

Danville's rails to be used

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DANVILLE — A borough with a long rail-roading history will have its first industry to use the rails that pass through it in more than 20 years when a lumber distribution company opens later this year.

Sherwood Lumber recently purchased two buildings and 14 acres of property off Industrial Drive from economic group DRIVE for

Lumber distribution firm buys land, buildings in DRIVE group's complex

\$750,000. It has plans to set up a center that would bring lumber and building materials in by the North Shore Railroad and then ship them out by truck, said DRIVE Executive Di-

rector Jennifer Wakeman.

Wakeman, who sits on the Joint Rail Authority Board, said she believes use of the rail will have a ripple effect.

"In supporting the rail, it will also support other development projects," she said.

The launch of the new distribution center marks a critical point in the growth of Sherwood Lumber. It's a company that specializes in exterior building projects and "outdoor living solutions," said Todd London, vice president of sales and market-
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'Riding keeps you young'



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SENIOR EQUESTRIANS Ken Roszel, left, and Bob Billig talk about the horses they ride after saddling them up at the Hidden Hollow Farm in Fishing Creek Township. The men ride horses for exercise. More photos, page 5.

Senior equestrians find physical, mental fitness in activity

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FISHING CREEK TWP. — Sue Koch got on a horse for the first time at age 52, and more than 20 years later is still riding.

At 81, Bob Billig said the jolting ride of a horse actually makes him feel better.

"If I'm having a bad week and I come up here, after I'm done riding, I'm in a good mood," he said. "If my back hurts a little bit, when I'm done my back feels better."

And Ken Roszel, 72, said he feels like he's exercising every muscle of his body when he comes to his weekly horse-riding lesson at Hidden Hollow Farm here.

The trio said that while it may seem odd to take up controlling a 1,000-pound animal at a time many people are becoming more sedentary, they're glad they've done it.

Their instructor, Paula Hosking, 79, agrees.

"Riding keeps you young," she said.

Weekly lessons

These days, Koch, Roszel and Billig come to Hidden Hollow farm once a week and ride for about two hours: the first in one of the facility's arenas and the second on a trail.

The three are very attentive to their horses and they've learned skills such as side stepping, backing up their horses and controlling the animals' speed.

During the lesson, Hosking works with



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SENIOR EQUESTRIANS, from left, Sue Koch, Ken Roszel and Bob Billig sit on their horses in the practice ring at Hidden Hollow Farm in Fishing Creek Township.

the riders to refine those skills and to help them read signals from their horses.

The lessons provide exercise and experience for the riders, along with exercise and socialization for the horse.

"After riding, we're sweating, but the

horses aren't," Koch said, laughing. "Because they're in shape."

Roszel still works full time as director of Geisinger's school of radiology, but he makes riding a priority.

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Cops: Man blamed 'diabetic' dog for needle

CATAWISSA — When a needle fell onto the roadway, a clearly impaired driver riddled with markings and scabs told police "his dog was diabetic," an affidavit reads.

Robert E. Reichwein, 1149 W. Wood Street, Coal Township, was stopped Feb. 10, around 1:48 a.m. near the area of North Fourth Street, for failure to maintain a lane while driving, police say.

Officer David Kistner of the Catawissa Borough Police Department approached Reichwein, who challenged the officer, stating "his driving was perfect," court papers say.

Kistner observed the driver to have markings and scabs on his arms as well as slurred speech.

The officer said the 39-year-old appeared confused and Kistner said he had to ask him multiple times to hand over his driver's license, registration and insurance, charges state.

At this time, the officer ordered Reichwein out of the Chevrolet. While getting out of the vehicle, a needle from inside fell onto the roadway.

As Reichwein claimed his dog had diabetes, the officer pressed further, discovering Reichwein had no idea what breed his dog was, reports state. He was searched further, revealing a cap to a needle and a small container of used cotton balls, authorities state.

Reichwein admitted he lied about his dog because he was embarrassed and trying to go to rehab, a criminal complaint says.

Kistner got verbal consent to search the vehicle further, allegedly finding a glass pipe with marijuana residue, a loaded needle containing heroin, 32 pills and a magnetic box holding five uncapped needles.

Field sobriety tests were administered, showing signs of impairment. Reichwein was then evaluated by the Columbia County DUI Booking Center.

Officer Bowman of the Bloomsburg Police Department said the driver was impaired and fell asleep during pulse checks. Reichwein then became argumentative, refusing a blood test, police state.

The charges against him are one DUI, three counts of possession, failure to drive within the lines and driving while his operating privileges were suspended.

Reichwein is set to appear in court before District Judge Craig Long on April 24.

WEATHER

TODAY: Sunny
HIGH TEMP: 66°
PRECIPITATION: 0%
TONIGHT: Mainly clear
LOW TEMP: 34°
PRECIPITATION: 0%
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Chief: Several are left homeless in trailer fire

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RED ROCK — At least five people are homeless after fire ruined a trailer home near Rickett's Glen State Park Sunday evening. Fairmount Township Fire Chief Dave Keller said a tank being used to burn garbage spread to two cars and the trailer, located at 772 Route 118 near the Crooked Creek Country Kitchen restaurant.

At least three cars, all Pontiac coupes, parked around the trailer appeared to have

been damaged in the 5:30 p.m. fire.

Keller said the ground around the home also caught fire and spread into the woods.

"We had a brush fire on top of it," he said.

Firefighters had to carefully work around live electrical wires that burned from their connection on the home and fell along the driveway to the west.

To the east, neighbors brought wire cutters to remove a fence that separated the property from One Shot Lane, a private dirt road.

With the fence gone, firefighters could knock down flames from both sides of the trailer.

Keller estimated five or six people were living in the trailer, which sits about 100 yards off Route 118 in a wooded area. Luzerne County property records show the land is owned by Charles and Diane Hess.

Firefighters from Fairmount Township, Sweet Valley, Huntington Township, Lake Silkworth and Benton worked to put out the fires. Geisinger Ambulance also responded.

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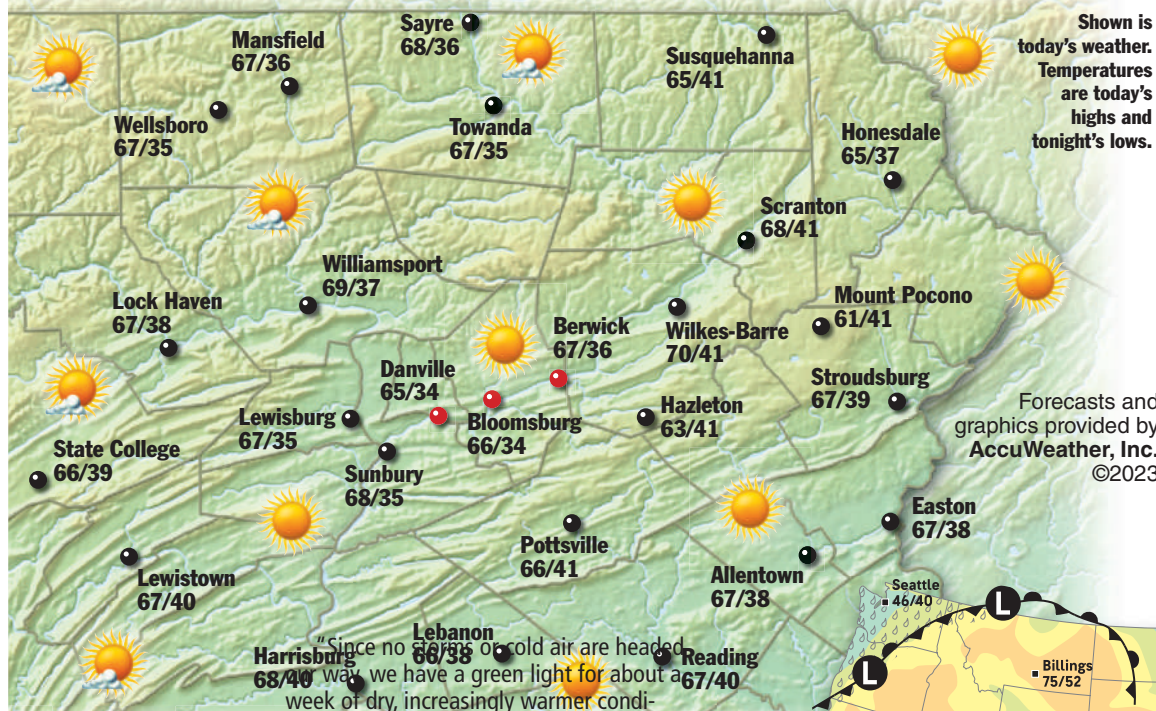


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Regional Four-day forecast

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny and delightful	Mainly clear	Sun mixing with clouds	Warm with some sun	Sunny and very warm
High 66°	Low 34°	72°/49°	79°/49°	84°/50°
Wind: W at 4-8 mph 0% chance of precip	Wind: SSW at 3-6 mph 0% chance of precip	Wind: WSW at 6-12 mph 5% chance of precip	Wind: WNW at 7-14 mph 10% chance of precip	Wind: W at 6-12 mph 10% chance of precip



Thaddeus Quackus, PE weatherbird

“Since no cold air are headed our way, we have a green light for about a week of dry, increasingly warmer conditions. By late in the coming week, we will experience a couple of days with 80-degree temperatures. Unfortunately, such a warm, dry period in April will see the wildfire danger become high and contribute to a growing moisture deficit.”

“Today will be party sunny with high temperatures in the upper 60s. Tomorrow will party sunny with high temperatures in the low 70s.”

“Bright sunshine, light winds and low humidity made yesterday a fine Easter Sunday. However, it would have been perfect had it been just a little warmer.”

“Bloomsburg, Lightstreet and Espy Fire companies were dispatched to check a reported wildfire on Arbutus Park Road. It turned out to be a controlled burn.”

“Riverside Fire Company was called to a wildfire in Rush Township.”

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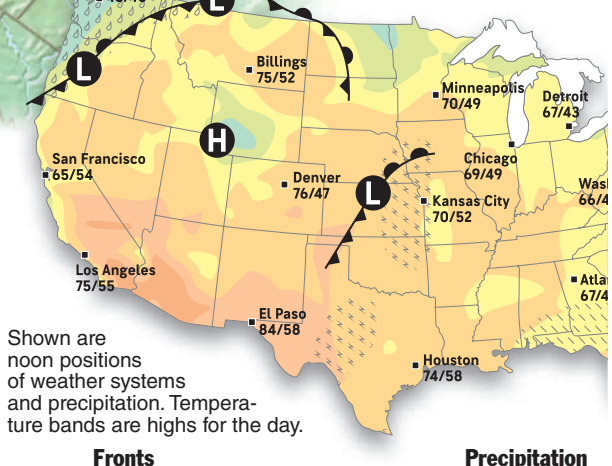
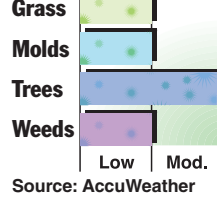
High/low
Normal high/low
Record high
Record low

U.S. Extremes
(For the 48 contiguous states)
High 93°
Low 6°

Precipitation

24-hour total
Month to date
Normal month to date
Year to date
Normal year to date
Yesterday
Month to date (normal)
Season to date (normal)

Pollen Count



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Fronts

Cold Warm Stationary Showers T-storms

Precipitation

Rain Flurries

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s

National Cities

	Today	Tue.	Th.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/L
Anchorage	25/19/c	36/28/sn	75/ε
Atlanta	67/43/pc	69/46/pc	80/7
Atlantic City	56/46/s	64/56/s	66
Baltimore	66/42/s	77/55/s	70
Boston	64/48/s	73/57/pc	73/4
Charleston, SC	67/44/pc	71/45/s	74
Charlotte	65/39/pc	70/45/s	65
Chicago	69/49/pc	74/54/s	72
Cincinnati	69/44/s	71/49/s	76/ε
Cleveland	65/43/pc	70/54/s	66
Dallas	75/47/h	78/55/h	80
Los Angeles	75/ε	80/7	66
Miami	69/49	70/52	67/43
Minneapolis	70/49	70/52	67/4
Nashville	73/4	74/58	66
New Orleans	74	74/58	66
New York City	65	74/58	66
Oklahoma City	72	74/58	66
Orlando	76/ε	74/58	66
Philadelphia	66	74/58	66
Phoenix	66	74/58	66

Expelled lawmakers seek return

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Two former Black Democratic lawmakers who were expelled by Republican colleagues in Tennessee say they want to be reappointed, then elected back to their seats, following their ouster for a protest on the House floor urging passage of gun-control measures in the wake of a deadly school shooting.

Nashville's metro council is likely to reappoint Justin Jones to the seat during a specially called meeting today. Mickell Lowery, the chairman of the Shelby County Commission, said in a statement Sunday the panel will consider at a meeting Wednesday whether to reappoint Justin Pearson, who is from Memphis, to his seat.

Brown communities, this is hurting poor White people. Their attack on democracy hurts all of us.”

In separate votes on Thursday, the GOP supermajority expelled Jones and Pearson, a move leaving about 140,000 voters in primarily Black districts in Nashville and Memphis with no representation in the House.

Pearson and Jones were expelled in retaliation for their role in the protest the week before, which unfolded in the aftermath of a school shooting in Nashville that killed six people, including three young students and three adults working at the school. The shooter was killed by police.

Both former lawmakers told NBC's Meet the Press on Sunday they want to return to their positions as lawmakers. Special elections for the seats, which have yet to be set, will follow in the coming months.

The expulsions have made Tennessee a new front in the battle for the future of American democracy. The former lawmakers have quickly drawn prominent supporters. President Joe Biden spoke with them and Vice President Kamala Harris visited them in Nashville.

“You know, we will continue to fight for our constituents,” Jones said. “And one thing I just want to say ... is that this attack against us is hurting all people in our state. You know, even though it is disproportionately impacting Black and

A third Democrat, Rep. Gloria Johnson of Knoxville, was spared expulsion by a one-vote margin. Johnson is White, spurring outcry at the differing outcomes for the two young, Black lawmakers. Republican lawmakers who split their votes have said Johnson's role in the protest was lesser — she didn't speak into a megaphone, for example.

Johnson has also suggested race was likely a factor on why Jones and Pearson were ousted but not her, telling reporters it “might have to do with the color of our skin.”

Republican House Speaker Cameron Sexton said that's a “false narrative.”

“It's unfortunate, she's trying to put political racism in this, which there was nothing on this,” Sexton told Fox News on Friday.

Sun and Moon River Stages



A building supply company called Sherwood Lumber has bought the two center buildings on both side of the North Shore Railroad tracks in the DRIVE complex in Danville, as shown in the top photo at left above. This building along Industrial Court in the DRIVE complex, in photo above at left, is the smaller of the two buildings bought by Sherwood Lumber,

along with some land. The land Sherwood Lumber recently bought from DRIVE in Danville is in the foreground of the photo at right above, along with the two buildings in the center of the image. They will be using the railroad tracks, at right, for their distribution center for lumber and building materials.

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DRIVE Industrial complex is now full

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ing for Sherwood.

The building where Sherwood will set up shop is part of the former Metso Materials plant. DRIVE scooped up the property in 2017 when Metso closed up.

“When Metso left, it was an office building, three buildings and vacant land,” she said. “All of the sudden, 65 jobs went out the door.”

DRIVE's vision was to use the land as an industrial park, bringing in multiple businesses. It ensured if one business closed it

wouldn't have such a large effect again.

While the economic group offered the option to purchase or lease, all businesses have chosen to purchase, Wakeman said.

In 2019, DRIVE moved its office to a 2-acre parcel on the property.

In 2020, a parcel was sold to Atlantic Culinary.

With the current sale to Sherwood, there is no more land available at the site.

Strong Industries' proximity essentially makes it another part of the industrial park, although its business is on land it purchased

in 2020, which DRIVE had never owned.

Rail access

Rail access has been part of Wakeman's vision since she assumed her role of director in 2017. Danville, historically, was the home of an iron works that produced iron rail for the railroad industry. But for the past two decades, no industry in the borough used the railroad to ship goods in or out.

In 2019, DRIVE received a \$1 million intermodal grant which paid for the installation of a railroad spur to serve its industrial park.

The grant also upgraded the access road to the site.

The grant also enabled improvements to Sechler's Run rail bridge.

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