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## Borne of necessity, video classes may outlast pandemic

By Adam Michael  
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Video classes started out as a necessity but may become a staple for nonprofits in Adams County.

The Adams County Arts Council (ACAC) and YWCA Gettysburg and Adams County have each gained a steady online audience since extending their services at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People can learn how to work on a creative skill from the comfort of their home," said Wendy Heiges, ACAC program and gallery director. "You can be in your comfiest clothes in your own kitchen having a glass of wine and you don't have to worry about driving. But you still have the camaraderie of learning with other people."

Since the summer, arts council students have taken modified online classes in anything from visual arts to knitting and even cooking. On Monday, Chef J'amy Graham Thomas delighted online and in-person audiences as she doctored up mouth-watering locally sourced chickens, some to be roasted and others to be poached for a chicken pot pie.

Her assistant Anna Coale zipped from one corner of the

kitchen to the other keeping an eye on conversations in the live Zoom session on her laptop one second while videoing an overhead view of Graham Thomas's masterwork with her cell phone in the next. Both feeds are linked into the same Zoom session, providing multiple vantage points for students.

"It's hard not being in the kitchen with people, but the demos we've been able to make are delightful," Graham Thomas said.

Different tandems have worked together since the summer to make sure that pupils in online classes are experiencing almost everything they would during the in-person classes popularized over the years. Teachers plan ahead to ensure all instruction is contained within an hour.

A few days before each cooking class, students receive the recipe and required ingredients in an email, allowing for ample shopping time. For many classes, kits with ingredients can be purchased ahead of time, Heiges said.

Before the pandemic, in-person cooking classes peaked at 12 members in most cases, Graham Thomas said. With the broadcast, local chefs have reached entire classrooms of students with their recipes.



Chef J'amy Graham Thomas stirs vegetables as she makes chicken pot pie during a Zoom cooking class at the Adams County Arts Council's Arts Education Center on Monday.

Up to four live audience members are permitted to attend cooking classes, Heiges said. The encouragement and

responses from the few able to attend are much appreciated, Graham Thomas said, shortly after being reminded she'd for-

gotten to put peas in her potpie. Linda and David Peters, who got a chance to taste the roasted bird, have attended nearly

every cooking class since the summer, as well as some of the (See CLASS on Page A8)

## Man charged with burglary, resisting arrest near L'town

Times Staff Report

A Littlestown-area man is accused of injuring a police officer who responded to a complaint of a burglary attempt in progress.

David Baudassi, 25, was held at Adams County Prison in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail, according to a magisterial docket.

State and Littlestown police were dispatched to a Quail Court residence about two miles west of Littlestown at 12:19 a.m. Monday, according to a probable cause affidavit filed by Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Christopher Pasquale.

A resident said Baudassi rang the doorbell and was told to leave, but he allegedly "proceeded to remain on the property and was peering in the windows" and tried to open a rear screen door, according to the affidavit.

Littlestown Officer Anthony Gilberto found Baudassi on the front porch, patted him down, and allegedly found a knife in his pocket, according to the affidavit.

Baudassi is alleged to have said "he had the knife because he was going to 'kill someone,' and pointed in the direction of the house," according to the affidavit.

Baudassi is accused of pulling away while Gilberto attempted to take him into custody, then kicking the officer's feet out from under him, causing Gilberto to fall and strike his head on the ground, police



Baudassi

alleged in the affidavit.

The accused allegedly "fell on top of Officer Gilberto and continued to actively fight/resist," according to the affidavit.

Littlestown Officer Anthony Lupian arrived and pushed Baudassi off Gilberto, but Baudassi allegedly "was able to break away from both officers, and Officer Gilberto deployed his Taser, causing Baudassi to hit the ground," after which he was taken into custody, according to the affidavit.

Gilberto suffered back pain and a swollen ear, and "felt dazed with a mild headache due to his head hitting off the ground," according to the affidavit.

Among charges against Baudassi are a felony count of burglary; misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest, loitering and prowling by night, and terroristic threats; and summary counts of criminal trespass, public drunkenness, and disorderly conduct, according to the docket.

## Search after Franklin Township crash Monday

Times Staff Report

Fire companies were dispatched to conduct a search Monday after a crash in northwestern Adams County.

The juvenile being sought was not found Monday, but was no longer considered missing Tuesday after a third party told authorities of making contact with the youth, according to Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Communications Director Mike Parker.

A waterways conservation officer was dealing with an unrelated fishing or boating violation at Long Pine Run Reservoir in the Michaux State Forest when a vehicle entered the parking lot "at high speed," spun, and left, according to Parker.

The officer finished with the previous matter, then drove around the nearby area and found a vehicle crashed in the woods, Parker said.

Three juveniles at the crash scene said a fourth had fled on foot, he said.

Authorities were dispatched at 6:23 p.m. to a crash at Milesburn and Pine Grove roads about five miles northwest of Cash-town, according to the Adams County Department of Emergency Services (ACDES).

Several more fire companies were dispatched at 8:16 p.m. to the same Franklin Township location, and remained on the scene until 11:19 p.m., according to ACDES.

Throughout the course of the evening, fire departments assisting on the scene included Arendtsville, Bendersville, Buchanan Valley, Cashtown, Fayetteville, Mont Alto, South Mountain, South Newton and Vigilant, as well as Shippensburg Area Emergency Medical Service.

A state police spokesperson said that agency was handling the crash.

## Fairfield secondary students back in school 2 days a week

By Michael Cooper-White  
For the Gettysburg Times

Fairfield Area School District's secondary students will return to a hybrid schedule, with in-class sessions two days each week, starting Thursday.

The middle and high schools suspended in-person classes in December as a result of increased COVID-19 positive tests. With fewer cases, the

elementary school continued a hybrid schedule.

Superintendent Michael Adamek told the school board at its meeting Monday the administration and teachers are eager "to bring kids back so they are in front of teachers as much as possible."

The superintendent also stressed plans must ensure students "are as safe as possible." He expressed hope the area is

moving beyond the post-holiday surge of virus cases.

Adamek reminded the board a return to five days per week cannot occur until area COVID-19 rates are substantially reduced for a two-week period.

The board urged the administration to begin preparing for full-time, on-site instruction.

"We're ready to have the kids (See SCHOOL on Page A6)



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