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Check-in Before Takeoff!

A Courtyard by Marriott is landing at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in 2027.

Joined by legislative and regional leaders, Airport officials hosted an official groundbreaking ceremony earlier this month.

"We're focused on making ABE a travel hub that serves a significant role in economic development for the Lehigh Valley. Make no mistake, this hotel not only elevates the service to airport customers but expands lodging options for tourists," said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA).

Among the amenities at the 145-room hotel will be a bar/lounge, meeting space, fitness center, business center, onsite laundry, and an outdoor seating area.

As part of an Airport Master Plan Study Update, a review of ABE's regional context revealed the lack of available hotel capacity along the Airport Road corridor. Marriott International saw an opportunity.

"We know this market very well. A Courtyard by Marriott speaks to that person who's staying, one, two, or three nights. The airport location is a really good fit for that brand," said Tom Reese, Area Vice President of Lodging Development.

Thank you to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for supporting this project with a \$1-million grant from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP).



Nonstop to:

- Denver (DEN)
- Fort Lauderdale (FLL)
- Melbourne (MLB)
- Myrtle Beach (MYR)
- Nashville (BNA)
- Orlando (MCO)
- Orlando Sanford (SFB)
- Punta Gorda (PGD)
- Sarasota (SRQ)
- St. Petersburg (PIE)



Nonstop to:

- Charlotte (CLT)
- Philadelphia (PHL)



Nonstop to:

- Atlanta (ATL)



Nonstop to:

- Chicago (ORD)
- Newark (EWR)



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FLYER FEEDBACK - "I HAVE BEEN FLYING OUT OF ABE SINCE MOVING TO ALLENTOWN 3 YEARS AGO, I HAVE TO SAY, IT'S THE BEST SECRET OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY. IF YOU AREN'T USING ABE FOR YOUR FLIGHTS, YOU NEED TO RETHINK YOUR TRIPS TO PHL OR EWR! I THINK I'VE FLOWN 8 -10 TIMES AT THIS AIRPORT NOW AND NOT ONCE WAS THERE A WAIT AT SECURITY, NO DELAYS, SEVERAL EATERIES AVAILABLE, CONVENIENT IN/OUT, CELL PHONE CHARGING STATIONS, CELL PHONE WAITING LOT." - J C JR



Still one of the best!

For a second straight year, Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) is ranked among the "Best Small Airports" in the country by Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards.

"Receiving this recognition on a national stage in 2024 and 2025, reaffirms the success of our efforts to enhance customer services and amenities which helps us maintain a first-class passenger experience throughout the entire airport journey." said Thomas R. Stoudt, Executive Director, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority.



Making Travel Easier

Credential Authentication Technology (CAT-2) is now available at ABE.

CAT-2 was deployed by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at ABE in April. This technology captures a real-time photo that is used to verify a traveler's identity based on their Real ID compliant document. Once verified, the traveler can proceed through TSA screening without displaying their boarding pass.



Return of Denver and Nashville

Non-stop flights to Denver International Airport (DEN) and Nashville International Airport (BNA) on board Allegiant Air returned on May 22nd. We celebrated the occasion with signature cookies for passengers in the Concourse.

Both are seasonal destinations from ABE with Denver concluding in October, while Nashville wraps up in December. Visit flyabe.com to book your next trip.



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Don't forget your Real ID!
Visit flyabe.com to find a full list of compliant documents.



Welcome Aboard!

The dream of flying can become a reality!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) and The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties hosted approximately (30) families during Wings for All®.

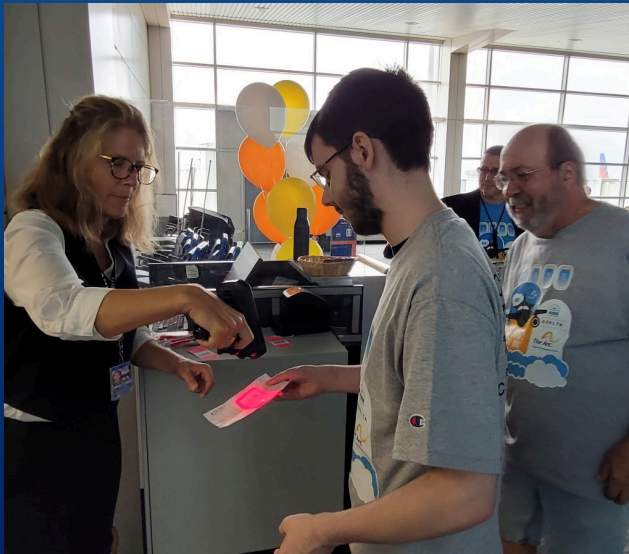
This trademarked program of The Arc of the United States, delivers a one-of-a-kind travel experience for individuals with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"We've heard stories from families that haven't seen grandparents or loved ones in over a decade because the air travel process seemed overwhelming. Giving them a full-dress rehearsal creates comfort which ultimately might open the possibility for booking a flight," said Lisa Musselman, CEO, The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

The Wings for All® itinerary at ABE includes:

- Check-in at the ticket counter
- Security screening by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
- Boarding a Delta Airlines/Endeavor aircraft
- Tour of the Sensory Room located in the Lower Level Concourse
- Depart the aircraft and enjoy refreshments during a special reception

Thank you to Delta Airlines/Endeavor for providing the staff and aircraft for this event.



In Your Community

Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority (LNAA) representatives, Marcy Wowk, Passenger Services Manager, and Paula Bonstein, Customer Experience Manager along with Cinde Monsam, American Airlines Station Manager (ABE) were featured speakers during the Empower: Traveling with a Disability Program at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital.

They shared the many amenities provided by Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) to make travel easier including the Hidden Disability Sunflower Program, wheelchair and luggage assistance, TSA Cares Program, and provided insight regarding airline policies and procedures.



It's time for work!

Take Your Child to Work Day had a seasonal theme "Summer is Coming!"

Seventeen (17) children enjoyed their tour through the world of aviation which included a stop at Hangar 7 to sit in a private jet provided by Scott Richards Aviation; then they jetted over to the Maintenance Department for a close-up view of the large snow-removal vehicles used to keep the runways clear during winter, and finally landed at the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Station (ARFF) for an airport fire-truck demonstration.

Before departure, the kids enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Wawa, and a visit from five of our C.O.P.E. dogs to end the day. We hope to see you next year!



Mosser Makeover!

Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) completed a Mosser Makeover in this year's Volunteer Challenge presented by the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley.

Mosser Elementary School had an immediate need to replace the sound system and freshen up the walls in their auditorium, to generate more school spirit.

During multiple work sessions, the LNAA Maintenance Department added corkboard strips that were requested to hang student art projects. Additionally, Husky paw prints (representing the official Mosser mascot) were painted by LNAA staff and a new sound system was installed to enhance future school events.

Thank you to all our volunteers and the wonderful team at Mosser Elementary!





Employee Spotlight



Patrick Barnes (Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting)

Patrick Barnes became a member of the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Department (ARFF) at Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) in 2002 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011.

Beyond the required FAA Part 139 mandatory training for airport responsibilities, Patrick has attended additional educational sessions pertaining to aircraft firefighting, hazardous materials, vehicle rescue, structural firefighting, incident command and safety, and terrorism response.

He also provides CPR and First Aid training to LNAA employees throughout the year.

Patrick is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and he has served as a part-time firefighter with the Borough of Wilson Fire Department since 1992.

A Lehigh Valley native, he is married with two sons. Patrick enjoys riding his motorcycle, playing his drums, gardening, playing sports, exercising, and passionately rooting for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

Volunteer Spotlight



Canine Corner – Jane Mann & Zora (C.O.P.E. Volunteers)

Jane Mann and Zora have been members of the Airport's C.O.P.E. Program (Canines Offering Passengers Encouragement) since 2019.

Since being a puppy, Zora showed her excitement for serving the community. She averages about sixty-five (65) therapy visits each year.

By 14 months old, she was a certified Therapy Dog. When she is not busy visiting the airport, Zora likes to play ball in her yard and keeps her little brother in line.

SUMMER TRAVEL CHECKLIST:

- Don't forget your Real ID compliant document for TSA processing.
- Give yourself extra time.
- Visit [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) or [@askTSA](https://twitter.com/askTSA) with any general questions.
- Children under 18 years old aren't required to provide ID when traveling in the U.S.
- Aircraft boarding begins 30 to 45 minutes prior to departure.
- Double-check all carry-on bags to ensure there aren't any prohibited items.
- Checked bags will not be accepted less than 30 minutes before departure.
- AAA says that flexibility is "key" to purchasing cheaper airfares and booking flights on Tuesday or Wednesday can provide more affordable options.