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Top-ranked Bishop Guilfoyle rolls past host Richland to avenge Week 2 setback, take home conference championship. C1.

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Bishop McCort graduate wins world wrestling title

Bo Bassett celebrates after after winning the 65-kilogram title at the Senior World Championships Friday in Astana, Kazakhstan.

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Bo Bassett beats two-time Olympian to claim championship

BY ERIC KNOPSNYDER
FOR THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

Bo Bassett describes his relentless pace on the mat as "sprinting the mile." While everyone else expends energy in short bursts, he goes all out all the time.

On Friday, the Bishop McCort Catholic graduate finally slowed down to a jog – but only after becoming the second-youngest senior world champion in U.S. men's freestyle wrestling history.

Bassett beat two-time Olympian Vazgen Tevanyan of Armenia 9-1 in the 65-kilogram final at the United World Wrestling Senior Freestyle Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Then, Bassett draped himself in the American flag and ran around the mat in the sport's traditional victory lap for international champions.

"Running the flag is one of the coolest things in the sport of wrestling," a still-jubilant Bassett said in a telephone interview five hours after his victory. "I didn't want to run the flag. I wanted to pause, take in the moment, run a little bit, take in the moment."

It was the only time in two days of competition that he slowed down. His frenetic pace, which might be the highest of any wrestler at any weight, consistently wore out the world's best.

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Americans set to cast votes

Control of Congress at stake in midterm elections

BY CHRISTIAN M. WADE
FOR THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

Americans head to the polls Tuesday in a pivotal midterm election that has been billed as a referendum on Republican President Donald Trump, whose low approval ratings loom large over the bitter, partisan fight for control of Congress despite not being on the ballot.

Rising costs of health care, gas, home heating oil and groceries during Trump's second term have put Republicans on defense, giving Democrats a potential advantage in key congressional races in states such as Texas, Ohio and Mississippi that have for years been considered Republican strongholds.

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Both parties have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into a crush of TV and digital advertising over the past year in bids to sway undecided voters ahead of the Nov. 3 midterms, making it the most expensive election in U.S. history.

More than 42 million voters have already cast their ballots through the mail or during early voting periods underway in dozens of states, according to the University of Florida's Election Lab, which tracks early voting.

Election officials are expecting record turnout Tuesday.

At stake is whether Trump's final two years in office will be marked by legislative gridlock and potential congressional investigations or by a continuation of his agenda.

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DAVE SUTOR/THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity, the Republican candidate for governor, speaks to an audience during a campaign event Friday night at Cambria County Republican Party headquarters in Richland Township.

GOP's Garrity campaigns in Cambria

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The Republican gubernatorial candidate, state Treasurer Stacy Garrity, brought her end-of-the-campaign "Turnaround PA" message to Cambria County Friday evening.

The challenger drew distinctions between herself and incumbent Gov. Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, whom she often criticizes for what she considers to be problems with the commonwealth's economy, affordability, energy costs and other matters.

"Most Pennsylvanians know that this just isn't working for them any more," Garrity told the audience at Cambria County Republican Party headquarters in Richland Township, four days before Election Day on Tuesday.

She added: "My pledge to you is we're going to turn Pennsylvania around together. ... At the end of the day, we will, all of us, everybody here, we are going to restore prosperity, affordability and promise to this commonwealth that we all love so much."

Garrity spoke about wanting to grow the natural gas industry, capping property tax increases, reducing energy bills, supporting veterans, opting the state into the federal Education Freedom Tax Credit program and having a government that would be the "most transparent and accountable in the history of Pennsylvania."

She added: "Executive order, day one, no longer will boys be competing against your girls in sports."

Garrity, a Bradford County resident and Army veteran, summarized: "I want you to think about this. We have natural resources that are the envy of the world. We have farmland that feeds the world. We have small towns worth preserving, cities worth rebuilding. And that Pennsylvania is worth fighting for."

Garrity was joined by Cambria County Republican Party Chairwoman

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Burns seeks 10th state House term

BY DAVE SUTOR
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State Rep. Frank Burns, D-East Taylor Township, is tied for being the sixth-longest-serving Democrat and the 13th-longest-serving overall member in the current Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

He has spent almost 18 full years in the 203-member chamber.

Burns is now seeking a 10th two-year term, representing the 72nd District that includes

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FILE PHOTO

State Rep. Frank Burns, D-East Taylor Township, is running for reelection in the 72nd District.

THOMAS SLUSSER/THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

Phil Rice, the Republican candidate for state House in the 72nd District, speaks at a May 18 rally.

Rice looks to win 72nd District seat

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Phil Rice served in military combat, helped organize the annual American Legion County Fair, assisted fellow veterans for many years, participated in various civic organizations, and reached the level of district deputy grand master in the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania.

Now he is looking to become an elected government official.

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People rally in aftermath of fracas at local parade

Organizer says she aims to collaborate, address economic discrimination

BY RUSS O'REILLY
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More than a dozen people attended a rally Friday night at the corner of Main and Market streets, across from Johnstown's City Hall, peacefully standing and talking with whomever might ask about their cause.

Diamond Gray, of Johnstown, organized the rally on the heels of Tuesday's Johnstown Halloween parade, where a fracas sparked by fighting among some juveniles rippled through the crowd.

The disturbance culminated with Johnstown police making multiple arrests of juveniles and adults, and sweeping some juvenile females to the ground in a couple instances in order to take them into custody.

"This rally was never supposed to be an attack on the police," Gray said. "I feel like they did what they were supposed to do, come out and serve, but I feel like it could have been handled differently, which is why we are also asking for cultural sensitivity training and a different kind of de-escalation training, because

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DCNR chief airs improvements at Mount Davis, Pa.'s high point

BY JOSHUA BYERS
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SALISBURY – Nearly $1 million in improvements to the Mount Davis area of Forbes State Forest were highlighted Friday by Cindy Adams Dunn, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources secretary.

The funding was used to improve safety, enhance visitor access and upgrade amenities at the attraction in Somerset County.

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