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The anniversary event will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 5, and includes food, entertainment, games and family-friendly fun.

There will be a luau-style meal featuring a roasted pig prepared by Country Butcher, along with rolls, baked beans, coleslaw, parsley potatoes, fruit and drinks. Full meals will be available for \$8.

The event will also feature:

- Live entertainment by The Moore Brothers from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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"We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone with the community that has supported us over the past decade," said Brittany Gearhart, executive operations officer at Colonial Courtyard at Clearfield. "This event is a wonderful opportunity for families, friends and neighbors to enjoy a fun summer eve-



ning while getting to know our residents and team." Colonial Courtyard at Clearfield provides assisted living and memory care services in a home-like setting. The anniversary celebration is open to the public.

For more information, call 814-765-2246.

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cation classroom.

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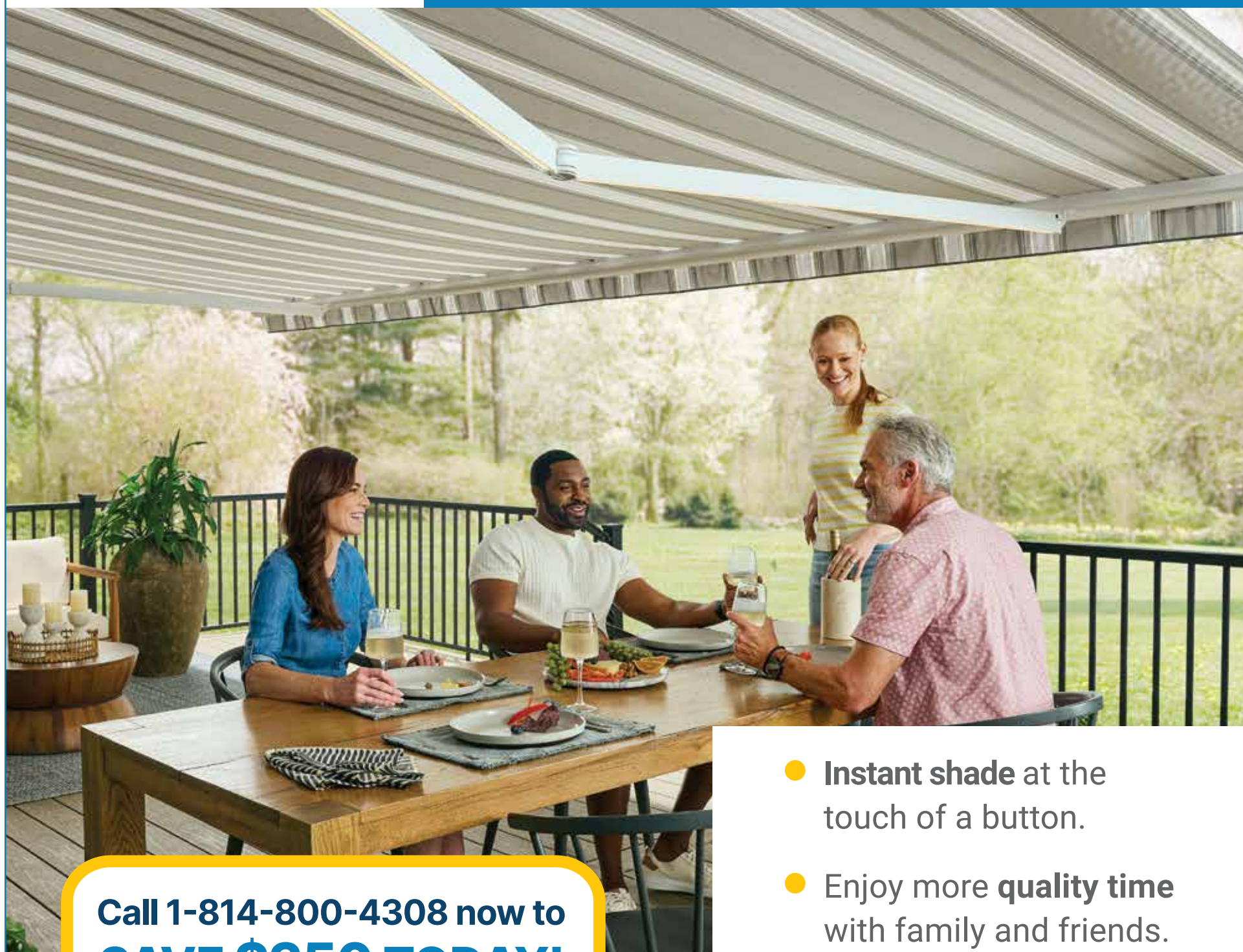
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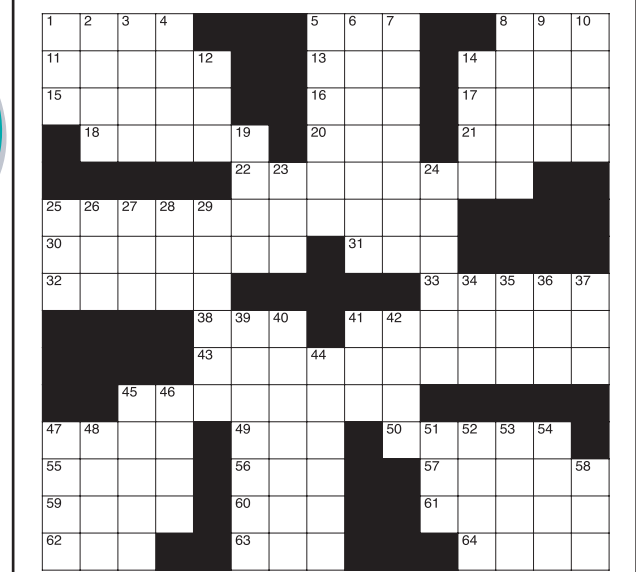


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 5. A young canine
 8. Cologne
 11. Fictional British P.I.
 13. Midway between northeast and east
 14. A place to shop
 15. Minneapolis suburb
 16. Single lens reflex
 17. NY Mets great Tommie
 18. Informal loan clubs
 20. Habitual twitching
 21. Holm oak
 22. Willing to consent or submit
 25. In an early way
 30. Made possible
 31. Language in Ghana
 32. Relating to one's birth
 33. Deep-bodied fishes
 38. Defunct European currency
 41. Small American songbird
 43. One from L.A.
 45. After tenth
 47. Hillside
 49. Red deer
 50. Partner to "ooed"
 55. Indian musical pattern
 56. Israeli city __ Aviv
 57. Golden peas plant
 59. Breezed through
 60. Midway between east and southeast
 61. Frameworks
 62. Danish krone
 63. Fall back
 64. Influential Korean leader

- CLUES DOWN**
1. Bridge building degree
 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
 3. Large, stocky lizard
 4. Turkish leader title
 5. Nag
 6. Blank
 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
 8. A nice shot in golf
 9. Away from wind
 10. Evergreen shrub genus
 12. Large African antelope
 14. Something you receive
 19. Satisfy
 23. Wet dirt
 24. No longer here
 25. Writing utensil
 26. Ribonucleic acid
 27. Consume food
 28. Licensed for Wall Street
 29. Alternative forms of a gene
 34. Buddy
 35. We all do it
 36. Chicken
 37. No seats available
 39. Yearned to possess
 40. Ineffectual
 41. Explosive
 42. Turkish title
 44. Worn near the foot
 45. Impatient
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Paws & Claws

Areas where insects may gather in your yard

Outdoor entertaining is a big part of life when the weather warms up. An afternoon and evening spent enjoying warm weather in the backyard is the ideal for millions of people come summertime.

An idyllic day entertaining outdoors can be compromised by insects. Biting insects may drive some people indoors, while others may avoid outdoor entertaining spaces entirely at times of year when mosquitoes and other bugs are most active. Bug spray can be a quick and effective remedy against insects, but homeowners also can identify spots on their property that insects may seek out as a food source, breeding ground and/or hiding place.

- Standing water: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note mosquito larvae and pupae live in water with little or no flow. Standing water around a property can be an ideal spot for mosquitoes to lay eggs. Containers that hold water, like bird baths, flower pots or water bowls for pets, may be inviting mosquitoes to lay eggs in your yard. The CDC also notes that mosquitoes may even lay eggs in tree holes that collect water. Remove bird baths from your property if you're having mosquito issues, and turn over water bowls and empty planters before going inside each night.
- Leaves: Fallen leaves that are not collected and discarded or added to compost piles may be providing a breeding ground for unwanted insects. Slugs and beetles hide and breed in fallen leaves, so it's imperative that homeowners promptly address spots where leaves have fallen.
- Untidy areas: The landscape solutions experts at BioAdvanced note that keeping a neat and clean outdoor environment is the simplest way to eliminate insect habitats on a property. Insects hide in buckets, boards, bricks, and even toys. While it can be a chore to keep up with the exterior grounds of your home, particularly when the weather is warm, a nightly scan of the property and some light tidying up will make your outdoor entertaining spaces less appealing to various species of insect.
- Food gardens: Gardening is an enjoyable hobby that studies have shown benefits gardeners' mental and physical health. But food gardens can serve as primary food sources for insects. However, that does not mean you cannot have a food garden and still enjoy a relatively insect-free outdoor entertaining space. Homeowners are urged to speak with a local garden center for advice on plant diversity. Some plants, like mint and dill, may attract beneficial insects that keep harmful insects at bay. Local climate can affect what works and what doesn't, so work with a local professional to identify your options.

Insects are unwelcome guests when entertaining outdoors. But there's much homeowners can do to keep insects from setting up shop on their properties.

CAST holding auditions for upcoming show

Clearfield Arts Studio Theatre, 112 E. Locust St., Clearfield, will hold auditions for its upcoming production of "The Woman in Black" at noon Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7. Auditions will be held on the CAST stage on Saturday and in the CAST Dance Studio on Sunday.

Performances are scheduled for Oct. 23-31. CAST is seeking two male actors between the ages of 25 and 65 for the production. Those auditioning are simply asked to come prepared to read from the script and interact with others auditioning. No prepared monologue is required.

In addition to actors, CAST is seeking individuals interested in working behind the scenes on the production crew. "The Woman in Black" will rely heavily on technical theater elements including lighting, sound effects, set construction, costumes and special effects. The production team is hoping to welcome new volunteers interested in learning more about theater production and technical theater.

No prior experience is necessary. Experienced and knowledgeable

producers and technicians will be available throughout the process to teach and mentor those interested in becoming involved with community theater.

"This production offers a unique opportunity for anyone who has ever been curious about what happens behind the curtain," organizers said. "Whether someone

is interested in acting or technical theater, we are excited to welcome new faces to CAST."

The production is directed by Matt Hertlein and Remington Shugarts.

For more information about auditions or volunteer opportunities, visit ClearfieldArts.org or follow CAST on social media.

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Tyrone district's business administrator moving on

By MATT CHURELLA
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TYRONE — Although Faith Swanson's resignation as the Tyrone Area School District's business administrator was effective April 22, she has remained with the district part time and isn't planning to step away fully until her replacement is found and able to succeed in the role.

Swanson said she cried when she turned in her notice to Superintendent Leslie Estep, noting she didn't want to leave the district, but felt it was the best decision for her family to take a pay cut and work for the New Day Charter School's brick and mortar location in Huntingdon as its business manager — a role she's held in addition to the job at Tyrone since February.

Swanson's daughter, Aliyah, is on the autism spectrum and needs more support at home, she said, noting she'll be home by 4:30 p.m. every day to help her daughter more regularly instead of attending several late-evening meetings, something the business administrator job at Tyrone requires regularly.

"It's for my family to help (my daughter); to keep her going in a positive direction instead of spiraling," Swanson said of why she's leaving the district.

The district has interviewed for the position twice, according to Swanson, who said two candidates were interviewed the first time and one candidate was interviewed the second time, after the position was initially offered to one of the first-round candidates, who declined the offer.

The school board is actively working to fill the position and is hope-

ful to do that in June, Estep said, adding that while Swanson's departure leaves a void in the district's administrative team, school officials wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

"Faith has been dedicated to the Tyrone Area School District and has been committed to seeing the district through, not only the budgeting process, but also in assisting in the preparation of the 2025-26 financial audit and the transition process with her replacement," Estep said.

Swanson is more of a "put your head down and get to work" person than a "let's sit around and talk about it" person, Estep said.

When Swanson was hired by the district in 2021, her goals at the time were to streamline processes and improve transparency within the district, something Estep said she's successfully achieved.

"Fortunately, Faith took the financial reins in a place that is fiscally stable, but she has streamlined some processes and procedures that needed updating and organized a number of grants and reports that needed attention," Estep said.

School district veteran Swanson started her career at the Bellwood-Antis School District from 2000 to 2014 as its payroll clerk, before becoming the district's tax collector and later serving as an assistant for human resources and business operations.

It was during her time at Bellwood-Antis that Swanson obtained her bachelor's of business administration from Penn State University — in May 2007 — and her master's of education in school business leadership from

Wilkes University in December 2012.

"I did that part-time as an adult," Swanson said of obtaining her bachelor's degree. "It takes a little bit longer, but I think it's better that way sometimes. It worked better for me."

Swanson said she enjoyed learning from her work experience and studies at the same time.

After leaving Bellwood-Antis, Swanson worked at the Northern Cambria School District for a year as its interim business manager before she was hired in 2015 at Huntingdon Area School District, where she remained until joining Tyrone Area.

Although Swanson is a proud Bellwood-Antis graduate, she said she loves Tyrone Area because of the district's programs, noting it's one of the few districts that has a day care and early intervention program.

"There's a lot of great things going on, and I don't know that everybody always realizes the programming we have in Tyrone," Swanson said. "I think this is an awesome school to work for, and I really had no intention of leaving. Life changes sometimes."

Swanson said there will be some overlap with the next business administrator, as well as some likely paid mentorship through the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials.

Learning the job will take time and she'll encourage the next administrator to learn one thing at a time, Swanson said, noting the state's mandates and laws change frequently.

"You can't look at the whole picture or you will become overwhelmed," Swanson said of advice she'd offer to her successor. "Even going from one district to another, you've got to get through a year or two-year cycle before you really know the job. You're always learning."

Work-life balance

Outside of work, Swanson enjoys gardening with her husband, Ken, as well as attending Penn State wrestling and football events.

Although she's admittedly not the best golfer in the world, Swanson said she enjoys an occasional game of golf, too.



Mirror photo by Matt Churella

Business administrator Faith Swanson sits at her desk in the Tyrone Area School District's administrative office on May 18. Swanson has worked part-time at both Tyrone Area and the New Day Charter School's brick and mortar location in Huntingdon since February.

"I only learned to golf because of this position," Swanson said, noting she's attended several golf outings while at Tyrone, which were not only good for networking, but for learning opportunities as well, she said.

Swanson said she also enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren — Blake, Bodie and Bailey Shiffler and Sadie and Annie McCall.

"They come to our house and swim," Swanson said. "Our neighbors have horses and goats, so we take them up there to play with them."

Swanson said she'll miss the people she worked with at Tyrone Area more than anything.

"These people have been like a family to me here," she said. "We support each other personally and they're great to work with."

Lisa Golden, Tyrone Area's longtime payroll clerk whose desk is near Swanson's office, is also leaving the district soon, with her retirement approaching at the end of June. Pam Hollen, formerly of Saint Francis University, was hired to succeed Golden in her role, Estep said, noting Golden has more than 35 years of experience in the district's business office and is both a great coworker and friend to many.

"I'm going to really miss Lisa," Swanson said. "She is very golden."

Upon hearing of Swanson's resignation back in February, Golden reportedly told her, "You weren't supposed to go before me."

"She was really concerned initially because at the time we didn't have someone to fill her position," Swanson said.

Golden said Swanson is "easy to work with" and they get along well.

"I'll miss talking with you every day," Golden told Swanson.

"I think your husband is ready for you to be home every day," Swanson replied.

"No, he's not. But I'm ready to be home every day," Golden said.

Swanson said Hollen seems to have a good handle on payroll in general and reiterated she will assist with the new business administrator's transition in any way possible.

"At least through our audit, I will assist in any way that's needed moving forward because I want this position to succeed and the person to succeed in this position," Swanson said.

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The Swanson file

Name: Faith Swanson

Age: 49

Hometown: Bellwood

Family: Husband, Ken; daughter, Aliyah, 20; son, Eli, 18; grandchildren: Blake, Bodie and Bailey Shiffler and Sadie and Annie McCall

Education: Bachelor's of business administration from Penn State University, May 2007; master's of education in school business leadership, Wilkes University, December 2012.

Career: Bellwood-Antis School District; Northern Cambria School District; Huntingdon Area School District; Tyrone Area School District; New Day Charter School, Huntingdon.

Hobbies: Gardening, golfing and attending Penn State football and wrestling events



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Business administrator Faith Swanson (right) sits next to Superintendent Leslie Estep during a May 12 Tyrone Area School Board meeting.

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