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# Township News



## Summer 2026 Edition

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## Community Spotlight

### Penryn Woman Wins Supreme Champion Wool Ram at PA Farm Show 2026

For Julia Shreiner, winning supreme champion wool ram at the Pennsylvania Farm Show felt extra sweet. It's the second time she's won the honor at the Farm Show, but it's the first time she's done it with a Wensleydale that she bred.

"It's not like I went out and bought these sheep," she said. "I made these sheep."

Shreiner, who keeps her sheep at New Beginnings farm in Penryn, Pennsylvania, has shown animals for decades. She started out with horses but transitioned to sheep when a friend asked her to take in a lamb whose mother had died 30 years ago.

Shreiner keeps her sheep operations small — about 16-18 at a time — favoring quality over quantity.

Her favored breed is still fairly new to the United States. Wensleydales come from Wales and were imported through artificial insemination in the 1990s.



Since beginning breeding, Shreiner has gotten up to 99% Wensleydale genetics in her animals. She prefers a square, solid structure as well as a high quality fleece. This breed also features long, thick, luxurious locks.

"It costs as much to feed a good sheep as it does one who's structurally deficient," she said.

Arwyn, her supreme champion winner, took some sprucing up before he was show ready.

"He was a stinker," she said.

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## West Sun Hill Road Signage Near Covered Bridge

Penn Township recently put up new signage on West Sun Hill Road. Large vehicles, including car carriers should use the Mill Road Chiques Creek crossing to avoid having to back-up or destroy homeowners property by turning around in their yards. Please be considerate and do not attempt to travel this way if you are unable to cross the covered bridge.



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It takes handling and getting them used to showing and walking while the animals are young. An injury suffered by Arwyn in August helped calm him down, and he was ready by Farm Show.

“He walked in that ring like he owned it,” she said. “It was like a different sheep.”



The Farm Show is one of a few competitions in which Shreiner participates. Once showing is finished, she likes walking around and taking in the sights. She also likes the Maryland Sheep and Wool Show, as well as New York's Sheep & Wool Show in Rhinebeck.

In the near future, Arwyn will be sheared and entered back into Shreiner's breeding program. The lambs will get a trim and prepare for the Maryland Sheep and Wool Show.

### Yard Waste Facility FAQ's:

#### **How do I get a FOB?**

Fill out an application and either drop it off or mail it to our office at 97 North Penryn Road, Manheim, PA 17545. Include \$20 cash or check.

#### **How do I renew my FOB?**

If nothing has changed since last year, you may bring in the \$20 renewal fee and we will renew the old application.

If there are changes, you will need to fill out a new form for the year.

#### **What about multiple vehicles?**

List all vehicles that may be used to enter the facility on the form, including the license plate number of each vehicle.

#### **Can I get in right away?**

Please allow 48 hours for key fob processing. We do our best to process applications quickly, but it is not always feasible to grant immediate access.

## Radio Communications Grant

In late 2025, Penryn Fire Company received a radio grant to improve communications with Lancaster County 911 and other emergency personnel. Upgrading from Phase 1 technology to Phase 2 technology will provide 2 talk-paths in and out per frequency thus allowing more users on the radio system. Radios are expected to be purchased in 2026.

## Avian Flu (Influenza) or HPAI (High Pathogen Avian Influenza)

Wildlife, primarily migrating ducks and geese, are the primary carriers of HPAI during migration. These birds however rarely come in contact with poultry farmers. So how does this virus get inside? There is direct and indirect contact.

This information is intended to help farmers of all sizes to slow and stop the spread of the virus which kills poultry, disrupts food supply and is costly to farmers.

Signs to look for:

- Sudden death without any prior symptoms of illness
- Lack of energy and appetite
- A drop in egg production or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs
- Swelling of eyelids, comb, wattles, and shanks
- Purple discoloration of the wattles, comb, and legs
- Gaspings for air (difficulty breathing)
- Nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing
- Twisting of the head and neck (torticollis)
- Stumbling or falling down
- Diarrhea

There is no treatment for HPAI. This virus is highly contagious and it is important to have strong biosecurity measures. These include farmers of all sizes including backyard poultry farmers. It takes all of us to keep our animals and food production safe.

- Practice excellent biosecurity every day
- Everyone on the farm should wear clean clothes, scrub boots or shoes with disinfectant, and wash hands before and after contact with animals
- Keep equipment and vehicles clean — including those entering your property
- Control birds and rodents that can carry and spread disease
- Keep birds indoors whenever possible and minimize contact with wild birds
- Clean under barn soffits and seal possible entry points for wild birds
- Eliminate standing water that may attract wild birds

“We are now living with a foreign animal disease that is endemic in North American wildlife.”

See USDA Defend The Flock <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/defend-the-flock>. See video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHbqt6KAPgw>



## Penalties for Texting While Driving Begin June 5

The state Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania State Police are reminding Pennsylvanians to put down the phone while driving or they will soon be forced to pay a fine. Paul Miller’s Law, which prohibits the use of hand-held devices while driving, even while stopped temporarily due to traffic, a red light, or other delays, took effect June 5, 2025. Drivers can still use their phones to alert authorities in the event of an emergency and use hands-free technology to make phone calls, use a GPS, and listen to music.

Beginning June 5, 2026, drivers convicted of using a hand-held device while driving will pay a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. Pennsylvania also enforces a texting-while-driving ban that prohibits drivers from using mobile devices to send, read, or write text-based communications while their vehicle is in motion.

“As the warning period for Paul Miller’s Law concludes, troopers will begin issuing citations to drivers using handheld devices behind the wheel,” said Pennsylvania State Police Acting Commissioner Lieutenant Colonel George L. Bivens. “Distracted driving is dangerous and significantly increases the risk of crashes. Just a moment of inattention can lead to life-altering consequences. The Pennsylvania State Police urges all motorists to put their phones down, stay focused, and help keep Pennsylvania’s roadways safe.”

For more information on distracted driving, visit [www.pa.gov/dotsafety](http://www.pa.gov/dotsafety).



## Farmland Preservation & Development - A Balancing Act

On one hand, we say that there isn't enough housing for seniors on a fixed income looking to downsize and for young adults to leave their parents' nest but when a developer comes and "takes away our view" we get upset that valuable farmland is being developed.

### So how does Penn Township attempt to balance this very delicate equilibrium?

Penn Township is one of the leading municipalities in preserving farms. To date, Penn Township has over 4200 acres or over 80 farms with 20 acres or more each, preserved. This means that this land can never be developed. Farmers who preserve their land, sell or donate their rights to develop that land forever. This is called a conservation easement and the farmer must maintain the land in farming, keeping food and agricultural products available to the community, state and country for today and future generations.

Even when a farmer sells the farm or passes it on to the next generation, the conservation easement transfers with the sale or transfer of the farm and keeps the land available for agricultural use, preventing development forever.

In 2025, Pennsylvania preserved 167 farms, 14,147 acres of farmland, across the state, investing more than \$50.1 million. Through Pennsylvania's Farmland Preservation Program, one of these 167 farms was in Penn Township, the Cassel farm, preserving 59 acres of prime farmland.



### Know Before You Grow: Plant Smart this Spring

Spring is a great time to refresh your yard with new trees and shrubs. As you plan, it's important to choose the right plants for the right spots — especially when planting near power lines. The trees you plant today will grow for years and giving them the proper space now helps prevent future outages and keeps your landscaping healthy.

Call 811 at least three business days before planting and plant trees and shrubs at least 50 feet from overhead or underground power lines.

Not sure what to plant? PPL offers a list of trees and shrubs that grow well around power lines. Find the full list at: [pplelectric.com/KnowBeforeYouGrow](https://www.pplelectric.com/KnowBeforeYouGrow).

### How does Lancaster Farmland Trust or Lancaster County Agricultural Preserve Board get money to purchase these development rights?

Landowners and like-minded community members donate land or money, and developers buy Transferable Development Rights (TDR's) when they want to develop at a greater density than is permitted by right. The State also provides some funding for the preservation of land. This allows both the farm to be preserved saving a valuable food and agricultural production source while providing a developer the ability to add needed housing units for the community and for the cost of development to make sense. Developing land is extremely costly.

Penn Township typically permits development within the urban growth boundary encouraging in-fill or redevelopment of land rather than expanding beyond the urban growth boundary which discourages valuable farmland to be used for development.

Also, development and re-development brings in valuable needed tax revenue. Preservation costs municipalities money, development brings in revenue. Without development, property taxes rise exponentially faster.

Lancaster Water Week is an annual celebration of the 1,400 miles of waterways in Lancaster County, PA!

Sign up for events June 5-13 as we paddle, explore, volunteer, and take action as a community to protect our streams and rivers for the future!

Learn more: <https://www.lancasterconservancy.org/water-week/>



# Stephen Engle Obituary

Stephen H. "Steve" Engle, 70, of Manheim, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy, surrounded by the love of his family. Born in Lancaster, Steve was the beloved son of the late Kenneth R. and Nancy Kimm Engle. He was the devoted fiancé of Sharon Armstrong of Manheim.

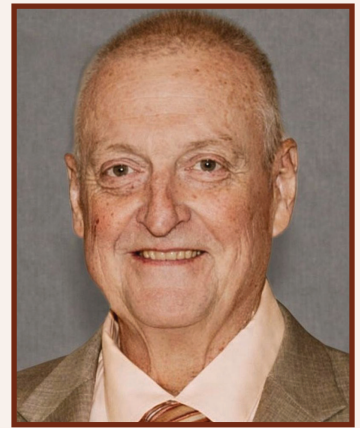
A 1974 graduate of Manheim Central High School, Steve continued his education at the Pennsylvania School of Banking and the Banking Administration Institute. He dedicated more than 40 years of his life to a successful career in banking, serving in administrative roles at Manheim National Bank, later known as Susquehanna Bank. Through his work, Steve took great pride in helping friends, neighbors, and families in the community he loved so deeply. He also generously volunteered his time as financial secretary for the former Manheim Relief Association.

Steve was an active and engaged member of the Manheim community. He belonged to the Manheim Jaycees and the Germania Band Club of Manheim. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Dela-Ches Fishing Association and a lifetime member of the Elstonville Sportsman's Association. Cycling was a lifelong passion, and Steve could often be found riding long distances throughout Central Pennsylvania with friends or participating in organized cycling events.

Above all else, Steve loved his family and his hometown of Manheim. He was grateful for the many friendships he built over a lifetime and thankful for the opportunity to give back to the place that meant so much to him.

Surviving in addition to his fiancée Sharon, is a son, Benjamin T. husband of Morgan Engle of Manheim, three granddaughters: Madison, Harper, Tatum, three sisters: Kimberly Ann wife of Tim Bausher of Bethel, Georgiann Engle and Heather Welsh both of Manheim, and two brothers: Kenneth Scott husband of Wendy Engle of Manheim, Wesley husband of Jennifer Rineer of Manheim, and nieces and nephews. Steve will be lovingly missed by his beloved dog, Lightning.

Township note: Stephen Engle served on the Planning Commission from 2015-2026.



## Northern Lancaster Regional Police Department (NLCRPD)

"Serving and protecting our regional communities with the highest level of professionalism in law enforcement." That's the mission for the local police force that covers the Townships of Penn, Warwick, Clay and the Borough of East Petersburg.

As a municipality, we are grateful for the excellent service these men and women provide for our community. These officers work day and night, seven days a week to protect our community. While mistakes happen, constant reminders to "always be a pro" and "leave a legacy" and the "elite" values of Excellence, Leadership, Integrity, Teamwork and Expansion are values our officers bring to the table day in and day out. So thank them for their service and dedication as they make our community safe and one to be proud of!

Highlights from the annual report:

- Crime is down; Crashes are down
- Vision and Strategic Planning
- Budget: \$7,093,949.00
- Accreditation and Policy
- Our Team; The next generation of officers are on board
- Leadership and Organizational Chart
- 2025 NLCRPD By the Numbers
- Community Events
- Complaints, Training and Professional Development
- Awards and Commendation



These and more are found in the full report located on the NLCRPD website at [https://crimewatch.net/sites/default/files/8795/post/2026/02/2025\\_annual\\_report\\_v02.12.26.pdf](https://crimewatch.net/sites/default/files/8795/post/2026/02/2025_annual_report_v02.12.26.pdf).



# SUMMER AT MANHEIM COMMUNITY LIBRARY LIBRARY

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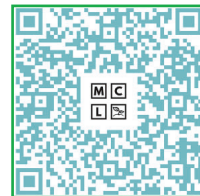
The **Manheim Community Library** is thrilled to announce our Summer Reading Theme “Unearth a Story!”

Join us as we dig deep on Dinosaurs, Archeology, and Paleontology all summer long through fun programs for all interests and ages!

Come out to our **Drive-thru** on June 6th from 10am-11:30am. You will complete your Summer Reading order right in your car, and we will serve your Child a goodie bag and/or even receive an adult log right to your vehicle!

We have so many FREE and fun events planned for Summer! If you missed the Drive-thru event, scan the QR code to check out other available programs and events our library has to offer this year!

**Use This QR Code | Select  
“Manheim Community Library” and check  
out our events online!**

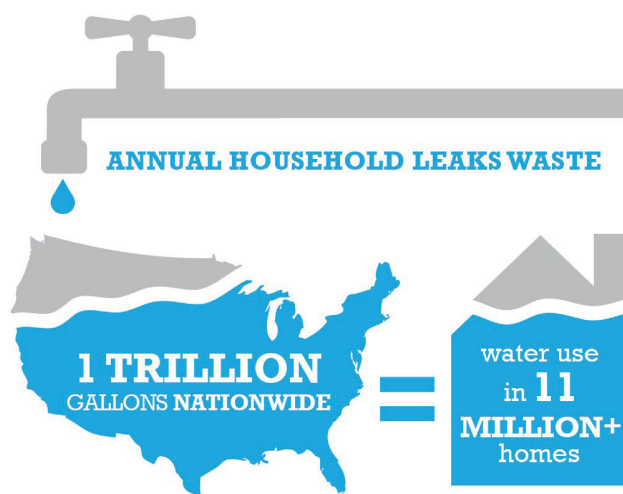


## Check for Leaks

Household leaks can waste nearly 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, a fact highlighted during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Fix a Leak Week.

Common types of leaks found in the home are worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are often easy to fix and can save homeowners about 10% on water bills. To check for leaks, determine whether you’re wasting water and then identify the source of the leak. Here are some tips:

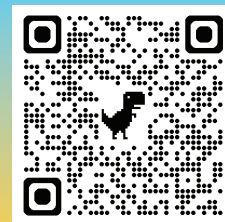
- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there could be serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes without flushing, you have a leak.
- Do you have a water softener? If so, check to see how often it regenerates. Each time it regenerates, a significant amount of water is used and drained.
- Use the EPA checklist to keep track of your search for leaks: Detect and Chase Down Leaks at Home Checklist



## Be in the know... Sign-up for ALERTS

Visit: <https://penntwplanco.org/alert-signup/> or use QR code

- Road Closings
- Penn Township Public Hearings
- EMS/Ambulance Services
- and much more



This newsletter is packed with great information!  
Open me to find important information YOU need to know!

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