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‘THIS IS VERY COOL’



Kevin Langdon and Andrew Brown, center, demonstrate the Ball 2's game-making abilities alongside Jimmy "MrBeast" Donaldson and Lori Greiner. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ABC/SHARK TANK

MrBeast makes deal with Central Pennsylvania toymaker on 'Shark Tank'

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A Central Pennsylvania tech-toy maker struck a deal with the world's biggest Youtuber and toy entrepreneur MrBeast in a recent appearance on ABC's "Shark Tank."

Chambersburg native Andrew Brown is one of the inventors of a toy called Ball 2, which the company's marketing describes as a "sensor-packed smart ball that teaches physics and creativity through play." In a demonstration on the season premiere of "Shark Tank" on Sept. 30, Brown and co-founder Kevin Langdon showed how to use the ball's artificial intelligence and app to create original games. By speaking basic instructions and using data from the ball's sensors, they created a game they dramatically dubbed "10 Feet of Death."

Guest shark Jimmy “MrBeast” Donaldson, a king of internet virality who is known for challenges and a growing line of products, said he was impressed.

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Kevin Langdon, left, and Andrew Brown pitch their product Ball 2 on ABC's "Shark Tank."

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclaimed

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Franklin County commissioners have proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, urging residents to recognize the work of advocates supporting victims and survivors while promoting efforts to prevent abuse.

The designation highlights the effects domestic violence can have on individuals, families and communities, according to a community announcement. Commissioners also encouraged residents, community leaders and stakeholders to support local awareness efforts throughout the month.

National data cited in the announcement states that an average of 24 people become victims of domestic violence every minute, totaling more than 12 million men and women across the United States each year. The statistics also show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men have experienced severe physical violence by an intimate partner.

According to the announcement, 106 people in Pennsylvania died in domestic violence incidents in 2024, including one person in Franklin County.

“Domestic violence doesn’t just affect one person — it impacts children, families and entire communities,” Franklin County Commissioner Chairman Dean Horst said in the announcement. “All of us with Franklin County stand with organizations and partners across Pennsylvania and the country in supporting survivors, victims and the advocates who work so hard to help them.”

More than 1,900 calls are made each year to the WIN Victim Services emergency helpline, according to the announcement.

Commissioners said in the

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One year on, Trump's Israel-Gaza plan stalled

REUTERS

JERUSALEM – President Donald Trump's year-old plan to end the Gaza war has stalled, with Israel mounting near-daily attacks and occupying around two-thirds of the shattered enclave where Palestinians face dire conditions.

The initial phase resulted in a ceasefire on Oct. 10, 2025, and secured the release of the last remaining hostages seized in Hamas' 2023 attacks on Israel, along with freedom for hundreds of Palestinian prisoners and detainees held

by Israel.

But other goals, including disarming Hamas, securing Israeli withdrawal and rebuilding Gaza, appear far from reach.

What was in the plan?

The first phase of Trump's 20-point plan included a suspension of all military operations, Israeli withdrawal from part of the enclave, hostage and prisoner releases and a surge in aid.

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An EU and U.N. assessment estimated Gaza recovery and reconstruction needs at \$71.4 billion over the next decade. BASHAR TALEB/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



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