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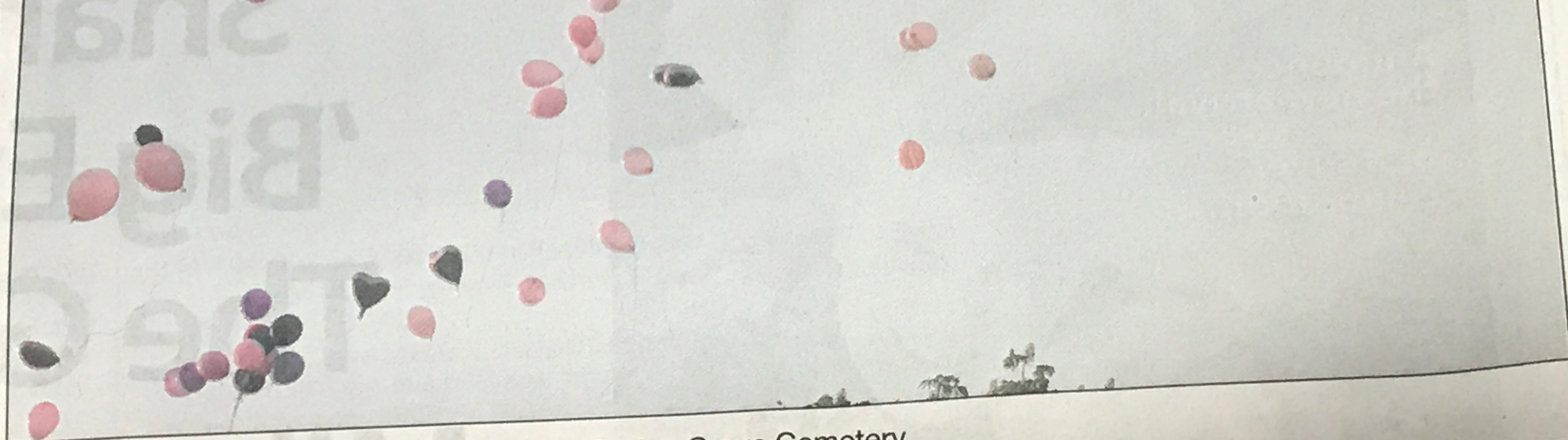
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Purple and pink balloons dot the sky above Spring Grove Cemetery.

Guilford considers NEXUS grant

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GUILFORD TWP. — Township trustees are looking into applying for a grant provided by NEXUS Gas Transmission, which wants to build a pipeline that would run through Guilford.

NEXUS spokesman Adam Parker said in an email Wednesday afternoon that the grant program was established "to benefit the communities along the pipeline route in Ohio and Michigan."

The program, Parker added, focuses on education, workforce development, community vitality and environmental stew-

ardship and applications are reviewed "on a regular basis."

The proposed \$2 billion, 36-inch in diameter pipeline would transport natural gas from Columbiana County in eastern Ohio to Michigan and then a hub in Canada.

A natural gas compressor station also is proposed to be built on agricultural land at 8707 Guilford Road.

Fiscal Officer Ray Ruprecht informed trustees at their Tuesday meeting that he has started to fill out an grant application online. He explained there is no estimated time frame for when money might

be awarded or how much, but noted the grants are "first come, first serve."

"We might as well get money out of" NEXUS if they intend on building in the township, Trustee Bob Rohrer said.

Seville-Guilford Fire Chief Jerry Winkler told trustees that nearby communities have been awarded grants:

- Sterling Fire Department, \$40,000;
- Rittman Fire Department, \$20,000;
- Rittman EMS, \$20,000.;
- Doylestown Police Department, \$20,000.

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