

Habitat for Humanity gala raises \$110,000



Diane Brown of Penn Community Bank and Maureen Schmidt of Chalfont bid via mobile phone.



Todd Hurley of Perkasio, Habitat for Humanity Bucks County board member Heather Dumack of Wrightstown, and Gina Rubel.

POTRAITS of CHANGE

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An acrylic painting of Gandhi by Grace Porter and one of Martin Luther King Jr. by Ella Walsh are part of "Portraits of Change," an exhibition by area students promoting peace by using their paint brushes to pay tribute to individuals who were devoted to peace, tolerance, equality and helping others. The students, ages 9 to 17, are from Newtown, Yardley and Holland, and have created 28 portraits on display at Countryside Gallery, 2 S. State St., Newtown, June 3 to 11. The exhibition is free, but donations will be given to The Peace Center in Langhorne. For gallery hours, call 215-968-2246.

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A lot of people are asking lots of questions as a result of this month's global ransomware attack. They want to know how they can protect themselves from such an incident or how they can enhance the security of their data and digital identity. Currently, questions of this nature are more critical than ever, especially after more than 200,000 computers in over 150 countries were infected with the WannaCry malware.

The hard truth is that no single security practice or strategy can provide comprehensive protection. That is why a layered or multi-tiered approach is needed. A layered approach utilizes several different solutions like proactive maintenance and monitoring including, up-to-date anti-virus and anti-malware, password management, data encryption, automatic backup, and on line common sense to weave a tapestry of components that, taken together, can provide strong security.

CMIT Solutions has collected 6 of our top strategies for protecting your data and digital identity. Some can be implemented immediately, and some by a trusted IT provider.

1. Make sure software updates and security patches are completed automatically and regularly.
2. Construct a protective barrier of anti-spam, anti-malware, anti-virus and network security solutions around all of your devices and data.
3. Be careful with suspicious emails, annoying pop-ups and "too good to be true" ads or offers.
4. Back up ALL of your data on a regular basis.
5. Use strong passwords, employ two-factor authentication, and consider an all-in-one password manager.
6. For businesses, develop and implement employee security practices.

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A unique aspect of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County's Hard Hats and High Heels auction is that it included items destined for landfills that were transformed into unique furnishings and given new life by area designers. Through a Designer Challenge, items that were donated to Habitat's ReStore were upcycled into something useful and creative, then auctioned off. During the gala, guests also had the opportunity to make donations to help purchase materials Habitat uses to build – foundations, doors and windows.

Wells Fargo provided a \$10,000 match for donations of \$100 or more, bringing the total raised in donations alone to more than \$30,000.



The Professional Woman in Building team, Dominique Jamison, Heather Demonte, Rebecca Turner and Diane Shields, repurposed a table and chairs for the live auction.



Ivyland residents William Benz and Ed Hughes, past president of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County.



Habitat for Humanity home recipients, the Huertas family of Sellersville: Eduardo, Ligia and Luisa.

Coalition for homeless honors volunteers

The Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless, which operates the Central Bucks Code Blue Shelter, hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Sunday, April 30, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Doylestown.

The Coalition to Shelter and Support the Homeless (CSSH) is an alliance of faith-based and community service organizations assisting unsheltered adults in Central Bucks

County. CSSH's primary mission is to provide shelter to unhoused adults on cold nights from December through March each winter. At the same time, the organization links the homeless and financially distressed to needed resources that may be available to help resolve criminal issues, which contribute to homelessness, poverty and suffering among this population.

This past winter, CSSH provided

shelter, meals and supplies to 59 individuals on 70 cold nights. This work would not be possible without the support, service and sacrifice of more than 215 volunteers who give of their time to supervise the shelter, including covering overnight shifts, and providing a warm meal, needed supplies, and most importantly, compassionate encouragement to those in need in the community.

Police News

Flemington

Charged: Mykita Perkov, 21, of Flemington, N.J.; May 24 with one count of second-degree sexual assault and one count of third-degree endangering the welfare of a child; after an investigation by detectives from the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office Special Victims Unit and the Flemington Borough Police Department revealed the crimes took place on or about May 1 and involved a child under the age of 16. Perkov was released on his own recognizance with the condition that he have no contact with the victim and turn over his passport. Perkov is awaiting his first court appearance in Hunterdon County Superior Court.

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Quakertown

Referred: A female juvenile; May 22 to the Youth Aid Program; for her alleged inappropriate postings on Instagram regarding a student and teacher at Strayer Middle School.

Arrested: John Nau, 57, of Trumbauersville; May 24; at 725 W. Broad St. for allegedly smashing a window and attempting to break in the first floor. He was arraigned by Judge Peranteau and bail was set at \$40,000. Nau was remanded to Bucks County Prison.

Arrested: Andrew Zwickl, 33, of Palm, Pa.; May 23 for possession of suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia; after he was stopped in the area of 100 S. West End Blvd. for an expired inspection. Zwickl had an active warrant out of the Lehigh County Sheriff's Department for failure to appear for possession of mari-

juana charges. He was turned over to the Lehigh County Sheriff's Department.

Cited: Joshua Swann, 22, of Quakertown; May 25 for disorderly conduct; at Speedway, 140 S. West End Blvd.

Richland

Theft: A Stihl Model BR600 backpack blower valued at \$530 was reported stolen from a job site on the 1200 block of Claymont Dr. on May 20.

Charged: Matthew Heiserman, 33, of Emmaus; May 12 with retail theft; after he allegedly stole \$566 in merchandise from Walmart on April 8.

Charged: Joshua D. Weaver, 20, of Quakertown; May 15 with retail theft and possession of a controlled substance; after he allegedly stole a pair of sneakers worth \$90 from Famous Footwear.

Charged: Ann Minerva Conroy, 50, of Allentown; May 24 with felony retail theft, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property; after police investigated numerous retail thefts at the Giant Food Stores in Richland Township and Quakertown Borough.

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