

Slate Belt Scores 50,000-square-foot Pickleball Facility, Set To Open In April

By Ryan Kneller 69+ News

WIND GAP, Pa. - Pickleball lovers of all ages and skill levels will soon have a new expansive facility to frequent in Northampton County.

Horizons Sports Pickleball, offering state-of-the-art pickleball courts for open play, leagues, lessons and more, is set to open this spring at 61 W. Second St. in Wind Gap, owner Dominic Sumpolec told 69 News on Monday.

"We're hoping to be open in the first week or week and a half of April," Sumpolec added.

The new 50,000-square-foot facility is an extension of Sumpolec's Horizon Sports Group, a business providing construction of indoor and outdoor athletic facilities.

It's the first of several regional Horizon Sports Pickleball facilities that are in the works, with Sumpolec planning to open additional locations in Scranton and other nearby areas.

"I actually own a business that builds pickleball and tennis courts," Sumpolec said. "We build a lot of courts for franchisees of other companies, but this is our first one."

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Sample photo of other indoor courts

The Envelopes, Please: Match Day for Graduating Medical Students

By Sam Kennedy

LEHIGH VALLEY - Match Day is a national rite of passage for fourth-year medical school students moving on to residency programs. A complex algorithm matches the students' top choice of residencies with the programs' top choice of students.

On Friday, the Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine celebrated Match Day for the second year in a row in Bethlehem. Thirty-eight students matched to residency programs, including 13 programs at St. Luke's.

"National Match Day continues to be a special and meaningful event for our fourth-year medical students," said Shaden Eldakar-Hein, MD, senior associate dean and professor at the medical school. "I feel honored to be a part of each member of our 2025 class's journey and am inspired by their compassion, curiosity and dedication to our field."

The Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine in Bethlehem is the Lehigh Valley's first and only four-year medical school, where the region's best and brightest young minds explore their interests in education, service and medicine simultaneously. By cultivating home-grown medical talent, St. Luke's is helping the region to secure its future health and well-being amid a worsening doctor shortage nationally.

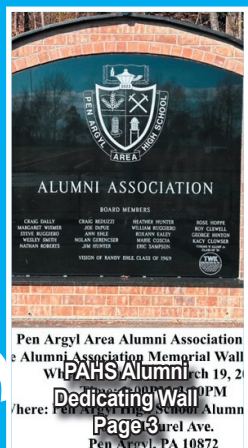
Pittsburgh-area native Logan Hellinger worked as a patient transporter during a gap year before starting medical school at Temple/St. Luke's in Bethlehem. Since the day he was able to watch an open-heart surgery during a hospital shadowing program in high school, he says he was "sold that I wanted to do medicine."



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