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February 22, 2022

Re: Proposed Plan for MDJ Reestablishment in 57th Judicial District

To whom it may concern:

Please find attached the proposed plan for MDJ Reestablishment in the 57th Judicial District.

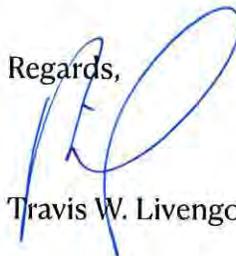
On first glance, disparity of workload among the four magisterial districts (especially between 57-3-03 and 57-3-04) merits consideration of a proposal other than full reestablishment. If we were to consider creating workload equity among the four magisterial districts, it would require either eliminating District 57-3-03 or realigning the boundaries of 57-3-03 and 57-3-04.

In our opinion, these options are impractical, would cause judicial inefficiency, and inhibit the public's access to the courts. Bedford County is a rural area with the mountain ranges of the Allegheny Mountains running north to south. Historically, the magisterial districts were established to deal with these natural barriers and the limitations they place on travel.

Magisterial District 57-3-03 is the smallest district in Bedford County, both geographically and in caseload/workload, but was established to accommodate those in the Broadtop Area (Liberty, Hopewell and Woodbury Townships) and Morrisons Cove (Bloomfield, Woodbury and South Woodbury Townships). As with most of Central Pennsylvania, mass transit does not exist in our judicial district and household income is relatively low. In our opinion, elimination and/or realignment of the District would result in denying access (or significantly burdening access) to the courts for a number of these residents, many of which are elderly.

Accordingly, it is our opinion that reduction and/or realignment would adversely affect the functioning of the judicial system and the public's access to the courts, while saving little on expenses. For these reasons, we recommend that the four Magisterial Districts of the 57th Judicial District be reestablished as they are presently constituted.

Regards,

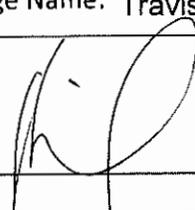


Travis W. Livengood, President Judge

Judicial District Summary Worksheet – Reestablishment 2021-2022

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Judicial District Number: 57	County: Bedford	Class of County: 6
<p>1. List the existing magisterial districts in your judicial district (##-#-##):</p> <p>57-3-01 57-3-02 57-3-03 57-3-04</p>		
Caseload Analysis		
2. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 4,709	B. 3,230
3. Compare the difference between the caseload average of your judicial district to the class of county.	<i>Difference (2A - 2B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
	1479	2nd out of 24
4. Is your judicial district caseload average at the lower end of the caseload range when compared to the other judicial districts in your class of county?	No	
Proposed Actions		
5. Are any magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment?	Yes	
<p>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for reestablishment (no changes).</p> <p>57-3-01 57-3-02 57-3-03 57-3-04</p>		
6. Are any magisterial district proposed for realignment?	No	
<p>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for realignment (changes).</p>		
7. Are any magisterial districts proposed for elimination?	No	
<p>If YES, list the magisterial districts proposed for elimination.</p>		

Additional Workload Factors		
8. Do you have a night court operating within the judicial district?	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do you have a central court within your judicial district?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do you have any special programs that will entail effort by the MDJs such as truancy programs or drug, DUI, veteran, or mental health diversion programs? If YES, briefly explain the types of programs.	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final Checklist		
11. Was a request for public comment posted?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Method of posting - electronic, physical copy, or both?	Both	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Were media outlets notified?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Were public comments received?	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Did you include a copy of the posting and public comments in your submission?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Did you complete summary worksheets for all magisterial districts?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Did you include your petition and all supporting documentation, if applicable?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Did you confer with the MDJs in your county?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Additional Remarks		
<p>Disparity of workload among the four magisterial districts (especially between 57-3-03 and 57-3-04) merits consideration of a proposal other than full reestablishment. If we were to consider creating workload equity among the four magisterial districts, it would require one of the following:</p> <p>(1) Eliminating Magisterial District 57-3-03 (which has the smallest caseload/workload) and redistribute the municipalities in that district to the surrounding districts;</p> <p>(2) Realign the boundaries of 57-3-03 and 57-3-04.</p> <p>In our opinion, however, these options are impractical, would cause judicial inefficiency, and inhibit the public's access to the courts. Bedford County is a rural area with the mountain ranges of the Allegheny Mountains running north to south. The roadway system runs north to south in the valleys and coves between the ranges and in some locations (principally Rt. 30 in the middle of the county) east and west through passes or gaps in the mountains. Historically, the magisterial districts were established to deal with these natural barriers and the limitations they place on travel.</p> <p>Magisterial District 57-3-03 is the smallest district in Bedford County, both geographically and in caseload/workload, but was established to accommodate those in the Broadtop Area (Liberty, Hopewell and Woodbury Townships) and Morrisons Cove (Bloomfield, Woodbury and South Woodbury Townships). These areas are separated in significant part from the remainder of the County by mountains running north to south and east to west, but have easy access to the office of Magisterial District 57-3-03 via Rt. 36 and Rt. 26. In addition, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which runs from east to west through Magisterial Districts 57-3-04, 57-3-02 and 57-3-01, contributes significantly to the disparity in workload/caseload.</p> <p>Household incomes for Bedford County have traditionally been among the lowest in the state, which is particularly true of Magisterial District 57-3-03. The District also contains a significant population of elderly residents. As with most of Central Pennsylvania, mass transit does not exist in our judicial district. In our opinion, elimination and/or realignment of the District would result in denying access (or significantly burdening access) to the courts for a number of these residents. It is our opinion, that reduction and/or realignment would adversely affect the functioning of the judicial system and the public's access to the courts, while saving little in expenses.</p> <p>For these reasons, we recommend that the four Magisterial Districts of the 57th Judicial District be reestablished as they are presently constituted.</p>		
Verification of Submission		
20. Date submitted to AOPC: 2/22/2022		
21. President Judge Name: Travis W. Livengood		
<p>Signature _____</p> 		

*Additional Remarks have been extracted and size corrected for easier viewing on the next page of this plan packet

Judicial District Summary Worksheet

Additional Remarks (#19):

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Magisterial District Court Number:	57-3-01	County:	Bedford
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 3/1/2022	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,508	B. 4,709	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-1201	3rd out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		278	8.6 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 16,728	B. 22,079	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		-5,351	-24 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
<p>Bedford County is a rural area with the mountain ranges of the Allegheny Mountains running north to south. The roadway system runs north to south in the valleys and coves between the ranges and in some locations (principally Rt. 30 in the middle of the county) east and west through passes or gaps in the mountain. Historically, the magisterial districts were established to deal with these natural barriers and the limitations they place on travel. In reviewing the caseload statistics, if you factor in all categories with the exception of "traffic", the average annual statistics for caseload and workload for the four magisterial districts is significantly closer.</p>			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Tonya M. Osman

Magisterial District Judge Name



1/4/26

Term Expiration Date

1/4/36

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

1563 Market Street Schellsburg, PA 15559

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Pennsylvania State Police

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rts. 56, 96, 30, 31, 869, I70, I-99

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Hyndman Borough, Manns Choice Borough, New Paris Borough, Pleasantville Borough, Schellsburg Borough, Harrison Township, Juniata Township, Kimmel Township, King Township, Lincoln Township, Londonderry Township, Napier Township, Pavia Township, West St. Clair Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

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Magisterial District Court Number:	57-3-02	County:	Bedford
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish		2. Effective date: 3/1/2022	
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 3,890	B. 4,709	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking Total</i>
		-819	2nd out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.		<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		660	20 %
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 24,345	B. 22,079	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.		<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>
		2,266	10 %
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Kevin R. Diehl

Magisterial District Judge Name



1/2/28

Term Expiration Date

1/2/45

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

120 West John Street Bedford, PA 15522

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Pennsylvania State Police, Bedford Police Dept.

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rts. 220, 30, 56, 869, I-99, I-70

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

- Bedford Borough
- Rainsburg Borough
- St. Clairsville Borough
- Bedford Township
- Colerain Township
- Cumberland Valley Township
- East St. Clair Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

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Magisterial District Court Number: 57-3-03	County: Bedford		
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish	2. Effective date: 3/1/2022		
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 1,142	B. 4,709	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>		<i>Ranking Total</i>
	-3567		4th out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	-2088		-65 %
<p>6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.</p> <p>Bedford County is a rural area with the mountain ranges of the Allegheny Mountains running north to south. The roadway system runs north to south in the valleys and coves between the ranges and in some locations (principally Rt. 30 in the middle of the county) east and west through passes or gaps in the mountain. Historically, the magisterial districts were established to deal with these natural barriers and the limitations they place on travel. Magisterial District 57-3-03 is the smallest district in Bedford County, both geographically and in caseload/workload, but was established to accommodate those in the Broadtop Area (Liberty, Hopewell, and Woodbury Townships) and Morrisons Cove (Bloomfield, Woodbury, and South Woodbury Townships.) These areas are separated in significant part from the remainder of the County by mountains running north to south and east to west.</p>			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>		<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>
	A. 10,791		B. 22,079
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>		<i>% Above/Below</i>
	-11,288		-51 %
<p>9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.</p> <p>Bedford County is a rural area with the mountain ranges of the Allegheny Mountains running north to south. Historically, the magisterial districts were established to deal with these natural barriers and the limitations they place on travel. Magisterial District 57-3-03 is the smallest district in Bedford County, both geographically and in caseload/workload, but was established to accommodate those in the Broadtop Area (Liberty, Hopewell and Woodbury Townships) and Morrisons Cove (Bloomfield, Woodbury and South Woodbury Townships). As with most of Central Pennsylvania, mass transit does not exist in our judicial district and household income is relatively low. In our opinion, elimination and/or realignment of the District would result in denying access (or significantly burdening access) to the courts for a number of these residents, many of which are elderly. The offices of Magisterial District 57-3-03 and Magisterial District 57-3-04 are staffed accordingly to the caseload for the respective offices.</p>			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Brian K. Baker

Magisterial District Judge Name



12/31/23

Term Expiration Date

1/4/37

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

124 Hitchens Road Defiance, PA 16633

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Pennsylvania State Police, Saxton Borough Police, Liberty Twp. Police Dept.

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rts. 36, 26, 866, 915, 913, 164

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

- Coaldale Borough
- Hopewell Borough
- Saxton Borough
- Woodbury Borough
- Bloomfield Township
- Broad Top Township
- Hopewell Township
- Liberty Township
- South Woodbury Township
- Woodbury Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above? If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

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Magisterial District Court Number: 57-3-04	County: Bedford		
1. Proposed plan for this magisterial district: Reestablish	2. Effective date: 3/1/2022		
Caseload Analysis			
3. Average total caseloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	<i>Avg for Class of County</i>
	A. 10,297	B. 4,709	C. 3,230
4. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your judicial district caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3B)</i>	<i>Ranking</i>	<i>Total</i>
	5588	1st	out of 4
5. Compare the difference between the caseload average of this magisterial district to your class of county caseload average.	<i>Difference (3A - 3C)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	7067	218 %	
6. If this magisterial district is at the lower end of the caseload range and you are proposing to reestablish (no changes), please summarize your response from the plan that explains why you are departing from caseload equity.			
Workload Analysis			
7. Average total workloads:	<i>Avg for Magisterial District</i>	<i>Avg for Judicial District</i>	
	A. 36,442	B. 22,079	
8. Compare the difference between the average total workloads of this magisterial district to the judicial district.	<i>Difference (7A - 7B)</i>	<i>% Above/Below</i>	
	14,363	65 %	
9. If this magisterial district's average workload is fifteen (15%) percent <i>higher or lower than</i> your judicial district average workload and you are proposing to reestablish this magisterial district, please explain (<i>summarize your response from the plan</i>) why this does not result in an unwarranted inequity among the judges.			
<p>Disparity is caused largely by high volume of traffic citations issued on the turnpike. Sufficient staff is available to process the work.</p>			

Magisterial District Information

10. Magisterial District Judge (MDJ) Information:

Kathy S. Calhoun

Magisterial District Judge Name

[REDACTED]

1/2/28

Term Expiration Date

1/4/31

Mandatory Retirement Date

11. Magisterial District Court Information - Physical Location:

500 State Street Everett, PA 15537

12. Is this court within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

13. Is the MDJ's residence within the boundaries of the magisterial district?

Yes

14. Are all portions of the magisterial district contiguous?

Yes

15. To the best of your knowledge, are there any planned developments such as a mall, highway expansion or gas drilling that will likely cause an increase in the case filings for this office? If **YES**, please summarize your response below.

No/Not Sure

16. List any police departments located within this magisterial district.

Pennsylvania State Police, Everett Borough Police

17. List any major highways within this magisterial district.

Rts. 30, 26, 326, I-70

18. List the **current** municipalities for this magisterial district (alphabetically). For a list, click [HERE](#) for Realignment Orders submitted in the past.

Everett Borough
 East Providence Township
 Mann Township
 Monroe Township
 Snake Spring Township
 Southampton Township
 West Providence Township

19. Are the **proposed** municipalities the same as above?
 If **NO**, please list all proposed municipalities (alphabetically).

Yes

20. Additional Comments:

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Mary Wilt

From: Mary Wilt
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Bedford Free Press (freepress@bedfordcountyfreepress.com); Kay Stephens (kstephens@altoonamirror.com); Lloyd Roach (lloyd@bedfordcountyspeaks.com); Phil Ray (pray@altoonamirror.com); Will Deshong (wdeshong@bedfordgazette.com); WJAC (news@wjactv.com); WTAJ (newsemail@wtajtv.com)
Subject: Reestablishment of Magisterial Districts Proposal for Bedford County

The reestablishment plan for Bedford County's four magisterial districts has been posted and can be viewed for a period of 30 days online at the Bedford County Government homepage (www.bedfordcountypa.org) by following the links to "Reestablishment of Magisterial Districts Proposal" under the View All News section on the homepage. The proposal will also be posted at each MDJ Court and the Bedford County Commissioners Office.

Judicial redistricting, also referred to as reestablishment, is a statutorily required process that takes place once every ten years to determine how to allocate state court system resources to best serve the Commonwealth's citizens.

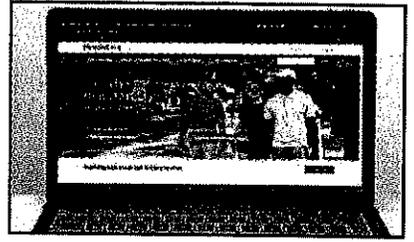
Under the proposed plan, no changes are anticipated to the number or boundaries of Bedford County's four magisterial districts.

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57th Judicial District
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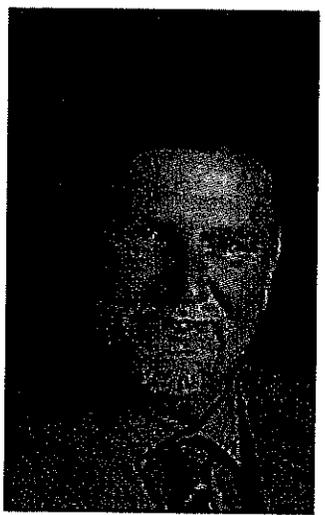
Burkett Area hires superintendent

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Fannett-Metal School District in Franklin County.
Burkett is a graduate from Claysburg-Kimmel High School and earned a degree in secondary education social studies from Penn State in 1998.
He began teaching social studies in the Northern Bedford County School District in 2001 before earning his master's degree from Gannon University in 2003. He then earned his principal certification in 2005 and became the assistant high school principal for NBC. He became high school principal in 2010 and held that role until joining Fannett-Metal

in October 2015.
The school board also approved FMLA leave for Webb beginning Feb. 7 and amended his retirement date to April 8. Assistant Superintendent Dr. James Hollis will begin serving as acting superintendent beginning Feb. 7.
Burkett will take over as interim superintendent of record on April 11 at a rate of \$459.77 per day plus benefits.
The change at superintendent follows previous changes on the school board during 2021. Board members Randy Shaw and Darrell Bowman both resigned during the year, while for-

mer board president Corey Reffner did not seek re-election in November's election.
During the reorganization meeting in December, Kyle Cornell was appointed board president and Joseph Payne was appointed vice president. New board members joining the board over the past year include Charlee Howsare and Peggy Clark, who were both previously appointed to fill vacancies on the board, as well as newly elected Jamie Howsare and Casey Weaver.
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Supreme Court halts COVID-19 vaccine rule for US businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has stopped a major push by the Biden administration to boost the nation's COVID-19 vaccination rate, a re-

given the responsibility to respond to workplace health emergencies," Justices Stephen Breyer, Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor wrote in a joint dissent.

Borough police will be enforcing the parking restrictions.

The reestablishment plan for Bedford County's four magisterial districts has been posted.

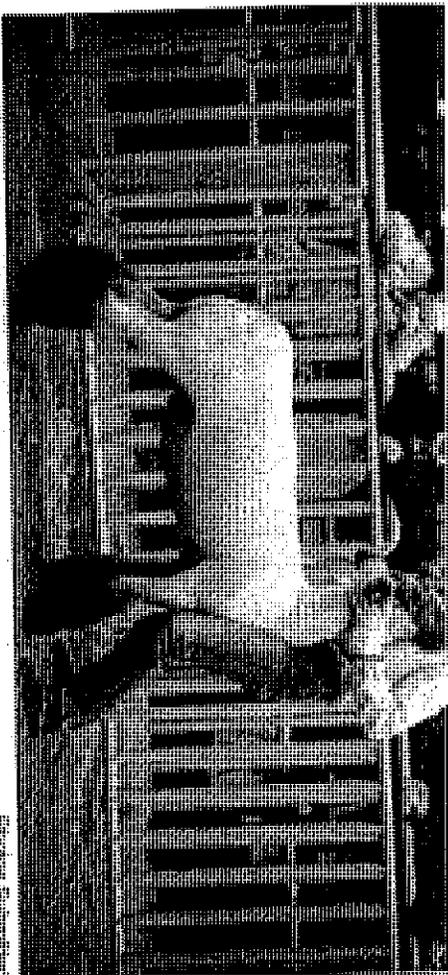
The plan can be viewed for a period of 30 days online at the Bedford County Government homepage, www.bedfordcountypa.org, by following the links to "Reestablishment of Magisterial Districts Proposal" under the View All News section on the homepage. The proposal will also be posted at each MDJ Court and the Bedford County Commissioners Office. Judicial redistricting, also referred to as reestablishment, is a statutorily required process that takes place once every 10 years to determine how to allocate state court system resources to best serve the Commonwealth's citizens. Under the proposed plan, no changes are anticipated to the number or boundaries of Bedford County's four magisterial districts.

"Coffee with a Cop" scheduled.

The annual opportunity for people to meet local law enforcement members will be held Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Everett Free Library. Representatives from Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Everett Borough Police, PA State Police and possibly a rep from DCONR will be on hand. The event is free to the public and allows residents to come enjoy some coffee, meet their local officers and ask questions.

Deaths

(Obituaries on Page A14)
KOONTZ, Louann Elisabeth, 66, of Bedford.
MEANS, Randy L., 64, of



Madaline Tewell is shown with her grand champion lamb at the 106th Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

Tewell shows grand champion lamb at farm show

After competing for several years at the Bedford County Fair, Madaline Tewell, 13, of Artemas, showed the grand champion market lamb at the 106th Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

The farm show, which was all virtual last year due to the pandemic, has been an all-live event that ends Saturday. Tewell's lamb that was purchased from the Shroyer Show Stock, and weighed 149 pounds.

The lamb was purchased by New Holland Sale Stables for \$5,700.

Forrest Ohler and Tewell's brother, Marshal, helped mentor her for the show.

She is a member of the Chapmans Run 4-H club and a student at Everett



vaccine rule for US businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has stopped a major push by the Biden administration to boost the nation's COVID-19 vaccination rate, a requirement that employees at large businesses get a vaccine or test regularly and wear a mask on the job.

At the same time, the court is allowing the administration to proceed with a vaccine mandate for most health care workers in the U.S. The court's orders Thursday came during a spike in coronavirus cases caused by the omicron variant.

The court's conservative majority concluded the administration overstepped its authority by seeking to impose the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's vaccine-or-test rule on U.S. businesses with at least 100 employees. More than 80 million people would have been affected and OSHA had estimated that the rule would save 6,500 lives and prevent 250,000 hospitalizations over six months.

OSHA has never before imposed such a mandate. Nor has Congress. Indeed, although Congress has enacted significant legislation addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, it has declined to enact any measure similar to what OSHA has promulgated here," the conservatives wrote in an unsigned opinion.

In dissent, the court's three liberals argued that it was the court that was overreaching by substituting its judgment for that of health

given the responsibility to respond to workplace emergencies," Justice phen Breyer, Elena K and Sonia Sotomayor in a joint dissent.

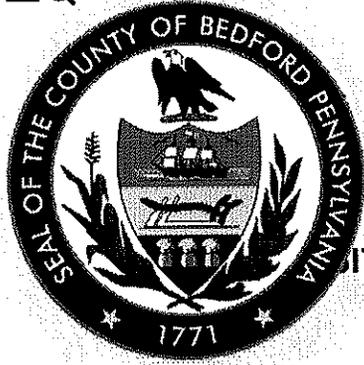
President Joe Biden he was "disappointed the Supreme Court has sent to block common-life-saving requirements for employees at large businesses that were grossly in error in both science and law."

Biden called on businesses to institute their vaccination requirements noting that a third of some 100 companies already have done so.

When crafting the rule, White House officials anticipated challenges — and private companies harbored doubts it could withstand the administration. The administration, however, is confident it will succeed as a success at already vaccinating millions of people vaccinated and encouraged private businesses to implement their own requirements that are unaltered by the legal challenge.

The OSHA regulations initially been blocked by a federal appeals court in New Orleans, then a court in the Fifth Circuit to take effect by a federal appellate panel in the Ninth Circuit.

Both rules had been challenged by Republican states. In addition, but groups attacked the emergency regulations too expensive and ill cause workers to leave jobs at a time when new employees are difficult.



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The public is invited to comment on this proposal in writing by February 18, 2022. Comments should be addressed to:

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