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Tankers sail in the Persian Gulf March 11 near the Strait of Hormuz, as seen from the United Arab Emirates. Shipping around the strait has come to a halt since the U.S. and Israel launched coordinated strikes on Iran on Feb. 28. REUTERS

## Vocational training center opens

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HOOVERSVILLE — Darla (Turner) Blough and her staff at Career Rehabilitation Building Services LLC work with individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities in western and central Pennsylvania to find jobs in which they can thrive as confident, successful and independent adults.

But many times, despite the staff's best efforts to help, these individuals do not succeed in a particular job, she said. Sometimes the person and the job were not a good match, or the person did not fully master the skills or training they needed to be successful in that job.

Blough knew there was a better way to help these individuals succeed, and in July 2025, she found the place to make that happen, right in her hometown of Hooversville.

"Very many years ago, I said, 'It would be wonderful if I could create a vocational center to teach all these skills, so that they can actually go get these community jobs,'" she said.

"This building was empty, and I kept driving past it and saying, 'That would be a perfect building, it's big enough. Should I bite the bullet and do it?' So I did."

### Creating a unique training center in PA

Blough purchased and spent several months renovating the former Country Bargains store at 801 Barn St. (along Route 403) into a state-approved Chapter 2380 Adult Training Center and 2390 Vocational Training Center for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

On March 4, CRB Services

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# Iran's new leader vows to avenge dead

## Says Strait of Hormuz will remain blocked

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In his first message to the world as Iran's new supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei promised revenge for his country's dead and said the critical Strait of Hormuz would remain closed amid the escalating U.S.-Israeli war on Iran.

"We will not overlook the vengeance for the blood of your martyrs," his ad-

dress to the Iranian people said.

Khamenei's message, read aloud by an announcer on state TV, came as oil prices again topped \$100 a barrel and two tankers burned in Iraqi waters after an overnight attack. Three ships were attacked on March 11.

The new supreme leader did not appear personally to deliver the message, nor was a recording of his voice played over the broadcast. Khamenei was reportedly wounded in the Feb. 28

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As of March 11, every U.S. state recorded higher prices for regular gas compared with one month earlier, according to AAA data, ranging from 30 cents higher in Hawaii to 87 cents higher in Arizona.

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## MEGASHOW offers home improvement ideas, vendors at The Galleria

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Spring is in the air, and for many, that means a perfect time for working on those projects around the house that you've been wanting to get to all winter.

A great place to get ideas, make connections, and see what the latest and greatest are is the annual MEGASHOW. The MEGASHOW, March 20-22, brings together local businesses, makers, and community organizations for a business expo weekend at The Galleria. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

This collaborative event is hosted by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, the Cambria Regional Chamber, the Somerset County Builders Association and the Builders Association of Cambria County.

"People can expect a little bit of ev-

erything. From home improvement and local services to retail, specialty products, community organizations, and beverage vendors, there's something for everyone to explore," said Hannah Purbaugh, marketing and communication coordinator for the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce, in an email. "Attendees can enjoy product demonstrations, giveaways, prize drawings, and the chance to connect directly with businesses from across Somerset and Cambria counties."

### What will be there?

Attendees at the mall show can expect to see home improvement professionals and service providers, entrepreneurs, and community organizations showcasing products, services and talent. There will be vendors of all kinds; home-improvement inspiration;

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Last year's MEGASHOW was estimated to have 3,000 visitors.

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