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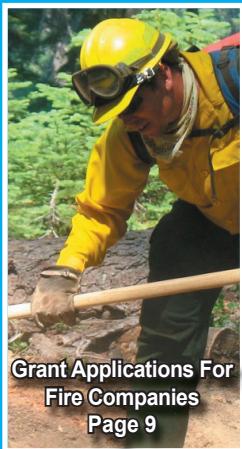
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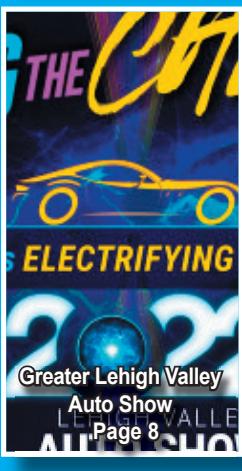
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## March is Women's History Month

By Jim Wilson

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY - We would like to recognize and celebrate two women who were local recreation and conservation champions here in Northampton County, and whose names have become synonymous with two Northampton County Parks—Louise W. Moore and Gertrude B. Fox.

Louise W. Moore Park in Lower Nazareth and Bethlehem townships is Northampton County Parks Department's flagship recreation site. Named after its benefactor, Louise Wilde Moore (1919-2009), this 120-acre park in the Bushkill Creek watershed was the first county park designed and developed by Northampton County. Over 40 years later, it continues to be the most popular and visited park in the County Parks system.

With her husband Hugh Moore, Louise lived on the 120-acre Slate Post Farm from the time the couple were married in 1947 until Hugh's death in 1972. One year later, Louise deeded the farm and its accompanying endowment to Northampton County for a public park and recreation facility. In accordance with Hugh's wishes, the facility was named Louise W. Moore Park. Louise herself had life rights to the 1822 stone farmhouse at the park.

To guide the development of Slate Post Farm into a county park



Undated oil portrait of Louise Moore



Gertie Fox in the 1990s.

and plan for additional county parks, Northampton County Commissioners created a County Park Board in 1974, which Louise chaired for ten years. During that time, Louise oversaw the development of Slate Post Farm into the passive regional park that bears her name and the land acquisition and development of a number of other County Parks.

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## Touring the World For the Kids

By Rose Falletta

For the last 8 years, Pen Argyl has participated in Mini-THON, which raises money for an organization called Four Diamonds. Four Diamonds was created by the Millard family in 1972 after their son Christopher died of cancer. Before he passed, Chris wrote a story about a knight who was looking for the four diamonds of courage, wisdom, honesty, and strength in order to be released from the capture of an evil sorceress. These are the values that now represent Four Diamonds.

High schools around the nation host Mini-THON, which is the smaller version of Penn State's THON. In the end, both have the same goal: raising money, "For the kids."

This year, Pen Argyl has returned to holding a normal Mini-THON after not having one indoors last year due to restrictions regarding COVID-19. This year's theme was Touring the World for a Cure. The goal this year was \$20,000, and the students and faculty exceeded this number and raised



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