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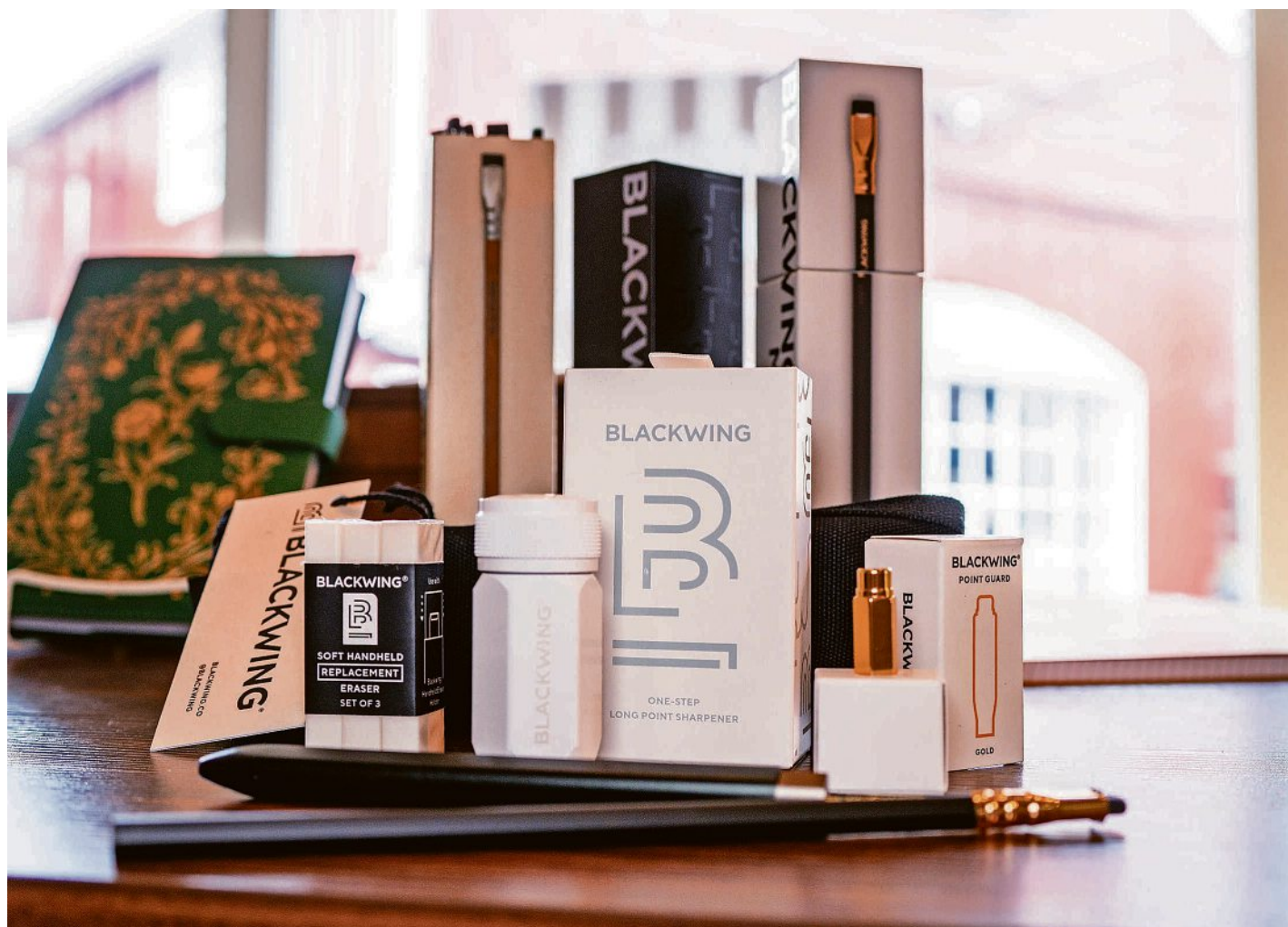


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## New pen and stationery store opening in Peddler's Village



Bucks Bespokery is home to the largest in-store inventory of fountain pens between New York and Washington D.C. COURTESY OF BUCKS BESPOKERY

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The lifelong dream of one Bucks County resident is coming true with the opening of a specialty pen and stationery store in Peddler's Village.

Bucks Bespokery will provide customers with a wide variety of specialty pens, premium stationery and more creative tools for journaling, letter writing or just everyday use. The store says it has the largest inventory of fountain pens between New York and Washington D.C.

The shop includes different stations where people can sit down to write in addition to a tester table where shoppers can try out paper, pens and pencils. The store also hosts a variety of workshops like teaching foil stamping for wax seals, making stationery, fountain pen 101 and more.

"To me, the No. 1 reason to come here is to find some calm or some creativity," said Bucks Bespokery founder Heather-jo Goroschko.

"When I talk to people about the store, I talk more about what you'll experience which is the opportunity to find something that resonates with you

that will help you find a little bit of peace and calm," she said.

Bucks Bespokery had long been the retirement plan for Goroschko and her husband but when a retail space in Easton suddenly became available in 2024, they got an early start.

"It was a great opportunity to try it out, see what worked, try different things and see how people responded," Goroschko said.

As their store in Easton built a dedicated following of pen lovers, the couple who live in Furlong kept their eyes

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## Bucks nurse accused of abuse on baby

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A Bucks County nurse accused of physically abusing a medically fragile Bensalem toddler last year is awaiting trial in another county for allegedly doing the same thing to another child five months earlier.

The parents of the other child that Cindy Desser, 58, of Jamison, is accused of abusing have sued Desser and the home health care company that placed her with the family as an overnight caregiver.

Desser is scheduled for a May trial in Delaware County where she faces two felony counts of aggravated assault and related misdemeanors, according to the court docket.

She remains incarcerated in Bucks County Correctional Center in lieu of \$2-million bail since March 26, when she was charged with felony endangering the welfare of children.

Her criminal attorney in both cases, William Davis Jr., did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment March 31.

But in its lawsuit filed March 30 in Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, the firm of Saltz Mongeluzzi Bendesky alleged Desser assaulted a 1-year-old "medically fragile" child whose Newtown Square parents had hired her as an overnight nurse last year.

Desser had worked for the family starting in February 2025, when one night in May, the parents allege they were awakened by the sound of their

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## Bucks County bars, restaurants not covered by PA bar hour extension

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The Philadelphia region is gearing up for one of its biggest summers ever and Gov. Josh Shapiro just made sure that the celebrations in the city can last a bit longer, allowing bars to stay open a few

extra hours.

But Bucks County and other neighboring communities won't be able to take advantage of the opportunity.

As Philadelphia hosts games for the FIFA World Cup and the MLB All-Star Game and celebrates America's 250th birthday in July, Shapiro recently signed a bill that amends the liquor code in the

city to allow bars and restaurants to push closing time to 4 a.m. from June 11 to July 20.

"We're ready to welcome tourists and fans from across the world this summer — and extending hours for the World Cup and America250 means more business for our bars, more pay for our workers, and more opportunity to come to-

gether and celebrate," Shapiro said in a social media post on X.

The extended hours are confined to the city limits and does not include other bars and restaurants in the region. But that doesn't mean you can't still catch this summer's matches, concerts

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