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The Art Yard in Frenchtown, N.J., celebrated the opening of "The Memory Palace: Frenchtown at 150th," a meditation on collective memory, excavation and place, on April 28. The river is emulated under the Frenchtown bridge by turn-

ing two twisted drums. Max Ferree-Naunam of Frenchtown takes his turn spinning the large drums at the opening. More photos in a future issue of the Herald.

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Headquarters Road at Sheephole Road: Riverkeeper calls on citizens to support temporary bridge

Cliff Lebowitz

Proponents of restoring Tincicum's historic one-lane bridge on Headquarters Road near Sheephole Road have called for active support of their idea from state legislators and other state officials.

The bridge, built in 1812 over Tincicum Creek, and with its original piers still in place, has been closed for seven years, to the great consternation of the community, which has complained of significant inconvenience. Residents also fear consequent untimely increased response time from emergency services.

In a May 2 press conference organized at the site by Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), the group called on citizens to contact their state senators and representatives, as well as Gov. Tom Wolf and Transportation Secretary Leslie Richards.

Last summer, DRN filed a lawsuit in Fed-

eral Court to block PennDOT and the Federal Highway Commission (FHWA) from pursuing the two-lane plan, stating they had failed to "consider all prudent and feasible alternatives, and mitigate any potential adverse effects to historic resources," as well as "failing to conduct necessary maintenance of the bridge, leading to deterioration of the structure."

Asked after the press conference about the status of the legal action, Delaware Riverkeeper and DRN leader Maya Van Rossum said the lawsuit had been withdrawn, under agreement with PennDOT that it would stop pursuing its effort to gain exclusion from the need to provide an environmental impact statement (EIS) for its two-lane plan, and would notify DRN if it renewed that effort, which would re-establish the legal action.

DRN engineering consultant Joseph
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Haycock center may host environment activities for Nockamixon State Park

Cliff Lebowitz

The new Haycock Township Community Center (HTCC), off to a rousing start with diversified activities, may now be adding increased opportunities for Nockamixon State Park's environmental education programming.

In her monthly HTCC update at the township's May 7 board of supervisors meeting, Dawn Kline reported that Rebekah Sheeler, the park's environmental education spe-

cialist, had provided an informational session at the HTCC on her current work at the building the park uses for educational programs. She added she was excited about the HTCC, on the site of the former Haycock Elementary School, where there was a lot more space than she presently has available. She said she would be happy to work with HTCC "on whatever they wanted."

The park website notes that it presently
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Two days, 20 authors in first Book Festival

Twenty professionally published authors will make their way to Doylestown on Oct. 13 and 14 for the first Bucks County Book Festival, a Discover Doylestown event.

Festival organizers are working with several New York publishing houses, including Penguin Random House and Simon and Schuster, to schedule a lineup of well-known writers who have recently published

books.

During the festival, book lovers young and old can expect to meet some of their favorite authors, attend panel discussions, keynote presentations, book signings, a writing seminar and Saturday night Lit Crawl.

"The publishers are very enthusiastic
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Pennridge names Bolton superintendent

The Pennridge Board of School Directors has named Dr. David Bolton as its finalist candidate for the position of superintendent of schools for the Pennridge School District.

The board intends to name Bolton to the position at the May 14 regularly scheduled public school board meeting, subject to the execution of a mutually acceptable Contract of Employment.

Bolton currently serves as assistant superintendent for elementary education in the Central Bucks School District. Bolton has 29 years in education serving as a teacher and administrator.

After graduating from Lebanon Valley College, he taught math in the Pennsbury School District for 12 years.

He received his master's in educational leadership from Arcadia University and served 13 years as an assistant principal and principal in the Pennsbury and Central Bucks school districts.

Having received his doctorate in educational leadership from Widener University, he has spent the last four years as the assistant superintendent for elementary education in Central Bucks.

Bolton and his wife have four children and live in Doylestown.

Bucks law enforcement leaders support quality pre-K programs State legislators urged to prioritize expansion

Bucks County law enforcement leaders who are members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids have released a new report, "Pre-K Key to Cutting Pennsylvania Prison Costs and Boosting School Success."

Issued May 4, the report explains how the proposed \$40 million state funding increase for high-quality pre-kindergarten programs can boost high-school graduation rates, reduce the number of people who are incarcerated in Pennsylvania, and eventually lead to nearly \$150 million in corrections and other cost savings for the commonwealth every year.

Participating were Bucks County District Attorney Matthew Weintraub; Central Bucks Regional Police Department Captain Robert Milligan; Bucks County Sheriff Milton Warrell; Bucks County Director of Corrections Chris Prioli; Supervisor of Bucks County Community Corrections Centers Kevin Rousset; Laurie Ruffing, principal of the Walt Disney Elementary School in Levittown; Nicole Fetherman of LifeSpan School & Day Care in Quakertown; and members of the Bucks County state legislative delegation.

The law enforcement leaders and educators urged state lawmakers to prioritize a \$40 million expansion for high-quality

pre-kindergarten programs as part of the 2018-19 state budget to provide access for about 4,400 more eligible children. Currently, about 106,000 eligible 3- and 4-year-olds in Pennsylvania (almost 3,500 in Bucks County) lack access to high-quality pre-K every year. The report documents that by the time at-risk children get to kindergarten, many are already behind in vocabulary development and pre-literacy and pre-math skills. They can also have problems with behavior and impulse control.

"In Pennsylvania, 40 percent of incoming state prisoners have not graduated from high school."

The report cites state and national research studies showing that quality early learning programs have been proven to reduce these disadvantages, resulting in fewer behavior problems, better school outcomes, increased high school graduation rates, and

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National History Day kindles lifelong interest for students

This weekend, about three dozen middle school and high school students from Bucks and Montgomery counties will travel to Carlisle for the National History Day state competition. Some of those may move on to the national competition in June at the University of Maryland.

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Primary election candidates are close to the May 15 finish line

State and national candidates make final pleas before primary election deadline next week. Three Democrats and two Republicans have their eyes on the First Congressional District U.S. House nominations. Governor and lieutenant governor seats and state House positions are contested.

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Griffin, said a complete plan was ready for a temporary bridge, for erection in less than three months. Later, the temporary structure was estimated to cost about \$1 million, while the two-lane permanent renovation would come in at about \$2.7 million, and the two-lane replacement at \$3.4 million. Funding is understood to come from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Doug Bond, from historic structure restoration specialists McMullan and Associates, said, "There was no question a rehabilitated structure could support traffic, well over the 10-tons' limit now in place, and would last for many more years."

He added that repair mortar used on the pier stones had trapped moisture, accelerating deterioration, and that the tops of the piers could be reconstructed using a mortar mix that was more

compatible with the stone.

Dr. Erik Silldorff, DRN's restoration director, claimed a "huge environmental impact" would result from the two-lane replacement, including loss of the riparian corridor that protected adjacent properties from erosion, as well as threats to insects, invertebrates, and fish.

He said the predicted problems derived from its much larger footprint than the present structure, and its call for moving one of the abutments significantly to the west.

Tinicum resident Amleto Pucci, an environmental engineer and hydrologist, who served for five years as chief of the environmental engineering division of the Bucks County Health Department, echoed Silldorff's concerns. Asked how far down the creek the erosion threat would go, he said "that's what environmental impact statements are for."



Proponents of a one-lane bridge rehab alternative call for complete replacement of the superstructure, but insist the 1812 piers can be readily rehabbed to provide adequate support for many more years.

Haycock center may play host to future environmental activities

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offers "environmental and interpretive programs which explore a wide variety of ecological and environmental topics," from April to October. It is used to handling requests from "school groups for all grade levels and teacher workshops," as well as "Scout, church, civic, and private groups."

Also in her report, Kline said a second presentation on black bears from Shawna Burkett, the state's game warden for Bucks County, had "gone well, although not as well attended as the one on coyotes." She added Burkett is planning an upcoming presentation regarding chronic wasting disease in deer, which has been reported to be making its way toward the county.

All HTCC activities are posted on the township website, indicated in red. The annual Community Day has been set for Oct. 6.

Roadmaster Dave Long reported trees uprooted during the winter's severe storms, and presenting danger to drivers and others, had been removed by the township on Creamery Road, Applebushville Road and Top Rock Trail, and by contractor Luxton Tree Service on Applebushville Road, Cider Press Lane, Old Bethlehem Road and Haycock Run Road.

Supervisors approved Springfield Township's request to add Haycock's 15-acre Rossi parcel to Springfield's Agricultural Security Area (ASA). The parcel was contiguous with two others in Springfield that are to be added to their ASA. The designation helps protect farmers from nuisance complaints, such as odor during fertilizer application, and can also help provide a pathway to land preservation.

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