

Martin Luther King

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legislation as the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and is remembered each year on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a U.S. federal holiday since 1986.

In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. worked with a number of civil rights and religious groups to organize the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, a peaceful political rally designed to shed light on the injustices African Americans continued to face across the country.

Held on August 28 and attended by some 200,000 to 300,000 participants, the event is widely regarded as a watershed moment in the history of the American civil rights movement and a factor in the passage of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964.

The March on Washington culminated in King's most famous address, known as the "I Have a Dream" speech, which was believed to have been largely improvised, spirited call for peace and equality that many consider a masterpiece of rhetoric.

Standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial—a monument to the president who a century earlier had brought down the institution of slavery in the United States—he shared his vision of a future in which "this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

The speech and march cemented King's reputation at home and abroad; later that year he was named "Man of the Year" by TIME magazine and in 1964 became the youngest person ever awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.



The statue of King is pictured at a memorial in August 2013 in Washington, as thousands of people gathered to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where King gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, which was believed to have been largely improvised.



Graham Rose Receives The Hoby Award

By Michael Ortoski

PEN ARGYL - Graham Rose has been chosen as the 2020 Pen Argyl Woman's Club Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership recipient. He is the son of Ted and Marianne Rose. Graham is a sophomore in the honors program at Pen Argyl High School. Graham's athletic interests range from varsity soccer, cross-country, swimming, and track and field.

He is also involved in the character Ed program at school. Graham is a Boy Scout and a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp outside of school.

His future plans are attending the naval academy and studying mechanical engineering. Hoby was founded by actor Hugh O'Brian in 1958. The award is given annually to deserving sophomores across the nation. Hoby's mission is to seek out and develop leadership potential in youth and to encourage and prepare the next generation for America's future.

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Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Senior Awards

By Becky Bartlet

EASTON - Lamont McClure and the Northampton County Area Agency on Aging are seeking nominations for outstanding seniors. Nominees must be sixty years or older, a resident of Northampton County, and have a passion for helping others through personal action, inspiration, public service, sports, educational instruction or humanitarian efforts.

Nominations may be made in an essay of 250 words or less with a description of why the nominee deserves to be recognized and listing their volunteer activities. Forms for nominations can be obtained from Melissa Titus at 610-829-4509 mtitus@northamptoncounty.org For each nominee, please return one entry form along with the essay to:

Melissa Titus
Area Agency on Aging
2801 Emrick Blvd.
Bethlehem, PA 18020

Nominations must be postmarked by March 18, 2020. The selected individuals will be honored on Thursday, April 30, 2020 at Wesley Church 2540 Center Street, Bethlehem.

WDIY-FM Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Shamus McGrogan

Lehigh Valley – WDIY 88.1 FM Lehigh Valley Public Radio kicked off its 25th anniversary celebration last week, marking a quarter century of broadcasting NPR news, local public affairs, and diverse music. The station is planning special events and programming features throughout the year to mark the occasion.

WDIY has announced that Lehigh Valley blues rock favorite, the Craig Thatcher Band, will be performing at a 25th anniversary celebration being held at the Charles A. Brown Ice House in Bethlehem on Saturday, March 7th. The band will feature a special line-up where Thatcher will be joined by Don Plowman, Wayde Leonard, Nyke Van Wyk, and Cliff Starkey.

WDIY's 25th anniversary party will also feature food catered by Bethlehem's Café the Lodge, craft-brewed beer courtesy of Fegley's Brew Works and 14th Fret Brewing Company, a silent auction, raffles, free parking, and more. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, January 17th at wdiy.org. Proceeds from the event will support the programming on WDIY.

WDIY's 25th Anniversary Party Tickets: Early Bird tickets for WDIY members - \$30 (deadline: Feb. 25th) Non-member tickets - \$40 Designated Driver tickets - \$25

WDIY has also begun collecting and airing excerpts from early station broadcasts. Well-wishes from the station's first hour on the air were played on Wednesday morning, marking the morning of the official 25th anniversary. Included were messages from NPR reporter Cokie Roberts, then-Bethlehem



mayor Ken Smith, and then-Allentown mayor Bill Heydt, among others. These and other excerpts from WDIY's first day of broadcasting are available at wdiy.org. More broadcast material from the station's early history will be aired and made available online throughout the year.

WDIY: History and Info

Before WDIY began broadcasting, the Lehigh Valley had no locally-based public radio station and no locally-based station carrying programming from NPR, National Public Radio. A dedicated group of radio enthusiasts

formed the Lehigh Valley Community Broadcasters Association in 1984 and realized their goal of bringing public radio to the area 11 years later in 1995.

WDIY's broadcast power has tripled since the early days of the station thanks to an FCC-approved power increase in December, 2015. The station's signal now stretches from areas immediately outside of Reading to the west; Jim Thorpe to the north; Quakertown to the south; and Clinton, New Jersey to the east. WDIY also has transmitters serving Easton-Phillipsburg at 93.9 and Fogelsville-Trexlerstown at 93.7. WDIY streams on the web at wdiy.org.



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