's probably more cost efficient ways to get this done." **Consent Agenda** There was various discussions on the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. With regard to the Electric Bus Contract with Rohrer Bus Company for electric buses contingent on approval from Rohrer Bus Company, Casandra Blaney provided an update on the contract, per the copy she read yesterday. There is a modification of language in the indemnity clause in the contract. The school will have no liability or responsibility for charging stations. One of the issues raised was Safety. There has been talk about the batteries catching on fire but the representative of the bus company did research it and doesn't seem to be an issue. Another issue raised is the long term cost to the district for the seven buses. Bonnie Bixby stated the bus contractors are responsible for maintenance, upkeep, fuel, tires, etc. Tad Culkin stated there is no calculation update based on electric buses versus fuel. Blaney advised the District contract is to use just the electric buses for five years. Other buses are separate contract for one year at a time. Bixby stated the contract is not necessary for a route. They are going to use at least one electric bus as an activity bus and could be transportation for field trips, etc. With regard to creating a Troy Area School District police department, Dan Martin questioned on the creation part, what does that entail? Dr. Elias stated the Director of Secretary funds are available and can use ESSR funds, which are the same funds that are available. They will also come from the PCCD grant from the state. She further advised that the salary was already coming out of the position created by the school board. They just called it a police force in case they got more than one person. It's not as much money as being protracted. It's \$150 to file at the Courthouse. Through the National Association of Schools, resource officers is a \$435 per course to get it going. Beyond that what the person is to have on their person, carry a weapon and other things want to have such as a taser, etc., so can make arrests on site and can site a student. Elias advised the Borough does not have the staff to give them five days

a week, from 7 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. "Besides the cost of trainings and stuff, you don't see an astronomical number behind it?" asked Martin. "The person would be on their insurance, and will not cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, just add on to their insurance," responded Dr. Elias. Culkin advised he is interested in them being well-trained and certified. With regard to the transportation policy 810, Culkin said he noticed a couple of spelling errors but also had a question with wording, regarding behavior of students while on a bus and who is responsible to notify parents. There was discussion among the Board members. "Drivers make sure consequence matches behavior," Dr. Elias stated. Culkin also stated the bullying clause was absent, and students aren't allowed to use cell phones and if they do, why is it listed as a major violation? After much discussion, it was determined the policy was ok, just an AR issue with regard to wording. **General Board Discussion** Sarah Murray stated her husband and she have decided to have a fundraiser for her daughter, who has an illness. She sold 29 cups and made \$860 that she would like to go to life skills for field trips and education about the disease and anything else they may need. She wanted to thank everyone who purchased cups from her daughter. Mary Abreu stated she received a Writ of Summons the past week and assumed the other Board members received one too. "I have no idea if they are all the same, but mine says you are notified that Plaintiff, Darren Roy, has commenced an action against you," said Abreu. She continued, "since the last election, Darren was not re-elected to his position on the school board and from that point on, there have been some actions taken and believe it's not an organization, I guess maybe it's a club, make Troy great again." She continued, "that has come with some filings of right-to-knows, has come from questions and accusations." **District Reports** Abreu gave the report for Northern Tier Career Center. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, April 20. Martin gave the report for Intermediate Unit 17. They will be meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, April 19. Abe Capece gave the report for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

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band for this upcoming concert is Randy Frye, Tyler Hoffman, Cindy Yellenic, Jon Barrett, and Bri Erdmann, playing their Saxophones. On Trombones, will be Duane Smith, Andrew Menges, and Robert Oldroyd. Brian Lohrer, Bryan Carr, and Ted

Bown will be playing their Trumpets. For Rhythm, it will consist of Brad Chamberlain, Dale Dunbar and Brandon Wesneski. As you can see, there are a lot of talented musicians in this band. If you have never seen this band perform, or if you have and want to see them again, please make sure you come on out to enjoy an evening of wonderful music.

Healing Hints

By Ken Marple **People do need their space** People who are good at keeping friends are often those who understand how to "space out" their visits. Take Julie and Sandy, for example (names changed). The two were rarely apart; if Julie wasn't at Sandy's, Sandy was at Julie's. It looked like a good thing at first -now the two rarely speak to each other. I've even heard parishioners complain about overly conscientious ministers -wishing they wouldn't visit quite so often. I'm your guy on this one! Most of us talk about this curiosity with phrases such as: "I need my space," "I wish he would back off a little," "I feel like I'm being smothered," "I need some time to myself," and so on. Eventually, we say something like, "I can't stand it, he's driving me crazy." Psychologists touch on the phenomenon with the idea of the "twenty-inch bubble." When people get closer than twenty inches to one another for any period of time, they tend to get edgy. We know that when homes become overcrowded, domestic disputes increase. Crime tends to rise when people are jammed together. Overcrowding in prisons is known to lead to increased prison violence. The fact is, people become irritable when they don't get their space. The exception is Gloria (Mrs. Marple); she is welcome into my twenty-inch bubble most any time. Yet, to be perfectly honest, even with her there have been a few times when twenty feet was not quite enough -let alone twenty inches. It's like, well, almost like she is saying, "Can I take a break from you?" Fortunately, those times have been few and far between. Yet, I'm sure that's because, after 60 years, I'm starting to learn when to "back off" -or is it "back away?" In 1965 Gloria and I moved to Washington State to pastor the Baptist Church in Cathlamet. Shortly after we arrived, Tom and Carolyn Hart moved to the same town to teach in the

Wahkiakum County High School. We became fast friends. The year after we moved back to our Pennsylvania home in 1973, Tom and Carolyn moved back to their home in Southern Illinois. For the past 50 years, either Gloria and I have traveled to Illinois to visit them or they have traveled to Pennsylvania to visit us. We raised our families together, traded gifts, and shared hour-long monthly phone calls. We have shared plans, traded stories, encouraged and consoled one another. We've been on a hundred mini-trips together; we camped on an island in the Columbia River and together visited many of America's renowned attractions. Still, when the week is over, I'm ready to go home -and I'm sure that they're glad to see us go! Yet, the next year we are always eager and excited to visit our dear friends -and they us. When I was in graduate school working for my Master's in Clinical Psychology, it dawned on me that most good therapy techniques, and most of the valuable information that science has discovered about humans, was first taught in the Bible. After all, God made us; he ought to know how we work. Even the word psychological or (psyche)logical comes from the Greek word used in the Bible for soul. Yes, even the twenty-inch bubble was first taught in the "wisdom books" of the Bible. "Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, otherwise the neighbor will become weary of you and hate you" (Proverbs 25:17). The next time a friend seems to back away from you, you might want to ask yourself if, in some way or other, you are crowding him or her. People do need their space. Back off and you'll save a friend -it's as simple as that! To always be "In your face" is our new "AMERICA'S PROBLEM NUMBER ONE." You know I'm right on this; and, It could just save the neighborhood. Remember when elections took about six awful months -then, they gave us 3 1/2 years off? I liked it better.

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