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Westmont OKs Upper Yoder addition to police force

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Negotiations are nearing the finish line for Upper Yoder Township to join the West Hills Regional Police Commission.

"We are trying for as close to Nov. 1 as possible," said Chris Del-Signore, West Hills Regional Police Commission representative and Westmont Borough Council member said.

With negotiations near completion,

West Hills regional headquarters would move to new member's current home

the Westmont Borough Council has unanimously approved a resolution to accept the inclusion of Upper Yoder Township in the West Hills Regional Police Commission.

All four of the municipalities currently comprising the regional police commission must approve resolutions to include Upper Yoder, Del-

Signore said.

The Westmont Borough Council approved its resolution Tuesday during its regular monthly meeting at the borough municipal building, 1000 Luzerne St.

The West Hills Regional Police Department currently serves Westmont, Brownstown and Southmont

boroughs as well as Lower Yoder Township, all in the suburbs of the City of Johnstown.

Upper Yoder Township aims to be included as it has struggled to retain a full police department in recent years.

Upper Yoder Township's police station is a little more than a mile away from West Hills Regional's police sta-

tion and is planned to become the new headquarters for the regional department, West Hills Regional Police Chief William Newman said.

West Hills Regional's current headquarters at the Westmont Borough municipal building is much smaller

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Back to the drawing board

Third Ditko mural in works

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Drawing inspiration from Johnstown native and famed comics artist Steve Ditko's solo work, K. Brandon Wilt designed a new black-and-white mural to be installed in the city's West End neighborhood.

"I focused on the fact that he was an independent creator working in multiple different genres, not just superheroes," Wilt said.

Ditko, who died in 2018, is famous for his co-creation of Marvel's Spider-Man and introducing the world to Doctor Strange, but he's also known to more dedicated comic book fans for his other works, such as with Miss Eerie and the Madman.

The public art piece was revealed to fans at this year's Ditko Con to rave reviews, Bottle Works Executive Director Matthew Lamb said.

Within the mural, Ditko's face is shrouded in shadow, the background is full of comic panels inspired by his expanded universe, such as his work for Creepy Magazine and the pre-Marvel monster books, and it includes other nods to his work, such as character Mr. A.

The art piece also showcases Ditko's 715 studio door; a cosmic display; a panel of a

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Bottle Works Executive Director Matt Lamb displays the design concept for the next large-scale Steve Ditko mural Tuesday in the Steve Ditko Innovators Studio at the facility in the Cambria City section of Johnstown, above. At left, Bottle Works Facilities Manager Glenn Kliemec takes a close look at original hand-drawn sketches by Ditko at the studio.

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"It speaks to those hardcore fans."

MATT LAMB,
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Windber altering weight room rules

Changes made in wake of hazing incident

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WINDBER – Windber Area school officials said they are reinforcing policies on the school's weight room in the wake of a September incident that led to hazing charges against two football players.

That includes efforts to eliminate "blind spots" in a facility that was already monitored by surveillance cameras and reminding athletic program staff in writing that they must monitor weight room areas "at all times," Superintendent Mike Vuckovich said.

"It's about reiterating the notion that these rooms should be supervised at all times," he said.

The weight room area is a collection of several rooms at Windber Area High School.

According to Windber police, the incident occurred over a more than one-hour time period beginning at 2:32 p.m. – the

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Backpack Project seeking sponsors

Need for donations continues to grow

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About a dozen volunteers created an assembly line for packing food Tuesday at the Cambria County Backpack Project's fifth annual Sponsor a Child Campaign kickoff event.

"Any little bit we can do to help the community, it just gives us a good feeling to do that," said volunteer Robert

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Sub chain adds Cambria Twp. site

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EBENSBURG – A well-known sandwich chain is adding its first Cambria County location.

Signage for Jersey Mike's Subs is already installed above a space on a recently built plaza on the 4400 block of Admiral Peary Highway in Cambria Township.

It's one of several commercial projects underway

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Jersey Mike's is opening a sub shop along U.S. Route 22 in Cambria Township.

Chick-fil-A eyes Richland location

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The former Wolf Furniture location on Scalp Avenue in Richland Township is to become a Chick-fil-A restaurant.

"While we are still early in the process, Chick-fil-A is happy to share that we are actively pursuing a new location in Johnstown, Pennsylvania," Chick-fil-A Inc. said in a statement. "We look

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