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Colonial Courtyard at Clearfield to host community carnival on June 19

Colonial Courtyard at Clearfield is inviting residents, families, and community members of all ages to join in an afternoon of fun, entertainment, and fellowship at its Community Carnival slated to run from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 19. The carnival will take place on the grounds of Colonial Courtyard at Clearfield and will feature activities and attractions designed to bring generations together

while celebrating the spirit of community. **Guests can enjoy:**

- A petting zoo presented by Cuddle Coral
- Carnival games and prizes
- Live entertainment by the Deacons of Dixieland
- Family-friendly activities and surprises throughout the event

The event is open to the public, and attendees are encouraged to bring

children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors for an evening of carnival fun. “At Colonial Courtyard, we love creating opportunities for our residents to connect with the community,” said Kellie Strouse, community relations director. “Events like our Community Carnival bring people together, create lasting memories, and showcase the vibrant lifestyle our residents

enjoy every day.” The carnival is part of Colonial Courtyard’s ongoing commitment to providing meaningful experiences for residents while welcoming the greater Clearfield community to enjoy the campus. Colonial Courtyard at Clearfield is at 1300 Leonard St., Clearfield. For more information, call 814-765-2246.



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Blair paying \$97,500 in foster case settlement

By Kay Stephens

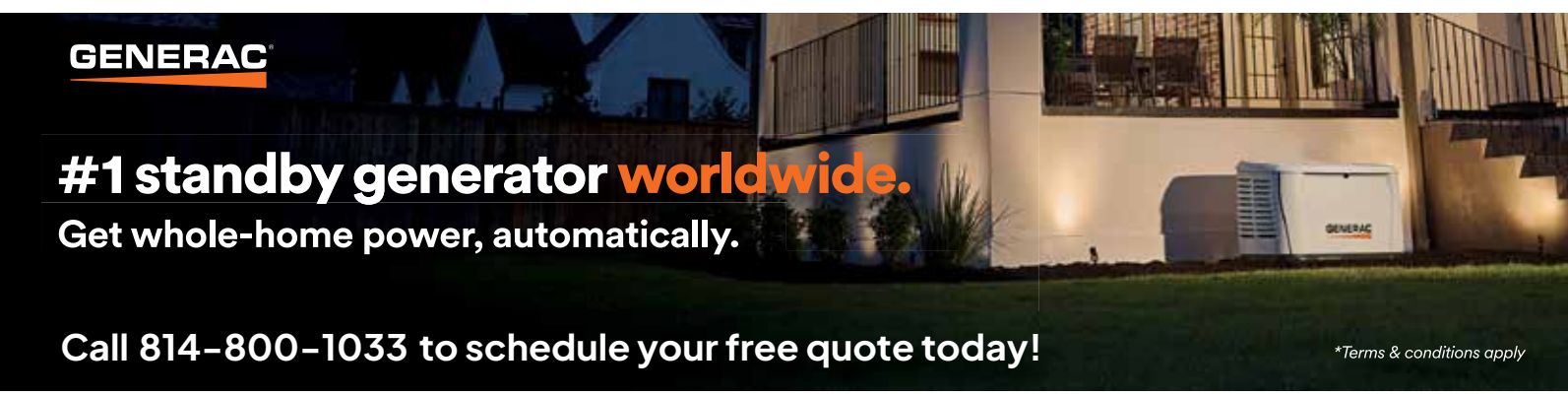
HOLLIDAYSBURG — Blair County is paying \$97,500 to resolve a lawsuit filed by three former foster children removed from an Altoona residence in 2008 and housed in Clearfield County where they were abused by foster parents. Commissioners Dave Kessling, Amy Webster and Laura Burke voted Thursday to approve the out-of-court settlement with no admission of wrongdoing. Burke also said Thursday that the county will need to cover \$97,500 — as well as legal fees in defense of the lawsuit — because the county’s prior insurance carrier denied coverage and its current carrier won’t

cover a 2008 incident. Commissioners said Thursday that they didn’t know how much the county has paid so far in legal fees or if the county has received its last bill for this legal dispute. But the settlement, commissioners acknowledged, was a way to resolve the case without incurring additional legal expenses for trial defense. The federal civil rights lawsuit was filed in 2023 in U.S. District Court, Johnstown, by three former foster children identified as Matthew, Rebecca and Issac Krause. As adults, they alleged that child welfare workers permanently removed them and three siblings from an Altoona

residence as a tactic for pressuring their parents into cooperating with police in a drug investigation. The former foster children, now adults, were assigned to live with Timothy and Barbara Krause of Houtzdale, Clearfield County, and never returned to Altoona because the Krauses adopted them. But in 2020, the Krauses were convicted in Clearfield County court of 22 criminal counts, including endangering the welfare of a child, reckless endangerment and terroristic threats, from a seven-year period when the parents were accused of beating the children, depriving them of food, forcing them to

stand against a wall with knees bent and using racial slurs when referring to them. In light of the convictions, both Krauses were sentenced to seven to 40 years’ incarceration in a state prison. While Timothy Krause has died, Barbara Krause, 58, remains incarcerated. In the lawsuit filed against Blair County and initially Clearfield County which was later dismissed, the former foster children represented by attorneys Roy Huntsman of Cedar Hills, Utah, and Mart Harris of Pittsburgh raised constitutional issues and claimed they had the right to be free from governmental interference with their familial associations.

They also charged that governmental agencies failed to protect them while in foster care. In answering the allegations, attorneys Devin Chwastyk and Sarah Hyser-Staub of Harrisburg denied Blair County’s participation in a scheme to keep the former foster children from being reunited with their parents. Documents filed in the case indicated that drug task force officers were at the Altoona house investigating drug activity on Oct. 20, 2008, when child welfare workers removed the children. Lawyers for Blair County also denied a claim that the foster care case was transferred to Clearfield County to make it more difficult for the children’s biological family members. And Blair County, according to its lawyers, reported no knowledge to admit or deny the abuse of the children by the foster parents.



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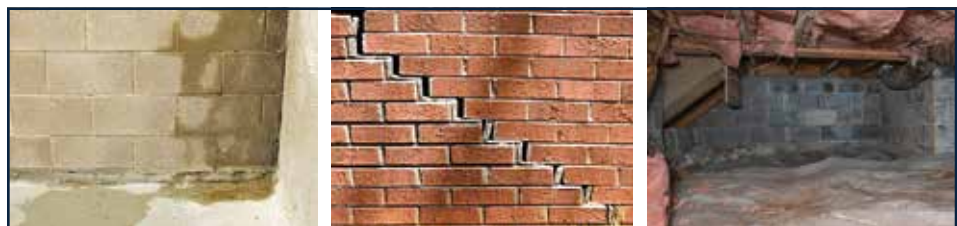
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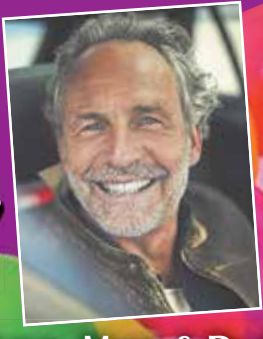


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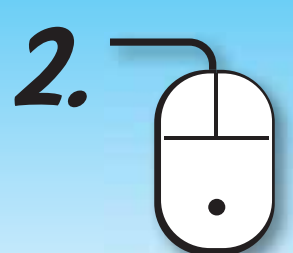
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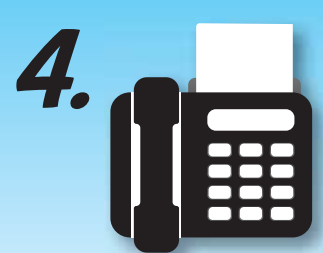
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VEHICLES:2017 Subaru Forester(nice) 35K miles, 2000 Chev K1500 reg cab 4X4 w/dump bed insert, 1987 Dodge B1500 8 pass van(BARN FIND no rust), Suzuki Savage motorcycle, Kubota B234X4 w/bucket & backhoe, Wenzel Fiberglass fishing boat w/trailer

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT: Craftsman 27 log splitter, Craftsman DYT 4000 lawn tractor, Craftsman stacker tool box, Craftsman table saw(new), 2700PSI pressure washer, Central Machinery cement mixer(NEW), lot small hand tools, lawn & garden tools, wheelbarrows, extension & step ladders, Lincoln welder, electric hand saws, truck ramps, 6 chain saws, lot of mechanic hand tools, Meyers snow plow

FURNITURE: 3Pc bedroom ste w/King bed, lge glass & oak curio cabinet, matching sofa & loveseat, dinette w/5 chairs, oak deacon bench, Wurliizer spinet piano, 3 pc pine coffee & end tables, asst chests,

APPLIANCES: Frigidgaira refrig, Frigidgaira upright freezer, Kenmore chest freezer, Whirlpool washer, Admiral dryer, Kitchen-Aid mixer, Samsung TV

MISC: Hard coal furnace boiler, super amount of cut & split firewood, chain link fencing & pipe supports, 16 sheets 1/2" 4X8 sheetrock(new), 7 pcs 3/4" OSB subflooring(new), 33 boxes ship lap planking, dozens of canning jars(new in boxes), woodburner, other firewood not yet split, ASST TONKA TOYS, other toys, 2 Mercury boat motors, trolling motors, 12 fishing rods, antiq sleds, lot of canned goods, lots of fabric, pitcher pump, galvanized tubs, plastic lighted nativity,

REAL ESTATE#1 3 bedroom tri-level home on 2.4 acres. Eat-in kitchen-living rm-utility basement w/storage-workshops on ground floor-Integral garage-1 1/2 baths-ample closets-hot water heat-rear deck-lg road frontage-public water-2 outdoor storage buildings(to be sold separately)outdoor furnace w/boiler, Geo Thermal hot & cold. Radiant heat in shop.

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- Indians – BMWs – Hondas - 2016 Polaris Slingshot - 1978 Mercedes-Benz 450 SL Convertible – Motorcycle Related Items - 1967 Norton Scrambler – Kubota 900 RTV

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Woodworking & Shop Equipment - High End Grizzly Woodworking - Shop Equipment - Assorted Battery Operated & Electric Hand Tools - Woodworking Tools – 2-Car Garage of Household Items – Set of Desert Rose China – Nice Antique Quilt – (4) Vintage Ceramic Christmas Trees - Auctioneers Note see Website for photos.
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- Kubota BX2670 4x4 diesel tractor - Honda 4 X 4 Utility Vehicle - Cub Cadet Log Splitter - High End Woodworking & Shop Equipment - Hand Woodworking Tools - Morgan & Peace Silver Dollars - Silver Quarters & Halves - Vintage Silver Coins

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Obituaries

Connie Lee Kirstner-Legersky

Connie Lee Kirstner-Legersky, 74, of Philipsburg, PA, and formerly of Osceola Mills died on Monday, June 8, 2026, at Penn Highlands DuBois.

Born on July 31, 1951, in Altoona, PA, Connie was the daughter of the late William M. Kirstner & Alberta V. (Vaughn) Cowfer. She married Michael J. Legersky on October 19, 2001, in Aspen, Colorado. Connie retired as a Licensed Practical Nurse after 23 years of service in Labor and Delivery at Mt. Nittany Medical Center in State College. Throughout her career and life, she demonstrated compassion, kindness, and a genuine love for people. Connie loved the Lord, being a devoted wife, and — without a doubt — being an adoring mom. She was involved in the school PTA, her son's little league baseball, and her daughter's sorority. She loved to make homemade meals, was an avid reader, played Canasta, and enjoyed trips to the movie theater quite frequently. She had a knack for family history and loved to collect people's stories and understand where she came from. Connie was endlessly humorous, warm, and kind. She could make anyone smile and had a contagious laugh. Her personality was larger-than-life. Connie had a quiet strength to her and gave her family the best of her. In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by a niece, Lynn Kirstner. May she rest in peace with her father Bill and her niece Lynn, whom are waiting for her with open arms. She is survived by her loving husband, Michael J. Legersky; a daughter, Kellie E. Berg of Pittsburgh, PA; a son, Timothy M. Berg & his wife, Victoria N., of DuBois, PA; a brother, Rev. Charles E. Kirstner & his wife, Diane, of Lancaster, PA; and her three beloved grandchildren, Keagen Allaman, Finnigan Berg, and Addison Berg. A funeral service was held at the Chapel of the Umbria Cemetery in Osceola Mills, Pennsylvania, with Rev. Robert Bruinooge officiating. Burial: Umbria Cemetery. Following the funeral service, a Celebration of Life was held at her son's home.

Dorothy Jane Luce

Dorothy Jane Luce, 89, of Clearfield, PA died on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at Mountain Laurel Nursing Home.

Born on May 16, 1937, in Curwensville, PA, she was the daughter of the late William and Zena (Johnson) Clark. On July 14, 1956, she married Harold E. Luce, who preceded her in death on March 15, 2017. Dorothy was of the Baptist faith. In addition to being a homemaker, she was employed by Berg Electronics for many years. Dorothy spent her life making sure everyone around her was well cared for. She always provided a warm home, a full plate, and unconditional love. The happiness she kindled and kindness she spread will be deeply missed by those who loved her and were shaped by her. She is survived by her daughter, Cindy Luzier; two grandchildren, Matthew (Stephanie) Luzier and Lindsay (Emerson) Miller; seven great-grandchildren, Joshua, Caleb, CJ, Thomas, Sarah, Dymitri, and Mattea; a great-great-grandchild, Ivy; a brother, Henry Clark; and a sister, Janet Hepfer. In addition to her parents and husband, Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Harold E. Luce Jr., grandson, Joshua Thomas Luzier, and a sister, Helen Tootie Aughenbaugh. A private ceremony and burial will be held with the family at Stoneville Cemetery in Clearfield, PA.

Vermyra Lou (Snyder) Morgan

Vermyra Lou (Snyder) Morgan, 90, of Clearfield, and formerly of Grampian passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026 at Knickerbocker Villa.

She was born June 9, 1935, in Reynoldsville, the daughter of the late Frank and Mildred (Anderson) Snyder. Mrs. Morgan was preceded in death by her husband Bruce on October 22, 2025, whom she married on August 25, 1956, having been married for 69 years. Vermyra is survived by four children, Kim Wright and husband Bob, Todd Morgan and wife Lisa, Bonnie Scipione and husband Walter, and Melissa Peterman and husband Rich; grandchildren, Eric (Meghan) Wright, Ryan (Gail) Wright, Kyle (Shannon) Wright, Morgan Peterman, Madison (David) Murphy, Abby Morgan, Megan Moore and Todd Munchak; great grandchildren, Cameron, Chloe, Allie, Tatem and Olivia Wright, Elijah and Benjamin; a sister Eathelda Georgeff and two nephews Frank and Fred Snyder. In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by three brothers Norman, Donald, and Frank Snyder. Vermyra was a homemaker and enjoyed everything her grandchildren participated in, working in her flower garden, bird watching, crocheting, reading and traveling with friends and family. She was a member of the Grampian Church of Faith, formerly St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Grampian, a member of the United Methodist Women and the Clearfield Bowling Lanes Coffee League. Sincere appreciation for the care given by Vickie, Karen, Michelle, and the entire staff of Knickerbocker Villa. The family also extends appreciation to Penn Highlands Community Nursing Hospice. Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family.

Shirley L. Houdeshell

Shirley L. Houdeshell, 82, of Clearfield, passed away Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Ridgeview Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

Born October 4, 1943, in Pittsburgh, the daughter of Eddie J. and Minerva (Etters) Pash McKean. Shirley worked for 44 years as a bus driver and ticket agent for Fullington Auto Bus Company. She was Methodist by Faith. Shirley is survived by a daughter, Veralda L. Esposti of Homer City, eleven grandchildren, several great grandchildren, three siblings: Dolores Maines, Hannah Hought and Joseph Pash and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, five children: Paula Kaye, John, Marge, Charles and Clair Houdeshell and a sister, Dianna Moore. Honoring Shirley's wishes, there will be no public visitation or services. Interment: Gillingham Cemetery.

Chad David Lewis

Chad David Lewis, 52, Loretto, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2026 at Allegheny General Hospital Pittsburgh.

Born April 4, 1974 in Johnstown, son of Glenn and Margaret "Lynne" (Hutchinson) Lewis. He is preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother Lynne; His loving wife of 22 years, Erin Lewis; children, Skylar and Gavin Lewis; brother, Sean (Polly) Lewis; and numerous friends who were like family to him. Chad was employed at Chantilly Autobody for 25 years as an automotive refinisher. He enjoyed spending time with friends and family, football, avid Steelers fan, and enjoyed working outside at home and lending a helping hand to anyone who needed it. His personality was larger than life and his laugh was contagious. He had a gift for lifting spirits wherever he went, whether through his quick wit, perfectly timed jokes or his unforgettable dance moves. You could usually find Chad with his family around the grill with a beer in his hand playing music. He took immense pride in providing for his family and was known for his unmatched work ethic. To know Chad was to love Chad. He left a hole in our hearts that can never and will never be filled. Per Chad's request there will be no services.

Gayle S. Hertzog

Gayle S. Hertzog, 89, Dysart, passed away on June 13, 2026 at Conemaugh Nason Hospital.

Born July 7, 1936 in Greenwood, PA, daughter of Franklin C. and Pearl E. (Fisher) Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles "Pat" Hertzog; and son, Patrick (Fiancee Cindy Weakland) Hertzog. She is survived by son, Luke (Anita) Hertzog of Dysart; Grandchild, Brandy (Kevin) Eckenrod and her children, Joelle, Emma and Evelyn; Eileen (Carl) Dumm; Grandchildren; Patrick (Julie) Hertzog, and Jason (Nicole) Hertzog and his children, Natasha and Conner; sister, Barbara Arnold; nephew, Bill Arnold; and very good friend who was like a daughter to her, Betty Wilkinson. Gayle enjoyed horses, cats, going to watch her grandchildren play ball, birdwatching, and western shows. Per Gayle's request all services will be private.

Robert Edward "Bob" Frontz, Jr.

Robert Edward "Bob" Frontz, Jr., 61, Ashville, passed away June 10, 2026.

Born October 13, 1964 in Altoona, son of Robert Edward Frontz Sr. and Bonnie Ann (Baker) Hill. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Jeannie Norris. He is survived by his sisters, Tina Walters and Mary Ann McGee; Nieces and Nephews, Jessie (Chuck) House, Martin Walters II, Alysa Frontz, Jennifer Miller, Shawn Markel Jr., Colleen McGee, and Kyle McGee; and 13 Great Nieces and Nephews. Bob enjoyed motorcycles, cowboys, Elvis, and working on vehicles and projects. Family and friends were received on Wednesday, June 17 at Gibbons-Penkka Funeral Home, Ashville, 1688 Liberty St. Ashville, PA 16613. Pastor Gary Grau, Officiating. Interment: Amsbury Union Cemetery.

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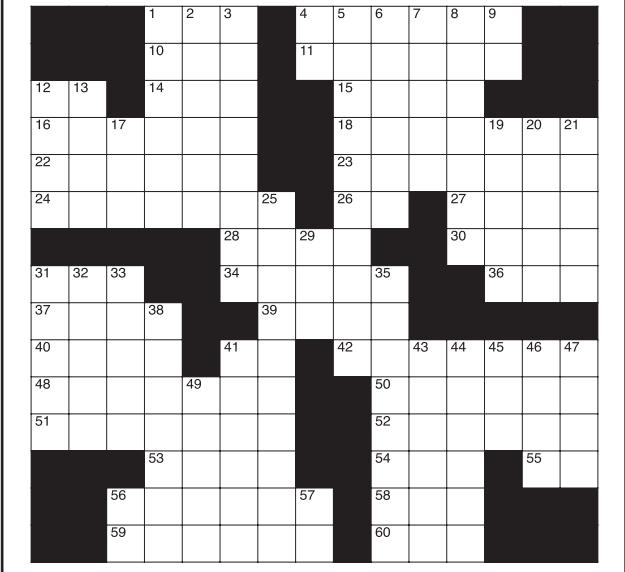
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Solution on page 6



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Similar
 - 4. Have an ambitious plan or a lofty goal
 - 10. No (Scottish)
 - 11. ___ Aires, city
 - 12. Morning
 - 14. Senior's son (abbr.)
 - 15. A notable achievement
 - 16. European nation
 - 18. Endings
 - 22. Puts into place
 - 23. Former
 - 24. Grenadier
 - 26. Sea patrol
 - 27. Algerian port
 - 28. Norwegian river
 - 30. Precipitation
 - 31. Sunscreen rating
 - 34. New York is one
 - 36. Patti Hearst's captors
 - 37. Soft mineral with greasy feel
 - 39. Retired Brazilian footballer
 - 40. An Indian nursemaid
 - 41. Atomic #24
 - 42. Immobile
 - 48. Insignia of royalty
 - 50. Seeds from which chocolate is made
 - 51. Begin again
 - 52. Round root
 - 53. Beginning to end (alt. sp.)
 - 54. What newlyweds just said
 - 55. Empire State
 - 56. Give back
 - 58. College hoops tournament
 - 59. Unstable situations
 - 60. Young women's association

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Administer a drug
 - 2. Holy places
 - 3. Contrary opinions
 - 4. Blood type
 - 5. Gags
 - 6. Micturating
 - 7. Silly
 - 8. A type of "cuff"
 - 9. Spanish be
 - 12. Austrian river
 - 13. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 17. Consume food
 - 19. California supermarket
 - 20. Electronic communication
 - 21. Cassia tree
 - 25. Written works
 - 29. Cool!
 - 31. Noteworthy 90s lawyer Kenneth
 - 32. One who was compensated
 - 33. National symbols
 - 35. Raising
 - 38. A type of talk
 - 41. Cloud
 - 43. Middle Eastern peoples
 - 44. Pouches
 - 45. 007's creator
 - 46. A cut of meat
 - 47. Sports entertainment award
 - 49. Christine __, actress
 - 56. Relief organization (abbr.)
 - 57. Canadian province (abbr.)

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- '17 Jeep Renegade - 2.4L, 4x4, 168K
- '16 Land Rover, Range Rover - 3.0L, AWD, 110K
- '16 Subaru Forester - 2.5L, AWD, 168K
- '16 Jeep Renegade - 2.4L, 4x4, 113K
- '16 Audi A3 - 2.0L, AWD, 112K
- '15 Chevy Cruze - 1.4LT, FWD, 118K
- '14 Jeep Gr. Cherokee - 3.2L, 4x4, 153K
- '14 Jeep Cherokee - 2.4L, 4x4, 162K
- '14 Ford Escape - 1.6L, 4x4, 131K
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The ultimate guide to Father's Day dining

Father's Day marks a time to honor fathers and father figures. It's not often that fathers get to feel like the ultimate heroes; often they are doing much to support and love their families without receiving too much fanfare. So Father's Day is the perfect chance to give dads, grandfathers and father figures what they truly deserve — and that often includes a delicious meal.

According to the National Retail Federation, total spending on Father's Day in 2023 reached an estimated \$22.9 billion, marking a substantial jump from previous years. A significant chunk of that spending was geared toward experiences. As families prepare to honor their dads this year, they can consider a range of places to take Dad out for a special meal.

- **Classic steakhouse:** One can never go wrong with a reservation at a steakhouse. These restaurants are sophisticated, intimate, and feature foods with widespread appeal. Steakhouses lean toward the higher end of the spending spectrum, so it's important to plan accordingly. A meal at a steakhouse is a high-end experience.
- **Casual barbecue:** If Dad is more of a laid-back sort of guy, he might appreciate a more relaxed environment to enjoy his special day. A BBQ spot with a patio or garden can be the ideal place to enjoy some time together while enjoying pulled pork or slow-smoked ribs. A brisket sandwich paired with a cold beer can be a great Father's Day meal.
- **Seafood lover:** Dads who are all about foods reeled in from the deep blue yonder will appreciate a restaurant that boasts a significant seafood menu. Finding a place that not only serves food from the sea, but is on the water itself, can elevate the dining experience even further. Seafood restaurants run the gamut from refined establishments to more casual fish fry stands. Figuring out what Dad would like best and booking a table is a thoughtful gift.
- **Gastropub:** Many pubs blend delicious food with a rotating tap of craft brews. People can find local favorites where an artisanal burger can be paired with a pretzel and an IPA or a stout.

Before booking a reservation, it's important to consider exactly what the man of honor would appreciate most, rather than trying to find a restaurant to "impress." Tailoring the experience to his personality and preferences is a personal touch that can make this Father's Day even more special.

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How to up the flavor of grilled fare

Foods cooked over an open flame are a staple of summer. Whether you're looking to avoid heating up the house by using the stove on a summer week-night or hosting a backyard barbecue for family and friends, a grill is a go-to at dinnertime once the weather warms up.

Grilling imparts a uniquely smoky flavor to various foods, and there are many ways to make meals cooked over an open flame even more flavorful. As grilling season hits full swing, try these strategies to add flavor to grilled foods.

■ **Know when to use marinade and when to use a dry rub.** Marinades and dry rubs are widely viewed as effective means to improving the flavor profile of grilled foods, and those

reputations are well-deserved. But which one to use and when? According to the spice and herb experts at Simply Organic®, marinade is best utilized when grilling leaner meats or tougher cuts that could benefit from some tenderizing. A dry rub works best when grilling or smoking meats that are already tender or have a lot of fat content.

■ **Consider taking meats out of the refrigerator 15 to 30 minutes before placing them on the grill.** Taking meat, pork, and even fish out of the refrigerator 15 to 30 minutes before cooking is a process known as "tempering." Some insist on this approach, while others suggest it does little to

improve flavor. Advocates of tempering insist the approach produces juicier, more evenly cooked foods. Those who feel tempering is unnecessary suggest flipping foods with greater frequency can lead to more evenly cooked foods. This debate is unlikely to end anytime soon, but those who have never tried tempering can give it a shot if they feel their grilled meats could be cooked more evenly.

■ **Monitor the temperature when cooking hamburgers.** It sounds simple, but keeping an eye on the temperature inside the grill is vital if you hope to avoid charring or dried out foods. Many grilling enthusiasts know to utilize a meat thermometer when cooking steaks

and roasts over an open flame. But burgers tend to be tossed on the grill and cooked without consideration for grill temperature or internal temperature. According to DDR BBQ Supply, the best grill temperature for burgers is between 350 F and 400 F. Grilling burgers below 325 F will lead to the burgers drying out before they brown, while grilling them at 450 F or above will cause the burgers to burn before they're cooked through.

■ **Use wood.** When cooking on a traditional charcoal grill, seasoned wood chips or chunks can impart some extra smoky flavor onto foods. Wood also can be used when cooking on a gas grill, but this requires a little extra work. When

using a gas grill, place the chips or chunks in a smoker box or a foil pan or wrap them in foil. Place the box or pouch on the grate and light the burner, and the resulting smoke will impart

extra flavor to the food cooked elsewhere on the grate.

Imparting additional flavor to grilled foods can make this popular way to cook out even more enjoyable.



Shining light on sunscreen use

The sun is vital for life on Earth. But the sun also poses a threat to human beings, particularly when they don't prioritize sun protection. Ultraviolet rays of the sun can cause damage to the skin, eyes and more, leading to premature aging, sunburn and even cancer.

Wearing sunglasses while in the sun and routinely applying sunscreen are some simple ways people can protect themselves from sun damage. Johns Hopkins Medicine says proper sunscreen use helps prevent most of the poor effects of sun exposure. Sunscreen needs to become a part of one's daily routine rather than just something to apply before a visit to the beach. The American Academy of Dermatology Association offers these tips from board-certified dermatologists regarding the proper use of sunscreen.

■ **Use SPF 30 or higher.** Choose a sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher, and look for one that is water-resistant and provides broad-spectrum coverage, which handles UVA and UVB rays.

■ **Try tinted iron oxide.** Sunscreens that are tinted with iron oxide offer better protection for the skin against the development of dark spots. Iron oxide protects the skin from the sun's visible light.

■ **Apply ahead of time.** It takes approximately 15 minutes for the skin to absorb sunscreen and provide protection. Therefore, it's best to apply it well before heading outdoors.

■ **Don't be stingy.** It's important to use enough sunscreen. Most adults need about one ounce, at a minimum, of sunscreen. That's about enough to fill a shot glass. This will help fully cover skin that is not protected by clothing. When applying sunscreen to the face, at least one teaspoon is needed. Always rub sunscreen thoroughly into the skin to ensure it is absorbed and evenly distributed.

■ **Recognize order doesn't matter.** As long as the sunscreen is at least SPF 30, water-resistant and broad-spectrum, the order it is applied does not matter. It can be applied

before or after other skin care products and makeup. It's best for a person to figure out what works for their routine.

■ **Know that most ingredients work.** Sunscreens are often grouped into two categories: chemical and mineral. Chemical sunscreens use ingredients like octisalate or homosalate to work, while mineral sunscreens use either zinc oxide or titanium dioxide. Both chemical and mineral sunscreens are effective, but people with sensitive skin may want to go with mineral sunscreens, which often leave a noticeable white cast on the skin.

■ **Reapply frequently.** It's important to reapply sunscreen every two hours, and immediately after swimming or sweating. People who get sunburned often use too little sunscreen or didn't reapply the product enough.

■ **Check the expiration date.** Sunscreen expires and can become ineffective. If the sunscreen has been sitting around for awhile, it's probably best to toss it and buy a new bottle.

Skin is exposed to harmful UV rays every time a person goes outside—even on cloudy days and in winter. It is essential to make sunscreen application part of a daily wellness routine.

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The role of pets in family life

Pets can be a wonderful addition to your household, offering far more than just companionship. Here are a handful of ways an animal friend can enhance your family life.

Teach life skills

Caring for an animal teaches kids responsibility, empathy and patience.

These qualities pave the way for them to become more compassionate and considerate individuals. Improve well-being

Did you know that studies show children who grow up with pets tend to have stronger immune systems and spend more time being active outdoors? Playing fetch in the yard, going for walks or simply running around with a dog helps

children develop healthy habits and enjoy physical activity from a young age.

Provide emotional support and comfort

Pets offer unconditional love and invaluable emotional support. A dog's wagging tail after a tough day at school or a cat's gentle purr can help kids feel understood and less alone.

Create family time

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Two-time breast cancer survivor urges early detection

Sassano chosen as Relay For Life ambassador

By COLETTE COSTLOW
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A breast cancer diagnosis didn't come as a surprise to Altoona resident Joanne Sassano.

"There's a big history in my family," she said, as not only was her mother diagnosed with breast cancer, but so were her aunts on both sides of her family.

Her maternal cousin was diagnosed with breast cancer within a week of Sassano.

However, she beat cancer in 2007 and once again in 2024 because of the grace of God, her family, friends and medical providers, she said.

A longtime member of Relay For Life of Blair County, she was recently chosen as this year's ambassador and will carry the torch toward the luminaries section at the June 13 event.

Understanding that breast cancer may spread to her daughter and granddaughters, she is advocating for early detection and future medical breakthroughs with her platform.

"Hopefully, in our lifetime, there will be a vaccine," she said.

Born and raised in Altoona, Sassano attended the Altoona School of Commerce to become a medical secretary after graduating from Bishop Guilfoyle High School.

She said she always gravitated toward health care, being someone caring and compassionate.

She began working at the Altoona Hospital in 1982 and lasted through four administrations, the most recent being UPMC.

"And loved every minute of it," she said,

adding that she retired last year.

The thing she said she misses most about her job is the patients, with whom she formed close bonds.

During her time as a medical secretary, she married her husband, Ron Sassano, and the couple is celebrating 40 years together this year. They have two children, Michele and Michael.

Before Michele's high school graduation in spring 2007, Sassano was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I didn't tell anybody," she said. "I waited until the graduation party was over. I didn't want to dampen anything for any of that."

That July, she had a lumpectomy, eight chemotherapy sessions and 45 radiation sessions at UPMC Altoona. All the lymph nodes on the right side of her neck were removed.

She used Tamoxifen and then Arimidex for 10 years following her surgery.

"Life changes when you are diagnosed with cancer," she said.

Second diagnosis

Sassano's mother was also a two-time survivor of breast cancer, but she eventually passed away from colon cancer at 83.

After her surgery, she continued with mammogram appointments because of her mother's two-time diagnosis.

"I never missed one," she said.

Those mammogram appointments saved her life when doctors caught a spot on the left side of her breast in 2024. It was a new cell, not a recurring cell, she said.

"And they said to me, 'That's better than (your) current cell. If there's one that you're going to get. That's probably the best one to get,'" she said.

Receiving another cancer diagnosis mentally devastated Sassano, as she had already been through the painful and grueling treatment process once. She remembered telling one of her doctors that she didn't want to go through it again.

The spot was small enough to be detected through a mammogram, so they went through an ultrasound and a biopsy at the UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital in Pittsburgh.

She was able to avoid chemotherapy treatment completely by having a segmental mastectomy and 16 radiation sessions. She also had a bilateral breast reduction using plastic surgery at UPMC Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh.

"Best thing I ever did," she said. "It made me comfortable again. It's life-changing."

Her husband stayed by her side through two cancer diagnoses, and he recalled the fear surrounding those battles.

"It's a rough journey for anyone mentally, along with physically, and she trooped right through it," Ron Sassano said.

Throughout bleak times, however, he said she managed to stay positive, being involved with the community through the Bavarian Aid Society.

She maintained a positive attitude throughout her two diagnoses, realizing that keeping a positive mindset was something she had to have to beat cancer, he said.

Before her first cancer diagnosis, the couple played in a few rock bands together, with Sassano on keyboard and her husband on guitar. She continued playing the organ for St. Rose of Lima until the early 1990s.

Today, the couple converted one of their rooms into a music studio where they go to play their beloved instruments, as music continues to be their tool for self-expression.

Early detection and prevention

Early detection can change the game, Sassano said, as prevention tactics can reroute how cancer affects someone's life.

"Because prevention's the cure, it really is," she said. "I'm living proof of that."

As a result, detection and prevention is her platform as this year's Relay For Life Ambassador, encouraging individuals to check in on their health early and often.

Some of her prevention tips include showing up for mammogram appointments, colonoscopies and yearly exams, listening to medical specialist recommendations and staying up-to-date with prevention public service announcements.

Susan Boland, co-chair for Relay For Life of Blair County, said the board chose Sassano as this year's ambassador for her experience and positive outlook.

Sassano built her life around surviving cancer, Boland said, which is a message the board wants to spread within the region. That message can give others hope during an uncertain future.

"We hope that people will see there is a positive, there is hope, that



Mirror photo by Colette Costlow

Two-time breast cancer survivor Joanne Sassano wears her Relay For Life 2026 shirt while sitting on the porch of her city home. Sassano was chosen as ambassador for this year's event on June 13.

life after cancer, and she represented that for us," she said.

Sassano said she's honored to share her story at this year's event from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on June 13 at Mansion Park, with the theme, "Give Cancer the Boot!"

"I'm honored to tell my story," she said. "If I can get out there to women and men, with all the cancers that are out there, whatever is preventative, go for it."

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The Sassano file

Name: Joanne Sassano

Age: 64

Education: St. Rose of Lima Elementary School; Bishop Guilfoyle High School, 1980; Altoona School of Commerce, 1982

Occupation: Medical secretary – 44 years

Family: Husband, Ron; children, Michele and Michael

Pets: Dog, Maggie, 6

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