



BOROUGH OF  
**LEWISBURG**  
PENNSYLVANIA

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**“Proclamation Recognizing the 2026 Bison Outdoor Classic”**

WHEREAS, the annual Bison Outdoor Classic hosted by Bucknell University brings together student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans from across the region and nation, transforming Lewisburg into a vibrant center of athletic excellence, community pride, and shared celebration; and

WHEREAS, the Bucknell Track and Field program continues to exemplify a proud tradition of excellence, discipline, and sportsmanship, representing the Borough of Lewisburg with distinction and integrity both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, the student-athletes who compete in the Bison Outdoor Classic embody the very best of what sport can offer—perseverance in the face of challenge, commitment to something greater than oneself, and the daily pursuit of growth—balancing rigorous academic demands with the pursuit of athletic excellence; and

WHEREAS, behind every performance is a network of support—coaches who guide, families who encourage, and fans who show up—whose belief and energy fuel the spirit of competition and strengthen the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, this year’s competition shines a light on student-athletes who have not only met expectations but surpassed them, including Evelyn Bliss, a native of Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, whose journey from a small rural community to the national and international stage reflects the very best of our Commonwealth and reminds us that greatness can grow from anywhere; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Bliss has distinguished herself as one of the nation’s top javelin throwers, earning All-America honors, capturing the 2025 United States Women’s Javelin National Championship, and securing medals on the international stage, all while representing Team USA—demonstrating that talent nurtured in Pennsylvania’s small towns can rise to meet the world; and

WHEREAS, her continued record-breaking performances and unwavering determination serve as an inspiration to young people across the Susquehanna River Valley and beyond, affirming that with opportunity, hard work, and the support of a community, local beginnings can lead to extraordinary achievement; and

WHEREAS, events such as the Bison Outdoor Classic strengthen the bond between Bucknell University and the Borough of Lewisburg, highlighting the power of a thriving town-gown relationship and the role of athletics in fostering connection, pride, and shared economic and cultural vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kendy Alvarez, Mayor of the Borough of Lewisburg, do hereby recognize and celebrate the 2026 Bison Outdoor Classic, and commend the Bucknell Track and Field team, all participating student-athletes, coaches, families, and fans for their contributions to a tradition of excellence, inspiration, and community spirit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Borough of Lewisburg to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

Kendy Alvarez  
Mayor, Borough of Lewisburg  
April 21, 2026