



LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs Offer Support to Local Community



First responders Bronda Milliken (l) and Elizabeth Spicher (r), of Central Juniata EMS, get acquainted with Comfort Dog Kezia during a community event held on Saturday, July 1, in Myers Park, Mifflintown. Liz was one of the first responders to the Washington Avenue site on Saturday, June 17, when Lt. James Wagner was shot and critically injured. (Photo by Paulette Forry)



Amos was one of two canines from the LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry who traveled to Mifflintown on Saturday for a Community Comfort Event organized by the Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center, the Borough of Mifflintown and its Mayor Roxann McGinnis. Amos welcomed loads of hugs and pets. The comfort dogs are a mission of Lutheran Church Charities. (Photo by Paulette Forry)



ABOVE: Janette Gentry signs a message on a Hearts of Mercy & Compassion heart in honor of Tpr. Jacques Rougeau Jr., who gave his life in the line of duty on Saturday, June 17. • BELOW: A heart bears messages for PSP Lt. James Wagner who remains hospitalized at Hershey Medical Center in critical condition. HMC is a mission of Lutheran Church Charities. (Photos by Paulette Forry)



A Community Comfort Event was held on Saturday, July 1, at Myers Park, Mifflintown, in response to the tragic events of June 17, 2023, which resulted in the shooting death of PSP Tpr. Jacques F. Rougeau Jr., the critical injury of PSP Lt. James Wagner, as well as the death of the shooter. The horrific events shook the community, which united in mourning and prayer. The community has also rallied with support and gratitude for the Pennsylvania State Police, dispatchers, and first responders. Several local pastors assisted at Saturday's event.

AT LEFT: Benjamin Hostler, 4, watches as brother William Hostler, 7, tests the floating ball blow pipe toy he made at Saturday's event. (Photo by Paulette Forry)



South Central Workforce Receives Youth Reentry Grant

Last week, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) Secretary Nancy A. Walker announced awards totaling more than \$5 million in grant funding to support nine youth reentry programs that prepare young Pennsylvanians for employment or post-secondary education and aim to reduce the recidivism rate in Pennsylvania.

omment boards (LWDBs) – in partnership with Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, PA CareerLink® offices, community organizations and academic programs – will recruit, re-engage, and assist young adults ages 18-24 who were formerly incarcerated or have interacted with Pennsylvania's judicial system.

the tools and meaningful resources needed to gain life-long skills and a good-paying job, but also help local employers reach an untapped labor pool," said Secretary Walker. "On behalf of L&I, I want to thank the LWDBs for prioritizing young Pennsylvanians' success and helping them overcome challenges, strengthen their communities, and ultimately reach their fullest potential."

"Youth reentry programs not only give young people

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Funeral Held for Fallen Trooper



Six fellow PSP troopers serve as pallbearers for Tpr. Jacques 'Jay' F. Rougeau Jr. during his funeral service held on Tuesday, June 27, at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie. Rougeau lost his life in the line of duty on Saturday, June 17, in Walker Township, Juniata County. Photo Credit: Commonwealth Media Services

by Paulette Forry
A funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 27, at the Bayfront Convention Center in Erie for fallen Pennsylvania State Police Tpr. Jacques 'Jay' F. Rougeau Jr., who lost his life on Saturday, June 17, in Walker Township, Juniata County, in the line of duty.

other incidents earlier that day. Rougeau was shot and killed by the individual.

Earlier, the suspect had encountered a man in Mifflintown Borough and was critically wounded by a round that had entered his patrol vehicle. Wagner was flown to Hershey Medical Center, where he remains hospitalized.

After fatally shooting Tpr. Rougeau, the shooter was subsequently killed in an exchange of gunfire in the Troop G-

Anyone interested in donating to assist the Troopers' families can send a check to the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA) at 3625 Vartan Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110. The check should be made out to the "Survivor's Fund," with the name of the trooper written in the "memo" portion of the check.

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Senior Farmers Market Voucher Distribution

Distribution events for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) are soon! Eligible seniors in Mifflin and Juniata Counties are invited to attend the event closest to your home address:

7/10, 9:00am-12:00pm: Milroy Senior Center, 283 Broad St, Milroy
7/11, 9:00am-12:00pm: Lewistown Senior Center, 515 Knepp Ave, Lewistown
7/12, 8:00am-10:00am: McAlisterville Senior Center, 158 Lions Den Dr, McAlisterville
7/12, 10:30am-1:00pm: Four Seasons Senior Center, 47 CJEMS Ln, Mifflintown
7/14, 12:00pm-2:00pm: Lack-Tuscarora EMS Building, 9320 RT. 75 S, East Waterford

To receive the produce vouchers, household income must not exceed the following guidelines:

- 1 person – \$26,973
- 2 people – \$36,482
- 3 people – \$45,991
- 4 people – \$55,500
- 5 people – \$65,009
- 6 people – \$74,518

* Income is total income (including interest, Social security, wages, etc.)

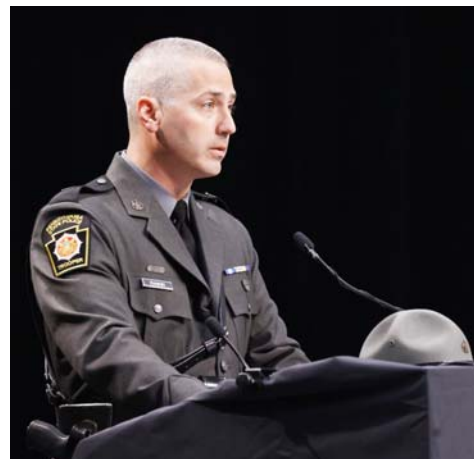
Announced For 2023-24 School Year— New Eligibility Guidelines For Free And Reduced School Meals

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) announced last week that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently released federal income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced-price meals and free milk for July 2023 – June 2024.

guidelines to determine eligibility for the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, the Special Milk Program for Children, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program.

tious food, enabling them to focus in the classroom and learn, grow, and achieve," said Secretary of Education Dr. Khalid N. Mumin. "We know that food insecurity impacts communities across the Commonwealth and beyond, and the Department of Education encourages all eligible households

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Troop G-Lewistown Commander Sgt. Lucas R. Rankin speaks at the service for fallen Trooper Jacques F. Rougeau, who was assigned to the Lewistown station in March of this year. Photo Credit: Commonwealth Media Services



Chloe Rougeau, widow of Tpr. Jacques F. Rougeau Jr., eulogizes her husband 'Jay,' who gave his life in the line of duty on June 17, 2023, making him the 104th member of the PSP to make the ultimate sacrifice. Photo Credit: Commonwealth Media Services