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THANK YOU FOR 2022!

Three years after reaching nearly 1 million passengers, ABE is continuing the climb towards that milestone.

“Early indications from bookings and flight schedules had us all preparing for a busy year, and that’s certainly what happened. Post-pandemic passenger traffic returned to ABE sooner than industry forecasts,” said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

912,256 passengers traveled through ABE in 2022 – a 21.2 percent increase from 2021 – surpassing the 2019 total of 911,970.

“2022 produced plenty of accomplishments for Airport staff and stakeholders. We served over 1/4 of a million people during the busiest summer travel season in recent history, added Lndline Bus Service through American Airlines and United Airlines (AA to Philadelphia, with UA to Newark), implemented a new system for passengers to check TSA Security Checkpoint Wait Times, and made significant progress on infrastructure improvements,” said Stoudt.



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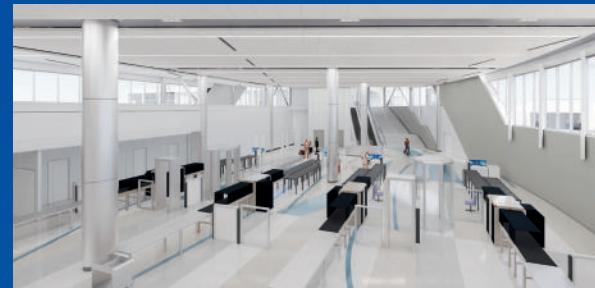
STILL ON SCHEDULE

The TSA Checkpoint / Terminal Connector Project at ABE has surpassed the 75-percent mark for overall completion, with the opening expected in June 2023.

This \$35-million infrastructure investment delivers the following enhancements:

- Up to (4) TSA security checkpoint screening lanes
- Improved vertical circulation equipment (elevators and escalators)
- Shorter walking distances with separation of arriving and departing passengers
- Enhanced air purification systems

"This project gives everyone a more convenient route from ticket counter to takeoff," said Stoudt.



FAVORITE ASSIGNMENT!

The 6th Annual Shop with an Airport Cop was held December 3rd for 22 students from the Catasauqua Area School District.

LNAA Police Officers and students enjoyed a holiday shopping spree at Target, followed by a gift wrapping party complete with a visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus.

Thank you to all of the event sponsors: Lehigh Valley Community Benefit, Target, Home Depot, Phillipsburg/Easton Honda, Nam Knights (Lehigh Valley Chapter), The Wanderers Club of Bethlehem, Isabella's Pizza, Mission BBQ, and the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.

"It does not get old, it just keeps getting better every year. The guys look forward to it and the kids

look forward to it." said Chief Timothy D. Koder, LNAA Police Department.

"These are kids with some pretty hard lives. Several don't have any resources, so if we can bring happiness to the families as well as these kids, it certainly makes it all worth it," said Officer John Mazzeo, LNAA Police Department.

"They are so worried about making the holidays good for someone else, they forget to buy something for themselves," said Officer Timothy Varga, LNAA Police Department.

"We are not the heroes in the room, the sponsors are the heroes in the room. We could not do this without them. This just gets better every year," said Sgt. Steve Gensits, LNAA Police Department.

FLIGHT DESTINATION: NORTH POLE!

It was an unforgettable flight with smiles, singing, and Santa!

In December, (14) children and their families fighting pediatric cancer took off from ABE for a celebration at the North Pole.

"For a lot of our kids, this was their first flight, and to have your first flight land at the North Pole is incredible," said Michelle Zenie, Executive Director, PCFLV.

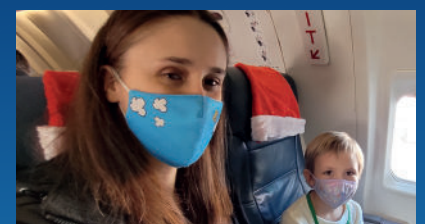
After receiving a special boarding pass, everyone enjoyed holiday songs and treats during their magical flight aboard the North Pole Express courtesy of Air Wisconsin Airlines.

"You know the circumstances these families are dealing with every day, and to see their faces light up when they prepare to see Santa puts life in perspective," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, LNAA.

Upon arrival, the North Pole face painting, magic tricks, C.O.P.E. dogs, music, delicious food, and plenty of presents awaited these special passengers.

"When you are thrown into a pediatric cancer journey it is traumatic and day-to-day life can be challenging. To be able to have some fun and step out of that world for a while is truly life-changing," said Zenie.

A special thank you to event sponsors: America on Wheels, Amy's Creative Cakes, BalloonWorks, Blondies Cupcakes, Chris Tray, Crayola, Cumulus Media, Dunkin' Donuts, East Stroudsburg University, FastSigns/Dan's Camera City, First Class Concessions, First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union, Fun & Fancy Faces, Giant Food Stores, Lehigh Valley Phantoms, Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, Magic by Bruce, Members 1st Federal Credit Union, National Museum of Industrial History, PNC Bank, Red Robin, Redner's Markets, ShopRite of Bethlehem, Staybridge Suites/Hilton Garden Inn, The Catty Corner, TRU and Home2Suites by Hilton, Wawa Catering, Weis Markets, and Wolff Works by Proforma.





EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION!



Three special events were organized last year to express appreciation for the dedication and hard work of LNAA employees in the continuing pursuit of being the best regional airport system in North America.

Shake the Summer Heat

The PA Dairymen's Association milkshake truck visited ABE to give out free milkshakes!

Fall Food-fest

An Employee Fall Picnic with Wawa catered boxed lunches, good music, and a few games of cornhole to round out the event.

Movie Night!

The Roxy Theater was reserved for LNAA employees and a guest to experience

Top Gun: Maverick.



DECK THE HOWLS & MEOWS!

Wrapping up its fourth year, the Annual Pet Food Donation Drive collected roughly 350 pounds of pet food/treats for the Animal Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley (AFBLV).

This successful initiative is coordinated by Kimberly Eisenhart, Queen City's Operations Manager. Great job, Kimi!

"It makes my heart happy to receive so many donations from co-workers, family, and friends. Together, we have made a difference to the pets and owners that AFBLV supports in the community. Thank you for your yearly support," said Eisenhart.





SONGS OF THE SEASON!

Following a two-year hiatus, the Annual Holiday Concert Series returned in December with live performances at ABE.

“We were so excited to welcome (12) schools from across the Lehigh Valley, as our passengers certainly missed hearing songs of the season while traveling through your neighborhood airport,” said Colin Riccobon, Director of Public and Government Relations.

The list of participating schools included: Whitehall High School Chorale, Northampton Area School District Borough Chorus, Eyer Middle School Vocal Ensemble, Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts Guitar Ensemble, Freedom High School Les Chanteurs Vocal Group, Nitschmann Middle School



String Ensemble and Chorus, Emmaus High School Aca Bella & Fermata Nowhere, Salisbury High School Descant Get Enough, Dieruff High School Select Choir, Slatington Elementary School Concert Band, Freedom High School Concert Band, Easton Area Middle School 6th grade Ensemble / 7th-8th grade Chamber Strings.

TERMINAL TRADITION!

ABE hosted the 26th Annual Holiday Festival of Trees in December with 17 schools and (3) non-profit organizations volunteering to provide decorations.

Located on the 1st and 2nd levels of the Main Terminal, and in the Departure Building, students from the participating schools shared messages of kindness and encouragement to inspire holiday cheer in ABE passengers and employees.

Thank you to Walker’s Tree Farm, Yenser’s Tree Farm, and Unangst Tree Farms for our donations.



REDUCING THE STRESS!

On the busiest holiday travel day of the year, Thanksgiving Eve, your neighborhood airport was focused on reducing stress for passengers.

Passenger Appreciation Day featured delicious snacks, music, and popcorn courtesy of Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE).

We are grateful for all of the Airport partners from the community and advertisers that set-up information tables with plenty of fun giveaways.

“We are thankful for all of our passengers at ABE, and always strive to make their customer experience comfortable,” said Paula Bonstein, Manager of Customer Experience, LNAA.



TSA PRECHECK ENROLLMENT EVENT

Save the Date: April 3 – 7



HELPING TO SAVE LIVES!

Since 2015, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) employee blood drives have collected 281 units!

Airport employees and stakeholders continued to roll up their sleeves last year to help save lives and restock the regions blood supply. Thank you!

Fact: 350 units of blood are needed every day in the 12-counties served by Miller-Keystone Blood Center.





EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



K9 Mikki (LNAA Police Department)

My name is K9 Mikki. I'm a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois originally from Holland. I got my start being trained and competing in a sport called Koninklijke Nederlandse Politiehonden Vereniging (KNPV). It's a sport where I get to show off in obedience, searching, and my favorite thing - BITING.

In 2016, I was assigned to my handler Officer Jake Scoble (I just call him dad) and we've been best friends ever since.

I live at home with my mom Shannon (the giver of treats), my big brother Logan, a 10-year-old chocolate lab, and my little brother Milo, a 3-year-old black lab.

At home, I like to cuddle, take naps, and wrestle with my brothers. I have an important job at work, however, which I'm told helps keep people safe. If you see me at the Airport, please don't approach me unless my dad gives permission.



ABE'S TRAVEL TIP – To give you a better travel experience and expedite going through the security checkpoint, TSA recommends the following before departing from ABE:

- Give yourself enough time to arrive at the airport early.
- Wear easily removable shoes.
- Passengers with a disability or medical condition may call ahead to the TSA Cares toll free helpline at (855) 787-2227.
- Tape a card with your name and contact information on your electronics.

VOLUNTEER CORNER



**Donna Atkinson
(Navigator Volunteer)**

After 28 years as a school nurse, Donna Atkinson began volunteering as a Navigator at ABE. She has been involved with many special projects at the Airport, with her favorite being the North Pole event – where she is the self-proclaimed “Popcorn Queen”.

With her nursing background, she has become actively involved with Allentown Volunteer Reserve Medical Corps. Her most recent experiences with that organization include spending many hours at the Covid Vaccine Clinics and working with the Iron Pigs Charities.

Donna and her family have been frequent ABE patrons as they travel to her condo in Florida via Allegiant.

As any true “senior”, she fills up her spare time going out for lunch, playing games like canasta and bingo, doing crossword puzzles, and watching the Hallmark Channel.