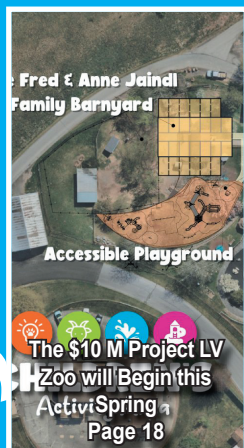


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**Join Us for a Life-Saving  
Community Training  
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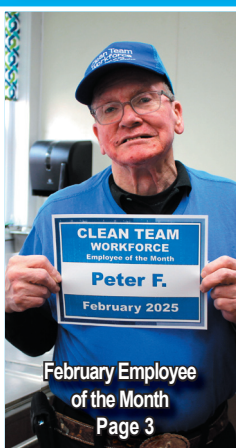
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**Ladies Auxiliary of the  
Mount Bethel  
Volunteer Fire  
Company will be  
selling refreshments  
during the training.**

**Registration  
FREE 2 Hours, First  
FREE Life-Saving Train-  
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## Celebrating Women's History Month

By Turning Point of Lehigh Valley

SLATE BELT - Each March, we take time to honor the achievements and contributions of women throughout history—but did you know Women's History Month began as a local celebration in California? In 1978, the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women organized the first Women's History Week, timed to coincide with International Women's Day on March 8. The idea quickly gained momentum, inspiring communities across the country to recognize the role of women in shaping history.

By 1980, this grassroots effort had reached the national stage. President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week, calling on Americans to reflect on "the achievements...of the women who built America." Congress soon followed, passing a resolution to officially recognize Women's History Week. In 1987, advocacy efforts led to its expansion into Women's History Month, ensuring a lasting opportunity to celebrate the vital role of women in our past, present, and future.

This month, we encourage you to take time to learn about and honor the incredible women—past and present—who have paved the way for progress and equality.

## Frutchey Hill Road Receives Critical Funding for Road Project

By Rep. Ann Flood

SLATE BELT - I am pleased to announce that Forks Township will receive \$1 million in state funding for Phase II of the Frutchey Hill Road Repair Project. The grant, awarded through the Multimodal Transportation Fund, will support critical improvements to the roadway, enhancing safety and accessibility for local residents.

Phase II of the Frutchey Hill Road Repair Project will build on previous improvements, helping to create a safer and more efficient roadway in Forks Township.

The Multimodal Transportation Fund provides grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of the commonwealth.

Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets and transit-oriented development.

## Delaware River Named Pennsylvania's 2025 River of the Year!

By Senator Rosemary Brown

HARRISBURG - The Delaware River has been recognized as Pennsylvania's 2025 River of the Year—a well-deserved honor for this vital waterway. Home to the stunning Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, one of the nation's most-visited park areas, the river continues to play a crucial role in conservation and recreation. Many of its tributaries are also under review for national protection under the Wild & Scenic Rivers program.

Beyond its natural beauty, the Delaware River holds deep historical significance. It was the site of Washington's famous crossing during the Revolutionary War and later became a driving force behind the Industrial Revolution. Today, it supports the world's largest freshwater port and provides drinking water for over 14 million people. Once heavily polluted, the Delaware River has made a remarkable recovery and now boasts more National Wild and Scenic designations than any other river in the country.

This recognition highlights the importance of preserving and protecting our waterways for future generations to enjoy!



“From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

*President Jimmy Carter's Message designating  
March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week*



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