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Berks' Bravest Appointed to Military Hall Of Fame

The Berks County Board of Commissioners recently appointed two veterans for posthumous induction into the county's Military Hall of Fame: Staff Sergeant Wayne Miller, formerly of Fleetwood, and General Carl Spaatz, formerly of Boyertown.

In recognition of their valor and achievement, the Board of Commissioners annually honors local veterans who distinguish themselves heroically. Nominations are submitted each year to the Department of Veterans Affairs by numerous Veterans groups in Berks County.

The names of the two newest members will be added to a permanent display at the Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs, which,
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We spotted this elusive **White-Tailed Buck**, above, strolling through the forest in late October. Nature photographers, please email your photos to berksnews@comcast.net and we'll print them in an upcoming issue.

Berks County Conservation District News

Berks County Conservation District board members heard several reports from area agricultural leaders about activities around the county at their October 30 meeting.

"We had a very successful farm tour this year of six area farms," said Sheila Miller, agricultural coordinator. "We took two busloads of inner-city Reading school kids with us and they had a great time, learning about agriculture, so it was very worthwhile."

Berks Agricultural Resource Network (BARN) is a non-profit organization that promotes agriculture. Each year, BARN offers a tour of agri-businesses and farms, within a certain region of Berks County.

On October 19, 2013, the following farms and businesses in the East Penn Valley region were featured in the tour: Giorgi Mushroom Company, Kutztown Produce Auction, Kirchenberg Farm, and Schuler Farms LLC, all of Fleetwood; Corner View Farm, Kutztown; and Colonial Farms, Lyons.

Miller said the program cost several thousand dollars to develop but they "broke even," thanks to local businesses, opting to support the production of a full-color 18-page brochure with paid advertisements, which was handed out to all the par-

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346-Unit Self-Storage Facility Proposed in Upper Tulpehocken

The Upper Tulpehocken (C-3) zoning district, which, doesn't allow for warehousing activities," C. Bruce Heilman, Systems Design Engineering, Leesport, said at the October 15 meeting.

He informed the board that the property owners, John and Renee Delong, appealed the decision, and a zoning hearing meeting was then set for October 29.

After reviewing the preliminary plans, supervisors expressed concerns

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Pat Garrett Entertains Crowd at Fort Inn



Monday night patrons of open mic night at the Fort Inn were recently treated to a good, old-fashioned Berks County guitar pull.

On October 28, talented local musicians performed original songs and country music icon and legend Pat Garrett

even stopped by, offering the crowd a free impromptu concert.

With his rich, baritone voice, Garrett played a few original favorites, including "Over the Hill" and "Young and Beautiful," as well as several songs from his newest CD *CountryVersal Tunes*.

"We do this every Monday night," says Mike Corso, manager and bartender, The Indian Fort Inn, 1343 Hex Highway (Old Rt. 22), Hamburg. "We never really know who's going to stop by."

Other acoustic performances included the
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Congratulations to Tulpehocken High School girls soccer team (above) for their recent victory in the District 3-A Championships at Hersheypark Stadium. Photograph above by Glenn Riegel www.GRiegelPhoto.com

Family Fun Day At Golden Age Air Museum Oct. 19 & 20



The Golden Age Air Museum, Grimes Airfield, Bethel, held a family fun day on October 19 and 20. Activities included an aerial pumpkin bombing contest, vintage aircraft displays, demonstration fly-bys, vintage automobiles, radio controlled aircraft, and biplane rides. Established in 1997, the mission of the museum is to entertain visitors and educate them about the early days of aviation. Biplane rides of 15, 30, or 60 minutes are offered year-round. As a non-profit organization, the museum operates through donations, admission fees, and membership donations. For more information please visit www.goldenageair.org or call 717-933-9566.



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From the Editor

Hello. My name is Amy Beres, editor and publisher of Berks News. I've been married to my husband Jeff for almost 20 years and we have two sons and a daughter, with our oldest son attending college at RACC. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve Northern Berks County with a good, quality community newspaper that condenses local news into one monthly issue.

If I seem familiar, chances are we've met before. I've been covering municipal and school district meetings in Berks County for over a year now. In September 2012, I was hired as an independent contractor to cover meetings for the daily Reading, PA newspaper, and in January 2013, I was brought in-house to serve part-time as the obituary coordinator, in addition to covering meetings.

But I soon learned that focusing on death every day can really put one's life into perspective. I believe I did my job well and I enjoyed getting to know all of the funeral directors and their staff, but I realized my time could be much better spent out in the community, among the living. So, after much prayer and soul searching, *Berks News* became the answer.

Although launching a

community newspaper might seem like a daunting task, I actually have over 10 years of experience in how this works. In 2003, I launched a monthly newspaper in my Montgomery County hometown, known as *The Collegeville Way*. But



after a work-related move brought our family North in mid 2005, just over the Berks County line, we let the duties fall to extended family members, who still own and operate it today.

In 2007, I launched *Lake News*, a monthly publication that served a private community in Schuylkill County. We made a good run of it for a few years, but unfortunately, although many appreciated our coverage, it became unprofitable.

I never thought I'd launch a third newspaper, but as they say, "the third time is the charm," so here I am, with the inception of *Berks News*. I hope to incorporate everything I've learned over the years, while continuing to build and foster strong relationships of trust. I believe increasing the news coverage of the region, while offering personal service and affordable advertising rates, will prove to be a formula for success, for many years to come.

Sincerely, Amy Beres

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Mull Funeral Home, Womelsdorf, Will Be There In Your Time of Need

Selecting a funeral home in the event of a loved one's death is not something most people want to think about. However, when it happens, Kerry A. Mull, owner and director of Mull Funeral Home, Womelsdorf, will be there in your time of need.

"I'm really just a regular guy doing a job that needs tending to," Mull says.

He graduated from Oley Area High School in 1986 and worked for over 10 years in management at Weis Markets.

"At that time, I prided myself on customer service," says Mull.

But in 1997, his grandfather, Elmer Riegel passed away, which marked a turning point in Mull's life. Throughout the process of dealing with the loss and working closely with his grandfather's friend and former classmate, Irvin Kirkhoff, he decided to

work toward his certification, upon Kirkhoff's suggestion that he would be a good fit for the job. Two years later, in 1999, he was officially licensed by the state. He first worked for Christman's Funeral Home, Lebanon, and then for Lamm & Witman Funeral Home, in Wernersville, and Hill Funeral Home, Rehrersburg, before working as an independent funeral director, assisting multiple funeral homes throughout the area, when needed.

In January 2008, he purchased the Hetrick Funeral Home, 27 East High Street, Womelsdorf, upon the retirement of George M. Hetrick Jr., who operated the business since 1975. He now operates in the same building under the name Mull Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

"I really try to exceed

expectations and provide unequalled, personal service," says Mull.

The primary objective of our job is to help families select meaningful arrangements that reflect their own personal traditions and beliefs, says Mull. Sensitivity to people's needs and wishes in their time of grief, while providing an environment of comfort and privacy, are often key factors.

"I am always inspired by his passionate care for the families he helps and the dignity and respect he holds for those who have died," says The Rev. June E. Bair, Zion Lutheran Church, Womelsdorf. "I know my church members are in good hands when I refer them to the Mull Funeral Home. I find Kerry's passion for his work, as well as the passion he has for his community, to be refreshing. The Mull Funeral Home and Kerry Mull are wonderful assets to Womelsdorf."

On a personal level, Mull and his wife, Heidi, strive to be as involved in their community as they



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Conrad Weiser School District News

School Board Hears East Elementary Presentation; Also Adopts Electronic Device & Relationships Policies

The Conrad Weiser school board heard a presentation October 16 about school-wide conduct expectations demonstrated by nine students from East Elementary School (below), under the direction of Principal Janet Heilman.

"Scouts are focused, cooperative, follow directions, own their actions and words, and conduct themselves responsibly," the students said, collectively.

After the students each recited their own individual parts, Mrs. Heilman showed the board a power point presentation on expected school-wide behavior, set to an original song "East Elementary Expectations," written and composed by Steve Long.

In other business, the school board adopted a new electronic device policy, which states that any device with the capacity to capture and transmit photographs, audio recordings or video data, is prohibited in locker rooms, bathrooms, health suites, and

changing areas.

Since "such violations may constitute a crime under state and/or federal law, the district may report such conduct to state and/or federal law enforcement agencies," the policy states in part.

The school board also approved a new policy regarding relationships between adults and students, which specifies guidelines as to appropriate and inappropriate contact.

"If we see something that doesn't seem right, we need to speak up," said board member Mark D. Leidich.

Board President Margaret G. Rumbaugh agreed but said she was concerned as to how a student might distinguish between an adult being helpful and an adult being predatory.

"We need to be vigilant and careful but at the same time not paint everyone with the same brush," she said.

The full policy is available on the district's website.

Under public comment,

resident William Sheeler expressed concerns over the absence of a contract settlement, after 15 months, between the teacher's union and the school board.

"We've had 19 discussions in 660 days and I'm hoping the negotiations can continue to move forward," said Sheeler. "I'm not throwing stones at either side but these discussions need to continue in the best interest of the students and the taxpayers."

Sheeler encouraged the board to take a closer look at benefits packages for district employees and teacher's union members. He also described the majority of district residents as hard working people "many of whom have suffered cost of living increases and economic hardships" over the years.

President Rumbaugh thanked Sheeler for his thoughts and his time. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

— Amy Beres



Bethel Township News... Local Police Commended For Good Work

The Bethel Township board of supervisors had a visitor from the state police at their October 21 meeting.

Corporal Michael D. Pavelko, Troop L Hamburg, commended Bethel Township police for their work in conjunction with the state police, especially over the past few months, he said, citing four deadly accidents in the area and other incidents that required cooperation between the two entities.

"Our philosophy is to employ the team approach and work together, which, cannot always be done with every municipality," said Corporal Pavelko. "But your township has very professional officers and we really do enjoy working together with them."

Chairman Randall Haag thanked Corporal Pavelko for his words.

"I've seen a lot of positive responses between our department and the state police," said Haag.

In other business, the board approved a request by Police Chief Aaron Ogden to look into the purchase of a new police vehicle and obtain some prices. After some discussion, the general consensus among board members favored the purchase of an SUV.

The board also authorized the purchase and installation of a back-up generator for the township buildings at a total cost of \$9,552.58, from Schlegel Electrical Mechanical, Womelsdorf.

Under the police report, Chief Ogden warned against the increase of fraudulent phone scams.

"We've had a lot of reports of scams, with people calling residents, trying to gain identity in-

formation," said Chief Ogden. "Don't give out any personal information over the phone," he warned, "especially birthdates or social security numbers."

Chief Ogden also reported an increase in drug-related arrests and he warned residents to be on the look-out for any suspicious activities.

A township resident asked about reactivating the neighborhood crime watch effort and Secretary Jayne Seifrit said she would post any future crime watch meeting dates on the township's site www.betheltwp.org.

Budget discussion meeting dates were set for November 12 and 14 at 6:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled township meeting is November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

— Amy Beres

Don't see coverage of your municipality in Berks News? We're making the rounds!

Many Berks County municipalities/school districts meet on the same night each month. If we don't get to your meeting, public information from an official representative can be emailed to berksnews@comcast.net and we'll put it in our next issue. There is no charge for this, however, all content is subject to editing and space.

Conservation District News cont'd

ticipants. (Advertisers included Giorgi Mushroom Co., Weaver's Hardware Store, Gianotti's Ristorante, Eshelman Transportation, Inc., Fulton Bank, RER Energy Group, Hartman Shurr, Redners Warehouse Markets, F.M. Brown's Sons Inc., Susquehanna Bank, Senator Judy Schwank, Manatawny Creek Winery, Kurtz Performance LLC, Gauker Farms, Straw Artist Linda Beiler, and Kathy Barry Agency, in no particular order).

"We had a very successful outreach to the non-farm community on what is good about agriculture and where their food comes from," said Miller (see pg. 19 for full color photos). "There's generally a huge disconnect between those of us who grow the food and those who consume it."

According to Miller and the BARN brochure, Berks County has nearly 2000 farms, averaging 112 acres each. Farmers in Berks County are leaders in crop and livestock production, ranking in the top ten in the state for grain, fruits, berries, nuts, nursery and greenhouse crops, Christmas trees, hay, poultry and eggs, cattle, milk and dairy products from cows, hogs, and horses. For more information visit www.berksag.net.

Miller also announced there were two upcoming holiday markets on December 6 and 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the city of Reading on Penn Street.

Two waterways conservation officers from the southeast region of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission were also present at the October 30 meeting.

"The results are in from our joint partnership with the Cabela's "fish for millions" program," announced Officer Chase D. Rhoades. "If you're not familiar with the program, they tag some fish and put them in various lakes across 13 participating states."

"The top prize given out in Pennsylvania was for a largemouth bass that was caught out on Keystone Lake, Keystone State Park, where some lucky guy won a \$60,000 Ranger Bass Boat just for catching one fish," said Rhoades. "That wasn't a bad day of fishing."

Blue Marsh Lake is also one of the 12 Pennsylvania contest waters for the fish for millions program, said Officer John V. Sabaitis, also adding that Pennsylvania contin-

ues to be the top participant state in the program for anglers.

According to www.cabelasfishformillions.com the only person from Berks County who won anything was a man named "Kevin S," who caught a tagged fish at Blue Marsh Lake on June 22, 2013 and won a \$100 Cabela's gift card.

In other business, the board approved two nutrient management plans: Kervin Weaver, 55.7 acres, Richmond Township, for 63,000 broilers (chickens bred and raised specifically for meat production); and Clair Martin, 68.6 acres, Richmond Township, also for 63,000 broilers.

The board also accepted a motion to amend the nutrient management plan of Oscar Manbeck, 688 acres, Bethel Township, for 7,100 hogs. The board approved the removal of the nutrient management plan for Kenneth Sanner, Greenwich Twp, 110 acres, for 60 steer. The board also acknowledged conservation plans from the Davis farm, Upper Tulpehocken Twp, 41.5 acres; and from Charles Hoffman, Washington Twp, 11.3 acres. A discussion also took place about a lack of communication among various groups in Berks County.

"There are a lot of great environmental education opportunities in Berks County," District Executive Dan Greig said. "However, there is no one group that's coordinating all the efforts."

He went on to explain how one nearby municipality recently held a bat conservation program, yet at the same time, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Blue Marsh Lake held a similar program.

"I just think there's a wealth of benefits and cost savings to be had by all the organizations if there was more cooperation and coordination," he said. "It's not something that's going to be solved overnight but it's something I believe we ought to keep on the radar." Greig suggested the conservation district, the county, the conservancy, or a possible steering committee could also fill this gap.

In other business, Greig announced he would present a draft of the upcoming annual budget at the next November 27 board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

—By Amy Beres

Pat Garrett Entertains Crowd...

distinct, textured voice of Jeremiah James, the "next big star" according to Garrett; the unwavering, deep vocals of Jarred Heckart, Strausstown; the soulful, tenor voice and harmonica-playing skills of Byron Winchester, Auburn (below); the highly-entertaining antics of Rich Machamer, of Centerport (far right); the hypnotizing and beautiful tones of Bob Leiby, Schuylkill County (below); and the mixed rock and folk sound of Slade Everett (right, below), an incredible one-handed guitar player and drummer.

"If you're going to do something, you ought to commit to it," Garrett said,



Byron Winchester, above; Bob Leiby, below (Byron & Bob have also written/recorded songs together under "Geezer Nation" visit www.facebook.com/pages/Geezer-Nation-Music/374435749235380 for info.



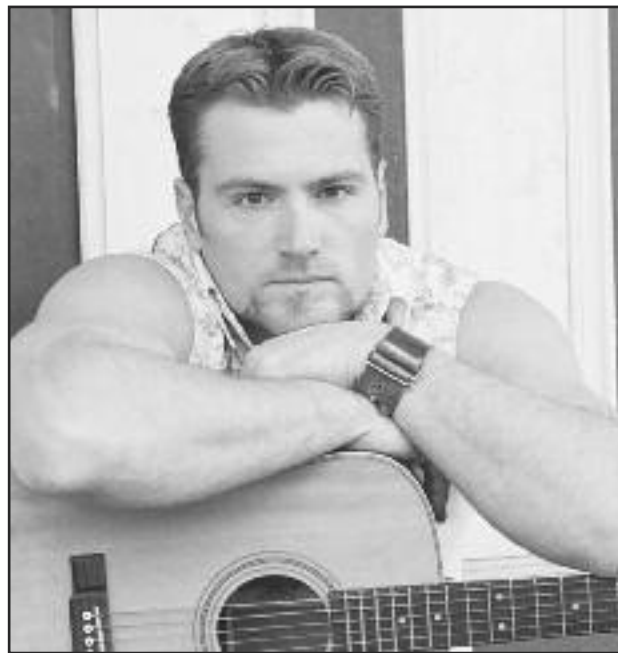
during his time at the microphone, while telling a story about advice he offered Taylor Swift's father, several years ago.

But his words also adequately described the sentiment felt among the talented musicians.

"A musician is someone who loads \$25,000 worth of equipment into a \$5000 car and drives 100 miles to a \$50 gig," said Machamer, who sang several humorous songs, including "Thank God for the Dollar Store" and "My Get Up and Go, Got Up and Went."

Garrett's heartfelt and passionate performance was almost spiritual. In addition to singing multiple originals, he sang "You Are My Sunshine, as well as energetic renditions of "Jailhouse Rock" and "Hunk of Burning Love."

He also received a big round of applause after performing the hit "Let 'Em Smoke," a humor-



Jeremiah James, above



Rich Machamer, above



Jarred Heckart, above

Fort Inn Open Mic Night

ous song from his newest CD about marijuana legalization.

The Fort Inn offered a pleasing variety of menu items in a cozy, yet spacious setting, with friendly, courteous, and attentive service.

Some creative and tasty features on the menu included Butternut Squash soup, Crabmeat Poppers with Cajun remoulade, Pumpkin Harvest Ravioli, and Whiskey Tarragon Delmonico.

Delicious hot wings for just \$5 are a Monday night special and other regular items include steak, chicken, seafood, pasta dishes, all with homemade sauces; burgers and sandwiches. Visit www.theindianfort-inn.com for more information or visit their facebook site by typing "Indian Fort Inn" in the search box. Also, visit www.patgarrett.com or www.jeremiahjames.biz or [facebook.com/SladeEverettMusic](https://www.facebook.com/SladeEverettMusic) for upcoming events.

Slade Everett, below



Pat Garrett, below



ing events.

You can also search facebook and youtube for Byron Winchester, Jarred Heckart, and Bob Leiby.

Jarred will play on November 9 at 9:00 p.m. at the Shoemakersville Fire Company with the band *Sea Foam Green*. Byron and Jarred will play November 22 at Cigars International, Hamburg.

Please visit websites listed for other events and information.

—By Amy Beres



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December Vendors Invited/Needed For Penn Street Market On December 6 and 13

Vendors of holiday items, crafts, and food are invited to join Berks County Christmas tree grower, Jeremy Freymoyer, the first two Fridays in December for the annual outdoor farmers market in the 800 block of Penn Street. Reading.

Berks County Agricultural Coordinator Sheila Miller, who organizes this event, encourages non-profits, religious organizations, and local businesses to join in the fun at no cost.

"Vendors will need to register and bring their own tables," she noted. "It is a great way to make some money right before the holidays."

Returning for the third year in a row are local restaurants Callowhill Café and Chapman's Deli. They will be selling lunch items on December 6th and 13th, respectively, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Regular Penn Street Market vendors also plan to participate. Josefin's Bakery is planning to participate with their tasty Dominican-style pastries.

Michelle Lorah's Perk Up Truck will also be on

hand, serving up hot and cold beverages.

Sarah Ann Stewart will be selling new and vintage jewelry.

Manor at Market Square will be participat-

just released."

Customers will be able to purchase real Christmas trees, wreaths, window swags and garland on Friday, December 6th and 13th.



ing in this year's Holiday Market, handing out candy canes and selling cookies. All proceeds from their sales will go to Toys for Tots, according to activities director Rick Knerr.

"Other guest vendors are welcome to join us," said Miller. "We are hoping to have volunteers from the Farm Women Society selling Christmas cookies and their new cook book, which was

The open-air farmers market is located across from the Manor at Market Square.

For more information about becoming a vendor or shopping at the market, please contact Sheila Miller, Berks County Agricultural Coordinator, by calling 610-898-5482 or via email smiller@countyof-berks.com; or you can visit www.pennstreet-market.org.

Tulpehocken Township Supervisors Approve New Police Car

Tulpehocken Township board of supervisors voted unanimously October 14 to approve the municipal lease purchase of a new police patrol car, opting for the 2014 Chevy Caprice.

“The 2005 Ford that we’re going to replace has over 180,000 miles on it and the repairs are really starting to nickel and dime us,” said Police Chief Kris T. Kerschner.

Chief Kerschner presented the board with three all-equipped price quotes, including the 2014 Chevy Caprice for \$33,418; 2014 Ford Taurus for \$33,909, and the 2014 Dodge Charger for \$33,909. He told Chairman Gary Deck there would be a six-month waiting period, after Mr. Deck asked how soon it would be available.

Supervisor John Zimmerman asked if every-

thing was included in those prices and Kerschner confirmed the prices included all additional equipment, such as the cage, the lighting, and the extra console.

“The only thing you’ll have to do is the stripping,” said Kerschner, which he estimated to be about \$1500.

Under new business, the board authorized Chairman Deck to sign the maintenance and improvement agreements, as well as the storm water maintenance agreement, submitted by the future Mt. Aetna Mennonite School. The school will be built at 9110 Woleber Road by Weaverland Mennonite Schools, which currently operates 13 schools under its own charter.

For the same project, the board also authorized the chairman to

sign the agreement for the purchase of sewer EDU’s and accept the tapping fees in the amount of \$5,890.56.

Also under new business, Bert Nye, of Red Barn Consulting, Lancaster, presented preliminary plans to the board on behalf of Larry Dean Martin for a proposed agricultural broiler poultry operation to be built on a 115.36 acre tract of land off of Gravel Pit Road, which is currently owned by Robert and Janice Conner. Nye presented the initial plans in order to request a zoning district and boundary change, which would allow Martin to move forward and officially submit plans.

“The applicant is willing to work with the township and his goal is to be a farmer,” said Nye, stating further how

Mr. Martin went door-to-door and personally spoke with about 12 of the neighboring property owners. The board set a date for a public zoning hearing meeting to be held December 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Under public comment, Mr. Anthony Wenger of Wintersville Road, asked whether or not the township planned to fix or grade the side of the road adjacent to his property. He said there was a 6-inch ledge between his property and the roadway.

“I can’t cut the grass without the mower tipping over,” he said. The supervisors agreed to look at it, along with Road Master Lester Feick.

The next Tulpehocken Township meeting is November 11 at 7 p.m.

— Amy Beres

Mull Funeral Home, cont’d...

can. Heidi works full-time for Goodwill Keystone Area, which serves 22 counties in central and southeastern Pennsylvania, but they hold memberships in several area fire companies and historical societies.

Mull serves on the board of the Womelsdorf Union Cemetery Association and is a member of the Berks County Association for Graveyard Preservation, as well as the Tulpehocken Settle-

ment Historical Society.

He’s a self-professed history buff, with deep genealogical roots in the German heritage and culture of Berks County. He’s also an accordion player and longtime member of the German folk dance group Auerhahn Schuhplattler Verein based in Oley.

For more information visit www.mullfh.com or call 610-589-2821.

— Amy Beres

Hunter Education Spots Still Available

There are still a few open seats available across the Commonwealth in hunter education courses offered by the Pennsylvania State Game Commission. But act quickly, since most are already filled.

Pennsylvania Hunter-Trapper Education (HTE) is a six-hour training class required by law for all hunters, regardless of age. After taking the class, a certification exam must be passed before a hunting license can be purchased. An independent-study version of the course is also offered by the game commission, with test-taking dates scheduled at various locations as well.

When *Berks News* went to print, there were still spaces available in an independent-study HTE class at the Bethel Township Community Center, on Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Travel outside Berks County will be necessary for all other hunter education classes at this time. Registration for all courses can be completed online via the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s site www.pgc.state.pa.us.

In his October 25, 2013 field officer report, Berks County Wildlife Conservation Officer Eric Anderson reminded everyone to check the orange regulations.

“Some hunters have been cited for not wearing the required amount of orange while moving or sitting,” he said. “When in doubt, always wear more than you need to. No one has been cited for wearing too much.”

Fall turkey hunting began statewide November 2 but is closed in Wildlife Management Areas 5B and 5C (the two main areas in Berks County). It runs in Wildlife Management Area 4C (northernmost area of Berks and north into Schuylkill County) from November 2 – 22 and November 28 – 30.

Archery black bear season opens statewide November 18 – 22. Regular firearms bear season runs from November 23 – 27. In WMU 4C, black bear season also runs from December 4 – 7, and in WMU 5B and 5C, from December 2 – 14.

Archery deer season ends November 16 statewide, and begins again December 26. Firearms deer season opens statewide December 2.

In 2012, Pennsylvania hunters harvested 3,632 black bears altogether, which ranked as the third highest in the state’s history. In Berks County, seven black bears were harvested in 2012, and just two were harvested in 2011.



Albright College Presents International Film Series

The Center for the Arts at Albright College will continue its international film series with screenings in November and December.

The films will be shown on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., in Klein Lecture Hall, in the Campus Center. The series concludes on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., with the Albright Student and Berks County Film/Video Show, a sampling of some of the best film and video recently produced by Albright students and local Berks County filmmakers. The event is sponsored by the Albright Cinema Club.

Nov. 12: The Loneliest Planet (2011). The story of a young couple who take a guided backpacking trip in the summer before their wedding. But a momentary misstep threatens to undo everything the couple believed about each other and themselves.

Nov. 19: Inland Empire (2006). David Lynch follows up the success of his critically-acclaimed 2001 fea-

ture, *Mulholland Drive*, with this dark mystery, shot on a handheld Sony digital video recorder. It is the tale of an actress whose personality becomes increasingly fragmented as she delves ever deeper into her work for a high-profile filmmaker.

Dec. 3: The House by the Cemetery (1981). A cult horror film by director Lucio Fulci. When the Boyle family temporarily moves into a mansion near Boston so the father can conduct research, the son starts seeing the ghost of a young girl and eventually discovers a terrible secret – a certain Dr. Freudstein has been hanging out there since 1879.

The film series is open to the public. Admission is free for Albright students, faculty and staff. The fee for the general public is \$3 per film or \$15 for a semester pass. To purchase a pass, call the Box Office at 610-921-7547. For more information, visit albright.edu/centerforthearts.

Albright College Board of Trustees Approves Slate of Officers

At its October meeting, the Albright College Board of Trustees approved a new slate of officers to serve a two-year term, from October 2013 to October 2015.



Jeffrey Joyce ’83 of Marietta, Georgia, was elected board chair; Kathleen C. Hittner, M.D., ’69 of Warwick, Rhode Island, was elected board vice chair; and Karen A. Rightmire ’69 of Reading, Pennsylvania (pictured, left) was re-appointed board secretary.

Karen A. Rightmire retired in June 2009 from her position as president of the United Way of Berks County, a position she held since 1989.

Rightmire is now the president of the Wyomissing Foundation, a private foundation established in 1926. The foundation funds a variety of nonprofit organizations and is currently focused on enhancing economic development in the core of Berks County.

In 1993, Rightmire and her husband received Distinguished Alumna and Distinguished Alumnus Awards from Albright College, and Karen is a recipient of the Jacob Albright Award. She is past chair of Albright College’s Trusteeship and Governance Committee, and she co-chaired the 2004-05 Presidential Search Committee.

She currently serves as secretary of the board and as co-vice chair of Albright’s comprehensive campaign. She is married to Albright alumnus Gary W. Rightmire ’69. They have one daughter, Meredith, who graduated from Susquehanna University, and a grandson, Colin Robert Youtz.

Heidelberg Heritage Society Open Houses Offer Look at Local History



The Lerch Tavern, above



Marionettes (above) created by the Luft Studio



Charlotte Moyer, Heidelberg Heritage Society's museum coordinator (above)



Colorful quilts and coverlets are among the displays at the Lerch Tavern (above)

Wernersville's historic Lerch Tavern, built in 1797, was the scene of a series of Open Houses sponsored in October by the Heidelberg Heritage Society.

The events welcomed visitors to view colorful exhibits and learn about their community's fascinating past.

The Heidelberg Heritage Society maintains a research library and museum at the Lerch Tavern, showcasing a wide variety of memorabilia designed to encourage interest in Wernersville and its surrounding townships, called "the Heidelbergs."

The Open Houses displayed old photograph albums, period costumes, clocks, handmade quilts, and many other interesting artifacts.

Also noteworthy were several wooden marionettes created by the Luft Studio for the 1937 opening of an expanded showroom for the local Ford dealership, the Herb Motor Company.

"My uncle, John Luft, was talented," noted Charlotte O. Moyer, the Society's museum coordinator. "He carved the marionettes, and other family members created the amazing costumes, working without patterns."

Moyer said the Lufts presented their popular marionette shows all over the Reading area, later adding music to their productions.

Nineteenth-century health resorts and hotels in the scenic South Mountain area were another highlight of Hei-



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delberg history. With names like Grand View, Preston's Sunnyside and Bynden Wood, these hostleries had a heyday in the mid-to-late 1800s.

They rivaled more famous resorts such as Saratoga Springs, New York with their outdoor pavilions and walking paths, ornate towers, and dramatic mountain views. They drew thousands of wealthy summer residents eager to escape the fumes of industry and disease-ridden cities, and enjoy fresh air, pure spring water and the promise of better health.

Socialites and celebrities — including Frederick Austerlitz, Jr., better known as Fred Astaire — arrived in style at the Wernersville train station and were driven to the resorts in hotel carriages.

As times changed and automobiles became popular, some resorts declined and others continued as hospitals and sanitariums for the treatment of nervous disorders and other ailments.

Many of the remaining buildings were bought and renovated by the nonprofit Caron Foundation, which specializes in drug and alcohol treatment programs.

The Heidelberg Heritage Society has also purchased and restored the nearby Wernersville Train Station.

Their holiday bazaar will be held on November 8 and 9, and a Christmas Tea is on Sunday, December 1, 1-4 p.m.

Other events include a Flag Day ceremony (June 14) and monthly programs.

The Lerch Tavern is located at 182 West Penn Ave., Wernersville, and is open (free of charge) by appointment.

For more information, please visit www.heidelbergheritage.org or call (610) 678-6202.

— Eleanor Lundy

OPINION Giving Thanks In All Circumstances

The name Martin Rinkart may not sound familiar to most. But he wrote the words to a hymn that many of us are familiar with — the Thanksgiving hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." And he wrote these words during a time of great uncertainty, heartache and turmoil.

Martin Rinkart was a minister who served in the walled city of Eilenburg, Saxony, during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648).

Eilenburg became an overcrowded refuge for fugitives from the surrounding area, which resulted in severe plague and famine. By 1637, Rinkart was

the only surviving pastor in the city, which meant conducting (on average) almost 50 funerals a day. Altogether, he officiated at 4480 funerals that year, including that of his wife.

But in the midst of all that suffering and hardship, Rinkart managed to write "Now Thank We All Our God" for his children to recite together at night.

Centuries later, with awareness of Rinkart's story of faith, the words that we sing this holiday can still inspire us and remind us to focus on the many blessings we do have, despite our own uncertainties and difficult circumstances.

— Amy Beres

Now Thank We All Our God By Martin Rinkart

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands
and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this
world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our
way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be
near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer
us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when per-
plexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be
given;
The Son and Him Who reigns with Them in highest
Heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heaven
adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Our Students, Our



Conrad Weiser Health and Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Linda Rachman (above), instructs students from her elective physical education class in kayaking techniques prior to their outing on Blue Marsh in September 2013.



This year’s team for the **Hamburg High School Boys Soccer program** (above) qualified for the BCIAA and District 3 tournament for the second consecutive year. From left to right, row 1: Danny Adam, Nate Parent, Andy Mendez, JR Molnar, Mason Nester, Jacob Hillbish, Connor Klang. Row 2: Coach Chad Curry, Chris Bashore, Andrew Stoever, Head Coach Chris Zalasky, Logan Adams, Gary Mendez, Coach Dave Miller. Row 3: Cole Hindenach, Damian Ulrich, Dustin Rohrbach, Zachary Loeb, Bailey Koehn, Zachary Lugo, James Essig, Chris Kummerer. Row 4: Mason Schnabel, Matthew Prince, Austin Freeman, Tyler Seidel, Neal Kerschner, Bailey Berger, Charlie Cravotta.



On October 23, **49 members of Hamburg Area’s Leadership In Student Athletes (LISA) group** (above) traveled to Tilden Elementary Center to advocate for being a person of quality character. This is the 7th consecutive year student-athletes from Hamburg Area High School conducted an assembly for elementary students in the District.

The assembly focuses on the six pillars of character as defined by the Josephson Institute Center for Youth Ethics. Those pillars are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. During

the assembly, members provide the audience with presentations relating to each pillar. Speakers this year were Nikki James and Steph Wadron (responsibility), Blake Roberts (respect), Rebecca Fritz (trustworthiness), Dustin Snyder (fairness), Matthew Prince (caring), and Brittany Ebeling (citizenship).

Each elementary student was provided a “kids for character” pledge card, which they could sign and return to their homeroom teacher. Thus, committing to being a person of quality character. In addition, elementary students attaching a paragraph relating to

what they learned from the presentations were provided free tickets for their family to attend a future varsity sporting event.

LISA meets on a monthly basis throughout the school year to discuss varying topics related to character and ethics. **The group, sponsored and resourced by The Outten Family Dealerships, will be collecting non-perishable food items at the following varsity events: wrestling 12/18, girls’ basketball 12/19 and boys’ basketball 12/21. Spectators donating 3 or more items are admitted free.**



Cindy Schaeffer, Conrad Weiser Elementary West physical education teacher (above), leads the “Walking School Bus” to school on October 9. Mrs. Schaeffer received a grant from the state in their Safe Routes to School Program. One of the goals of the grant was to make students more conscious of safe ways to walk to school. Staff and parent volunteers joined the walks, which took place throughout October, and students who participated were given incentives.



Conrad Weiser High School students Abby Stoltzfus and Samantha Walstrum make their mark on a banner as part of the “I Am Syria” campaign held on Constitution Day at the high school. Members of Katie Ciemiewicz’ Global Studies class manned a table for students to place a handprint on the banner to call attention to human rights violations in Syria and recognize how fortunate American citizens are to have freedoms/rights they do.

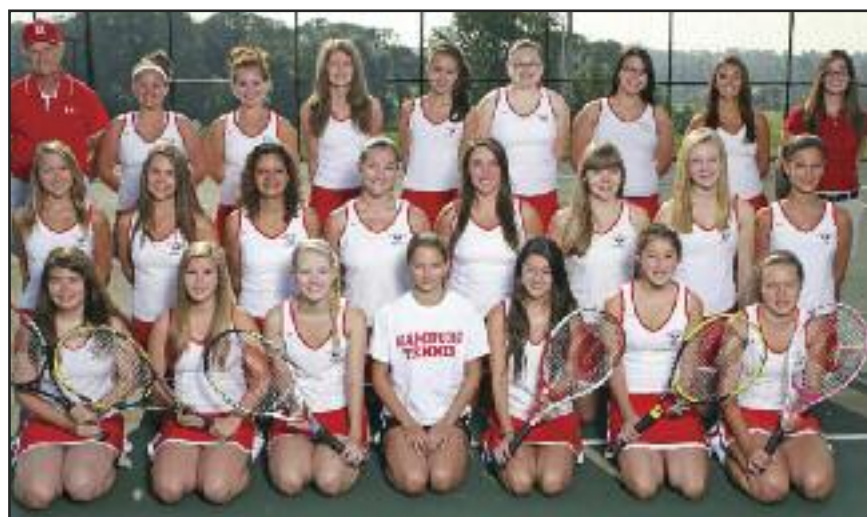
Pride, Our Future



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berks County held a kite flying event (above and below) with residents of Berks Heim and COUL (club of unmatched "littles" program) on Saturday October 19, 2013, under the direction of Youth Activities Coordinator Josh Encarnacion. COUL is a group-mentoring program that holds supervised events weekly for unmatched Little Brothers and Little Sisters who are waiting to be matched in the organization's one-to-one program. The activities vary each week and volunteer mentors in this program are required to attend a minimum of six activities a year. Please visit www.bigsinberks.org for more information on how to take part in the COUL program or how to become a Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer.



Conrad Weiser High School students Valerie Miller, Jessica Turco, Brady Lockerby, Tarah Lovenstein, and Noah Moyer (above), display a few of the items collected for **World Hunger Day on October 16**. Students collected two cartfuls of non-perishable items for the food pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church to focus on local hunger.



Hamburg Hawks Girls Tennis (above) under the guidance of Bill Tritt, Head Coach, and the leadership of quad-captains, Brooke Buckley, Melanie Haas, Katie Harris and Caroline Bashore, the 2013 edition of girls tennis concluded the finest season Hamburg Area has ever enjoyed. The girls played a competitive schedule and accumulated the most victories in school history (15). Also making significant contributions to the team's success were Victoria Kissinger, Kristen Wade, and a wonderful group of underclass players who received valuable court experience in the JV program directed by Coach Janelle Roberts. The Hawks advanced 5 girls to the

BCIAA Individual Tournament, and qualified for the BCIAA Team Tournament for the 1st time in 6 years. Also, Melanie Haas and Brooke Buckley qualified for the District 3 Doubles Championships.



The Hamburg Area School District Athletic Department conducted its 3rd annual Armed Forces recognition night. The Armed Forces of the United States of America embody the highest ideals of our Nation. Serving at home and in posts around the world, our service members represent America as ambassadors of our principles. They display the honor, duty, and discipline of the finest fighting force the world has ever known. These brave men and women are willing to sacrifice their lives for the security of our Nation and the freedoms of their fellow citizens. We are humbled by their continued resolve to respond to the call of duty and defend America and its people. Armed Forces Day is officially celebrated Nationwide on the 3rd Saturday in May, however, on September 3rd, Hamburg celebrated in their own way by recognizing all active and retired members of our Armed Forces in attendance at the varsity football game. The 28 active and retired members present represented the highest participation to date.



Conrad Weiser High School Girls' Soccer players recently "buddied up" with younger players (above). Team members were "big sisters" to the U-11 girls soccer team throughout the fall season. The U-11 girls were "ball girls" on the sidelines at some varsity soccer games, and the varsity girls paid back their supporters by showing up at some of their games, cheering the U-11 team to victory!



Bethel Elementary Principal Cynthia Jenkins (above), of the Tulpehocken Area School District, gratefully accepted a **surprise \$40,000 educational donation** from Dollar General Corporation on Oct. 23.

ATTENTION SCHOOLS

Berks News welcomes submissions of photos and content for "Our Students, Our Pride, Our Future," a featured section each month.

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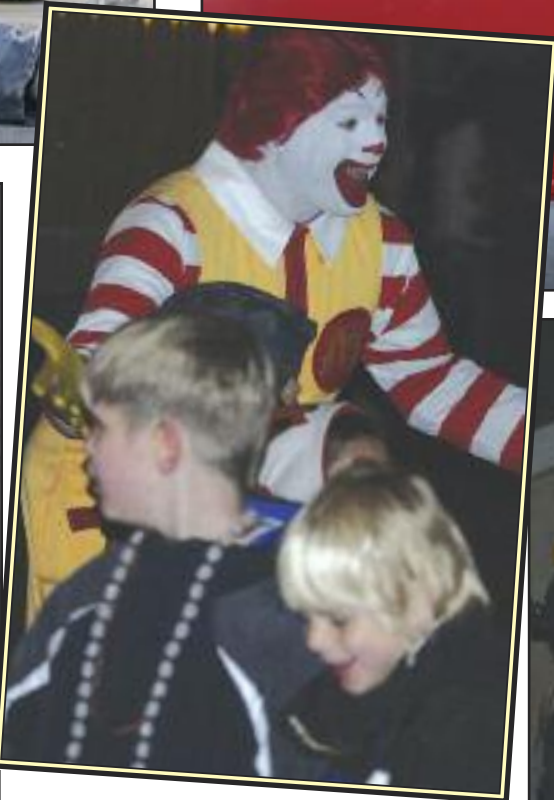
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Thank You, Berks News

KING FROST 2013

All photos of King Frost parade, 2013, by Samantha Beres





King Frost Youth Winners:

- 1st: Cub Pack 144, Rockin' in the 50's
- 2nd: Girl Scout Troup #1546, Splish Splash
- 3rd: Hamburg Blue Mountaineers, Noah's Ark

Overall Float Winner: Parrots of the Carribean

Business 1st: Microtel Inn/Suites; **2nd:** Grube's Dairy, **3rd:** Rentschler's **Non-Profit:** 1st: Gloria the Dinosaur Bike, 2nd: Reading Company Technical and Historical Society; 3rd: Mustang Club

Oct. 19, Cub Scout Adventure Day



at Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation

On October 19, 2013, more than 800 people, associated with Cub Scout packs from Berks and Schuylkill Counties, participated in the annual Cub Scout Adventure Day on the grounds of Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation.

“We have a lot of Cub Scouts signing up right now so this is a great introduction to the outdoors and our camp,” said CEO and Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America, William D.

(Bill) Garrett. Numerous activity stations were set up throughout the 635-acre reservation for scouts to try, including archery, BB shooting, fishing, games, teamwork building exercises, crafts and more.

There were also various groups on scene, providing hands-on demonstrations, including the members of the Berks County Swat Team, the American Red Cross, the Schuylkill Haven Fire

Department, Trout Unlimited, DCNR Bureau of Forestry Service Forester, Frank Snyder, Jamboree-on-the-Air, and even Smokey the Bear.

And, according to Hawk Mountain Scout Council Camp Ranger, Kevin Huneke, it took a wealth of dedicated volunteers to help make the experience a memorable one for all Cub Scouts.

For more information on becoming a Cub Scout go to www.beas-



Berks County Swat Team, above, photo by Jim Smith, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Berks County



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Animal Rescue League of Berks County, Adoptable Pets



Cassanova, a handsome, nine-year-old neutered male Fox Terrier, is a bundle of fun! He is good with kids and other animals. If you want a big dog in a small package, he's your guy!



We gladly accept photo submissions, showing life in Berks County. Next time when you're out and about and you spot something interesting or lovely, whether it's the smile on your grandmother's face when she blows out her birthday candles, or an animal or a scene, take a photo and send it to berksnews@comcast.net. We will give you photo credit and try to print as many in color as we can.



Dude, a 10 lb 9-year-old Fox Terrier is looking for a family to call his own. He gets along well with other dogs and with kids. He's house-trained, crate-trained, and he's not a barker!



Mikaya, a 10-year-old spayed female Husky; pretty blue eyes but her ears don't work so well. She may be deaf, but that doesn't keep her from being the sweetest, gentlest dog you'll meet.



Shiva, a 9-year-old spayed female Chihuahua, loves being carried around; she gets along with other animals, but definitely has Chihuahua sass. She loves to play and chase the vacuum.



Penelope is an 8-10-year-old spayed female Chihuahua, who weighs just 5 pounds. This little snuggly buddy is looking for a quiet home where she'll be held and treated like a princess.



Fozzy, an 8-year-old neutered male Poodle mix. He gets along with dogs and cats, is fine with children and is an expert cuddler.

Animal Rescue League of Berks County Is The Place To Adopt A Pet

Since 1952, tens of thousands of animals have been given a second chance to experience happier and more humane lives through the professional and volunteer services provided by the Animal Rescue League of Berks County, Inc. (ARL).

Our 10-acre facility is located just off Route 176 in Cumru Township and houses up to 200 animals of all sizes, breeds and ages. If you are thinking about adding a member to your family, avoid the pet store and start your search at the shelter.

Why Adopt?

Adopting an animal literally saves a life. Every adoption results in an empty kennel, cage or stall, and that means more space for us to save more animals.

It's cheaper. Take a trip to the pet store and you're likely to pay \$600 - \$800 for that puppy in the window. Call a breeder and your pup could be in the \$1000 range. We keep our adoption fees low so that more people can experience the love of a pet and more animals can be saved.

It'll make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Picture walking down a row of chain link kennels and seeing rows of dogs - some barking, some sitting quietly. Imagine looking into the eyes of a dog that has been waiting its whole life for you to arrive. Now think of how good your heart will feel when you free that dog from its kennel, fill out the adoption papers, and take it to its forever home to live happily ever after.

Our Adoptables:

Dogs: Our dogs are evaluated prior to becoming available for adoption by trained staff. If your perfect match depends on your family's type, size and activity level, we're here to help. There is always a large variety of breeds to choose from including "designer" breeds, purebreds and mutts of all ages, from puppies through seniors. Adoption fees for dogs range from \$50-\$200 depending on the age.

Cats: Perhaps you're a



Charlie, an 8-10 year old neutered male Poodle mix, loves to go on walks and car rides; gets along well with kids; is housetrained; and loves other dogs.



Bernie, a 2-year-old neutered male Pitbull; brilliant dog, getting to learn all kinds of commands in his foster home; favorite game is "fetch" and he could play it all day long. Needs a family understanding of his difficult past (he was left on a hot roof) and who will be patient, yet consistent; must be an only pet.

Editor's Note: Animals pictured on these pages are currently in foster care. Berks County ARL representatives say animals waiting to be adopted in foster care are traditionally more difficult to place in permanent homes. All were still available for adoption as of the day *Berks News* went to press (11/4).



Chloe, an 11-year-old spayed female cat; beautiful girl with fluffy white coat and stunning green eyes. She likes a quiet environment and gets along with other animals. She's shy, but becomes braver every day.

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Farm Animals: Have some land and are looking for a pet of a...bigger...variety? Out in our barn you might find horses, goats, sheep or pigs. Farm animal adoptions are by donation.

Bottom line?

There is a pet for every person. Whether you like them big or small, four feet or two, covered in fur, feathers or scales, the adoptable pets at the ARL have been waiting to find a forever home just like yours. Won't you give our adoptable pets a chance to show you what unconditional love truly means? Save a life. Adopt a pet from the ARL today!

—Beth Ireland
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Emma (right), an 8-year-old chihuahua mix, is quite the professional lap dog. Snuggling under blankets is her favorite thing to do (besides eat). I also like to chase houseflies, and I'm good with other dogs, and kids.



Reef, a 10-year-old neutered male Beagle; a handsome fellow, always up for a good time. Enjoys long walks and putting his nose to the ground. He might be 10 years old, but he is always up for an adventure! He rides nicely in a car and is already housebroken



Xena, a 7-year-old spayed female Chow Chow mix. She is housetrained and great with other animals. She is a bit shy, but loves kids, and walks perfectly on a leash with impeccable manners. She loves to snuggle and be petted.



The original Murphy Jewelers (below) opened its doors in 1913 in downtown Pottsville, PA.



“This is an exciting time,” says owner Patrick Murphy.

Murphy Jewelers Launches 100th Anniversary Celebration

Retailer to host anniversary-themed events, including charity promotion & gift giveaway to area residents celebrating their 100th birthdays

In 1913 Woodrow Wilson became president, Charlie Chaplin began his film career, and Jim Thorpe signed with the New York Giants. Grand Central Terminal and Ebbets Field both opened to the public. Billboard published the first “Top Ten” best selling songs. The zipper was invented. Cracker Jack started putting prizes in their boxes, the IRS started taking taxes out of earnings... and Murphy Jewelers opened its doors in Pottsville.

Not a lot of businesses launched 100 years ago have survived a century of change, but Murphy Jewelers has – and that is an achievement worth celebrating.

“This is an exciting time,” says owner Patrick Murphy. “Plenty has happened since those early days when my grandfather Frank J. Murphy traveled door-to-door in a horse and buggy fixing school

house clocks! Today we have three stores, and the fourth generation of our family is actively involved in running the business. You don’t accomplish that all on your own. It takes support from the community. So we’ve made them an important part of our celebration.”

Upcoming events have been planned to commemorate this 100-year achievement. A charity fundraising promotion, “100 Days of Share Ring,” was officially launched September 23. For 100 days, Murphy Jewelers will donate a percentage of the purchase price of every engagement ring it sells to a charity of the purchaser’s choice:

HAMBURG: Wounded Warrior Project, Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue Opportunity House, or Taylor Seitzinger Memorial Fund (Former Hamburg High School

student and soccer player).

Additional anniversary events are planned as well, including: *The Faces of Murphy*, a social media promotion that will solicit photos and stories from families that have been Murphy customers for generations.

Another event will be *100 Rocks*: an area-wide search to identify individuals who share Murphy Jewelers birth year of 1913. Those celebrating their 100th birthday in 2013 will receive a gift from Murphy Jewelers.

Also, *Anticipating 100 More*, will be another event with the interment of a time capsule on Murphy Jewelers property, containing a selection of contemporary items to be opened during an anticipated 200th anniversary celebration in 2113.

Founded in 1913, Murphy Jewelers is a three-store fine jewelry retailer

with award-winning locations in Pottsville, Hamburg and Saucon Valley, Pennsylvania.

Family owned and operated by the third and fourth generations of the Murphy family, it is recognized as one of Pennsylvania’s foremost jewelry retailers, offering a diverse selection of engagement and wedding rings, colored gemstones, modern timepieces and jewelry from some of today’s most sought after designers.

Murphy Jewelers is located in Pottsville at 115 W. Market Street, in Hamburg at 16 Jetson Drive, and in The Promenade Shops At Saucon Valley. For information about the stores, their services and products, contact the main office at 570-622-3136 or visit online at www.murphy-jewelers.com.

–Denise Meyer

BERKS CONSERVANCY Don’t miss the State of the Environment Breakfast on November 14

If you are like most people, your childhood play happened outdoors in nature. Childhood has changed. On average, one percent of a child’s time is spent outside and that includes activities like sports and other structured activities.

Join us to hear a fascinating program aimed at reversing this trend. Ken Finch, from Green Hearts INC, will speak about how to give your children more outdoor play and why you should! You have two opportunities to see him:

- 1. State of the Environment Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – Crowne Plaza Reading \$30.00 per person; register now by calling 610-372-4992 x100 or visit www.berks-conservancy.org to register online!
- 2. Evening Lecture 7:00 p.m. – Miller Center for the Arts, FREE Call to register: 610-372-4992 x100



Penn State Berks Public Events

Native American Storyteller



Joseph FireCrow weaves transcendent flute with Native American storytelling and traditional drumming, taking audiences on a journey into true American history as part of the cultural events portion of the Penn State Berks Arts and Lecture series on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Perkins Student Center Multipurpose Room. This event is free and open to the public.

FireCrow is regarded as one the top three Native American flute players in the world today. He has released seven solo albums, and his accomplishments include a Grammy in the New Age category as a guest artist on David Darling’s “Prayer for Compassion,” a Grammy nomination in the Best Native

American Music Album category, and six Native American Music Awards. FireCrow’s latest CD, “Face the Music,” has been honored by the Native American Music Awards as the winner of both Artist and Flutist of The Year for 2010.

Theatre at Berks presents Danny & the Deep Blue Sea

The Penn State Berks Theatre department will present “Danny and the Deep Blue Sea,” written by John Patrick Shanley. This play will be co-directed by student, Julia Elberfeld, a junior theatre major and Radhica Ganapathy, Assistant Professor of Theatre. **Shows are scheduled for November 11-15, 2013 at 8 p.m. in the Perkins Student Center Auditorium.**

Elberfeld was selected to co-direct the play when her directing style was observed in a theatre course and it was deemed to be a good fit for the production.

The setting is a run-down bar in the Bronx, where two of society’s rejects, Danny and Roberta, strike up a halting conversation over their beer. He is a brooding, self-loathing young man who resorts more to violence than reason; she

is a divorced, guilt-ridden young woman whose troubled teenage son is now being cared for by her parents. Danny, whose fellow truck drivers call him “the animal,” seems incapable of tender emotion, while Roberta, who is still haunted by the memory of an ugly sexual incident involving her father, is distrustful of men in general. And yet, as their initial reserve begins to melt, and they decide to spend the night together, the possibility of a genuine and meaningful relationship begins to emerge—the first for both of them.

Tickets cost \$10 for general admission; \$7, for Penn State Berks faculty/staff; and \$5 for Penn State Berks students with ID. To order tickets, call the Box Office at 610-396-6371 or email Berks Theatre@psu.edu.

Blue Marsh, Landscape Lost, Exhibit at the Penn State Berks Freyberger Gallery is extended due to overwhelming community response. The exhibit explores the story of the Blue Marsh Dam project and the subsequent changes for the families who lived and worked in the area. It will be ex-

tended **through November 21, 2013**. The exhibition will then be moved to a temporary home at the Berks County Agricultural Center in Leesport, until its permanent home at Old Dry Road Farm is prepared. This event is free and open to the public.

During the building of the Blue Marsh Dam, more than fifty historic sites were in the area to be flooded; a few were moved, the rest were destroyed. A total of 64 farm families were displaced.

Included in this exhibit are more than 200 contemporary and historic photographs, paintings, artifacts, and documents that explore the memory of the unconstrained beauty of the landscape lost during the construction of the Blue Marsh Dam and Recreational Area. These historic and family photos, paintings, artifacts, and documents have never been gathered for one exhibit that focuses on the Blue Marsh Dam project and the use of eminent domain in Berks County.

The Freyberger Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday, 10-8; and Saturday/Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m.

Berks Military Hall Of Fame, cont'd from pg. 1

including the latest inductees, commemorates 32 hall of famers, altogether.

Staff Sergeant Wayne Miller, formerly of Fleetwood, was selected for his heroism that earned him the Silver Star. Then Private First Class Wayne Miller distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in combat against Japanese forces on the Philippine island of Corregidor on April 30, 1942.

Despite a harrowing hail of shelling, aerial bombardment and ground fire, Private Miller operated and safeguarded a field generator which supplied power to a radar antenna after the main generator had been destroyed. The antenna provided critical monitoring and tracking of enemy aircraft.

Alone and without adequate cover, Private Miller remained at his post despite having been ordered to evacuate. His position was eventually overrun and he was taken prisoner by the enemy and relocated to a prison camp in Manchuria China, in which he barely survived.

Private Miller's gallantry and devotion to duty in the service of his country reflected great credit upon himself and the U.S. Army Air Corps. Staff Sergeant Miller was nominated by American Legion Ray Master Post 217 in Topton.

General Carl Spaatz, U.S. Army Air Service, U.S. Army Air Forces, U.S. Army Air Corps and U.S. Air Force, formerly of Boyertown, was selected for both heroism and achievement. The President of the United States of America, authorized by an Act of Congress on July 9, 1918, took great pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to then Major Carl Andrew "Tooey" Spaatz, United States Army Air Service, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with the 13th Aero Squadron, U.S. Army Air Service, American Expeditionary Forces, during the St. Mihiel offensive on September 26, 1918.

Although he had received orders to return to the United States, Major Spaatz begged for and received permission to serve with a pursuit squadron at the front. Subordinating himself to men of lower rank, he was attached to a squadron as a pilot and saw continuous and arduous service through the offensive. As a result

of his efficient work, he was promoted to the position of night commander.

One morning, at the end of his shift, he learned that another attack was to take place in the vicinity of Verdun. He remained on duty in order to take part in the fight. On the day of the attack, west of the Meuse River, while with his patrol over enemy lines, a number of enemy aircraft were encountered. In the combat that followed he succeeded in bringing down three enemy planes. But, in his ardor and enthusiasm, he became separated from his patrol, while following another enemy far beyond the lines. His gasoline giving out, he was forced to land, but skillfully piloted his aircraft in order to land within friendly territory. Through these acts, he became an inspiration and example to all men within his command.

During World War II and as commander of Strategic Air Forces, Spaatz directed the U.S. portion of the strategic bombing campaign against Germany, directing the Eighth Air Force, which was now commanded by Lieutenant General Jimmy Doolittle, based in England, and the Fifteenth Air Force, which was now commanded by Lieutenant General Nathan Twining, based in Italy. As the commander of Strategic Air Forces in Europe, now Lieutenant General Spaatz was under the direct command of Supreme Allied Commander General Dwight Eisenhower.

In March 1944, Spaatz directed the allied air forces against facilities supplying Nazi Germany

with petroleum, oil, and lubrication products. The plan's focus crippled the Nazi war machine's efforts to support its air, ground and naval forces.

After the war, Eisenhower said that Spaatz, along with General Omar Bradley, was one of the two American general officers who had contributed the most to the victory in Europe. For his leadership and accomplishments during time of war, General Spaatz received a temporary promotion to the rank of general on March 11, 1945.

After Victory in Europe day, he was transferred to the Pacific theater of operations and assumed command of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific, with headquarters on Guam, in July 1945.

From this command, Spaatz directed the strategic bombing of Japan, including the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Spaatz had been present at Reims when the Germans surrendered to the Americans on May 7, 1945; at Berlin when they surrendered to the Russians on May 9; and aboard the battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay, when the Japanese surrendered on September 2. He was the only man of General rank, or equivalent, who was present at all three of these acts of surrender.

General Spaatz was also selected by the President of the United States to serve as the very first Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, when formed by the National Security Act of 1947.

General Spaatz was nominated by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10, of Reading. Submitted by Dale Derr, County Veterans Affairs

Upper Tulpehocken, cont'd...

over the proposed 40-foot setback, traffic access to and from the property, lighting, and outside storage of vehicles. The board opted to have Solicitor Chad Lubas, Kozloff Stoudt, attend the hearing October 29 and communicate their concerns to Delong in advance.

"If the appeal is granted Delong will still have to submit a land development plan and go through the process," said Heilman.

The appeal was granted October 29, pending certain conditions, such as the construction of a fence around the property. An existing building will also remain.

Under public comment

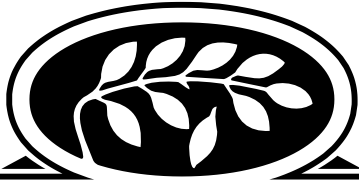
on October 15, Bloody Spring Road residents asked about activities taking place on a property at 218 Bloody Spring Road, in which, they said, a double-wide mobile home had been placed on the property.

"They'll be moving that out of there shortly," said Heilman, adding further that the residents have a home moving business.

He said the township would issue a letter to the property owners, outlining what they can and cannot do within the residential zoning district. Adjacent property owners would be notified of any variances applied for, he said.

Amy Beres

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WOMEN VETERANS OF BERKS COUNTY, PA, DIANE P. PRICE, COMMANDER, 601 FRIEDENSBURG RD READING, PA 19606

VIETNAM VETERANS

CHAPTER 131 PRESIDENT BERNIE BINGHAM P.O. BOX 13735 READING, PA 19612

EVENTS CALENDAR

Now thru January:
Kozia's Christmas Village Annual Display of Lights, 782 Christmas Village Rd. Bernville. Hours through Thanksgiving are Fri-

Saturday 6-9 p.m. and Sundays 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturdays 5:30-9:30 p.m. and Sundays 5:30-9 p.m. Hours, Thanksgiving - Jan.1st: Mon-Fri. 6-9 p.m. Sat. 5-9:30 p.m. & Sun. 5-9 p.m. Indoor and outdoor Christmas displays, unique gifts, See handmade indoor and outdoor train displays. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and other treats in Country Kitchen and browse Santa's Toy Shoppe for unusual items, ornaments, toys.

Nov. 7 - Dec. 5: Managing Diabetes Class meets Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Regional Health Network's Bern Campus. Registration req'd by calling 610-378-2100. For more info, call Angela Serafin, RN, MSN, CDE at 610-208-4626. The American Diabetes Assoc. recognizes class as meeting national standards for Diabetes self-management.

November 8: 37th Annual Christmas Bazaar at Heidelberg Heritage Society, 182 W. Penn Ave. Wernersville, 9 -1.

Nov. 9: "Purple" Training Class for Dog Walkers at Animal Rescue League of Berks County 1:30 p.m. Class for volunteers interested in walking challenging dogs, with purple stickers on kennels. Dogs may be strong on the leash, anxious, or excitable. Volunteers must attend if they want to walk these dogs.

Nov. 9: Historical Society of Berks County Event 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 940 Centre Ave. Reading. Red Creek Wildlife Center presents "Owls of Pennsylvania," live demonstration by Peggy Hentz, Red Creek's Founder. Admission \$5/mem; \$8/non.

Nov. 10: Strausstown Fire Company Breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon; full breakfast menu available and proceeds will benefit the Apparatus Fund; 50 E. Avenue, Strausstown.

our region at the Miller Center for the Arts, 4 N. 2nd St. Reading, at 4 p.m.

November 11: Veteran's Day Celebration at RACC, Miller Center for the Arts, 2 p.m.

November 11: Native American Storyteller Joseph FireCrow - Penn State Berks Arts and Lecture series at 7:30 p.m. in the Perkins Student Center Multipurpose Room; free event, open to the public.

Nov. 12: Stroke Support Group (monthly meeting) 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Regional Health Network's Bern Campus. Class open to any and all stroke survivors, no matter when or where you received your care. To register, or for more info, call Pam Cottman, BSN, RN, Stroke Program Coordinator, 610-378-2397.

Nov. 13: Job Search Workshop at the Hamburg Strand Theatre, 6 S. 4th St. at 1:00 p.m. An employment planner at Pennsylvania Career Link in Berks County will give a presentation on job search how to's and available public resources. Workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments provided. RSVP to Angela 610-562-3106 or send email to elmstreethamburg@verizon.net.

Nov. 13: Breastfeeding Class at St. Joseph Regional Health Network's Bern Campus from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Class designed to help get breastfeeding off to a great start by dispelling myths, teaching evidence-based current information and offering practical tips; doll helpful to bring to class; \$10 fee. For more info call Karen Sponagle, RN, Clinical Coordinator, at 610-378-2003. To register, call 610-378-2100.

November 14: Berks Conservancy State of the Environment Breakfast, Crowne Plaza, Reading, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. \$30pp. Registration req'd, online www.berks-conservancy.org or by calling 610-372-4992.

Nov. 15-16: Kutztown High School presents The Sound of Music, featuring the district's talented high school, middle and elementary school students. Cost: \$10 adults; \$8 students/seniors. 50 Trexler Ave. Kutztown.

Nov. 16: 1st Annual Bernville Community Fire Company Craft &

Vendor Show, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more details, please see ad pg. 5.

Nov. 16: Longswamp UCC Dutch Bazaar 200 Clay Rd. Mertztown 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Local artisans and vendors, handmade crafts, free blood pressure checks, silent auction, historical presentations at 11 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

November 16: Kelly Cup Comes to Animal Rescue League of Berks County 1-3:00 p.m. Stop in to see the Kelly Cup, meet Royals teammates and hang out with Slapshot!

November 17: Young Naturalist Program by Berks Conservancy, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Environmental Exploration Center at Angelica Park, 575 Bernardine St. Reading. Registration req'd by calling 610-372-4992x100 or emailing info@berks-conservancy.org. Register early, limited space.

November 17: Flag Retirement Ceremony 12 noon at the Daniel Boone Homestead, hosted by the Conrad Weiser Society, the Children of the American Revolution, and the Berks County Veterans Affairs Office. Bring your old, unserviceable flags to retire and a list of veterans you wish to honor. Free admission; small fee for tours; more info see danielboonehomestead.org.

Nov. 17: Digital photography, improve your skills class, Spring Twp 2850 Windmill Rd. Sinking Spring, 2:00 p.m. Call 610-678-5399 to register.

Nov. 19 - Dec. 13: Alvernia Student Art Show in The Miller Gallery, Francis Hall, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during regular gallery hours. For more information email peter.rampson@alvernia.edu.

November 20: Berks Career and Technology Center Open House for prospective students (7th, 8th, 9th graders) and families, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Leesport campus.

November 21: Berks Encore Shoemakersville Dance - Erich Cavalla will perform. Dance begins at 7 p.m. in the Shoemakersville Fire Co. Dances held each month on the third Thursday of the month; cost is \$6 per person; entertainment for upcoming dances includes Bob Kreitz (Dec. 5)

Nov. 22-23: Tulpehocken Area High School presents Fall play Shakespeare Shenanigans, 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium; \$4 students; \$8 for adults.

Vendor Bazaar featuring local crafts and vendors from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hamburg First UCC, 3rd & Pine Sts. Hamburg.

November 23: Holly Days Bazaar, Community UCC Church, 3330 St. Lawrence Ave. Reading, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Crafters, food for sale, white elephant sale.

November 23: Reading Holiday Parade begins at 11th and Penn Sts. and ends at 2nd and Penn Sts. Pictures with Santa available immediately following the parade at Citizen's Bank; free parking at 5th and Penn St. in the garage. 9-11 a.m.

Nov. 23: Candlelight Tours, living history and 18th century music event 6-8:30 p.m. at Conrad Weiser Homestead.

November 24: Holiday Concert with Deanna Reuben '79 Alvernia University, performance at 7 p.m. at Francis Hall Theater and Recital Hall. International recording artist and Alvernia alumna, Deanna Reuben, performs a special holiday concert along with some of Philadelphia's finest jazz musicians. Tickets \$40 and proceeds benefit educational scholarship programs for Reading Area students. For tickets, call 610-796-8322 or order online www.alvernia.edu/arts-culture.

Nov. 25: Kids Konected a support group for children with a parent being treated for cancer, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Regional Health Network Cancer Center. The group is open to all children, regardless of where the parent is being treated. Children of elementary school through high school ages are encouraged to participate in this free service. Kids meet with a licensed counselor in one room, while parents meet in a separate area. Registration req'd. Call Phyllis Hoffman, RN, OCN, Oncology Community Outreach at 610-378-2602 for info and registration or visit www.kidskonected.org

December 1: Christmas Tea Open House, Heidelberg Heritage Society, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. 182 West Penn Ave. Wernersville.

Dec. 1: Berks Chamber Choir Concert at Nativity Lutheran Church, 1501 N. 13th St.

Reading, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Student tickets are only \$5. Come hear Vivaldi's Magnificat, Mendelssohn's Te Deum, and pieces by Saint-Saëns, Heinrich Isaac, Jean Mouton, Z. Randall Stroope, and more.

Dec. 4: 29th Annual Holiday Ticket Drawing, Bernville Community Fire Company. Please see any fire company member for tickets.

December 6: Bill Nye the Science Guy 6-8 p.m. event by Berks Conservancy at Environmental Exploration Center at Angelica Park, 575 Bernardine St. Reading. Registration req'd by calling 610-372-4992x100 or emailing info@berks-conservancy.org. Register early, limited space.

December 6: Muhlenberg Twp Tree Lighting Ceremony 7:00 p.m. at the Temple playground area. Santa Claus will be there and there will be refreshments.

December 6-29: 26th annual Holiday Lights, Gring's Mill Recreation Center, 2083 Tulpehocken Rd. Wyomissing, begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m. Dazzling light displays showcase historical buildings and park, entertainment nightly, Santa, model train display, craft workshop for children (Dec. 8), and refreshments.

December 7: Buddies Nursery (Mine Lane, Oley) is selling Christmas Trees to benefit ARL from November 29-December 24. The ARL will be on location Dec. 7 with adoptable dogs. Cut your own or pre-cut trees available for purchase, \$35 and up Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir and Blue Spruce trees. Hot chocolate and s'mores and hayrides. Bring your well behaved and leashed dog to join in the fun.



December 8: St. Joseph Health Network Open House, Strausstown, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tour the new facility, where laboratory, x-ray, urgent care, and family medicine general practice will be offered; refreshments; 44 E. Avenue, Strausstown, just off Rt. 183. Facility officially opens Dec. 10.

December 8: Homestead Christmas 12-4 p.m. Celebrate the holiday season at Daniel Boone Homestead, which will be festively decorated for the holiday season. Children can participate in the Christmas coloring contest and make crafts and ornaments to take home. As visitors tour the Boone House, they can listen to 18th century music in the parlor and learn about colonial cooking as volunteers make the Christmas feast over the open hearth. Fee.

December 14: Candlelight Open House, Beidler House, Gilbraltar, 1-6 p.m. Experience a colonial era German Christmas such as German settler Conrad Beidler and his family might have experienced. Musicians will play early Christmas music, and there will be mulled cider and German holiday delicacies.

December 14-15: Animal Rescue League Holiday Open House, 12-4pm, 58 Kennel Road, Birdsboro. Bake sale, raffles, angel tree, pictures with Santa.

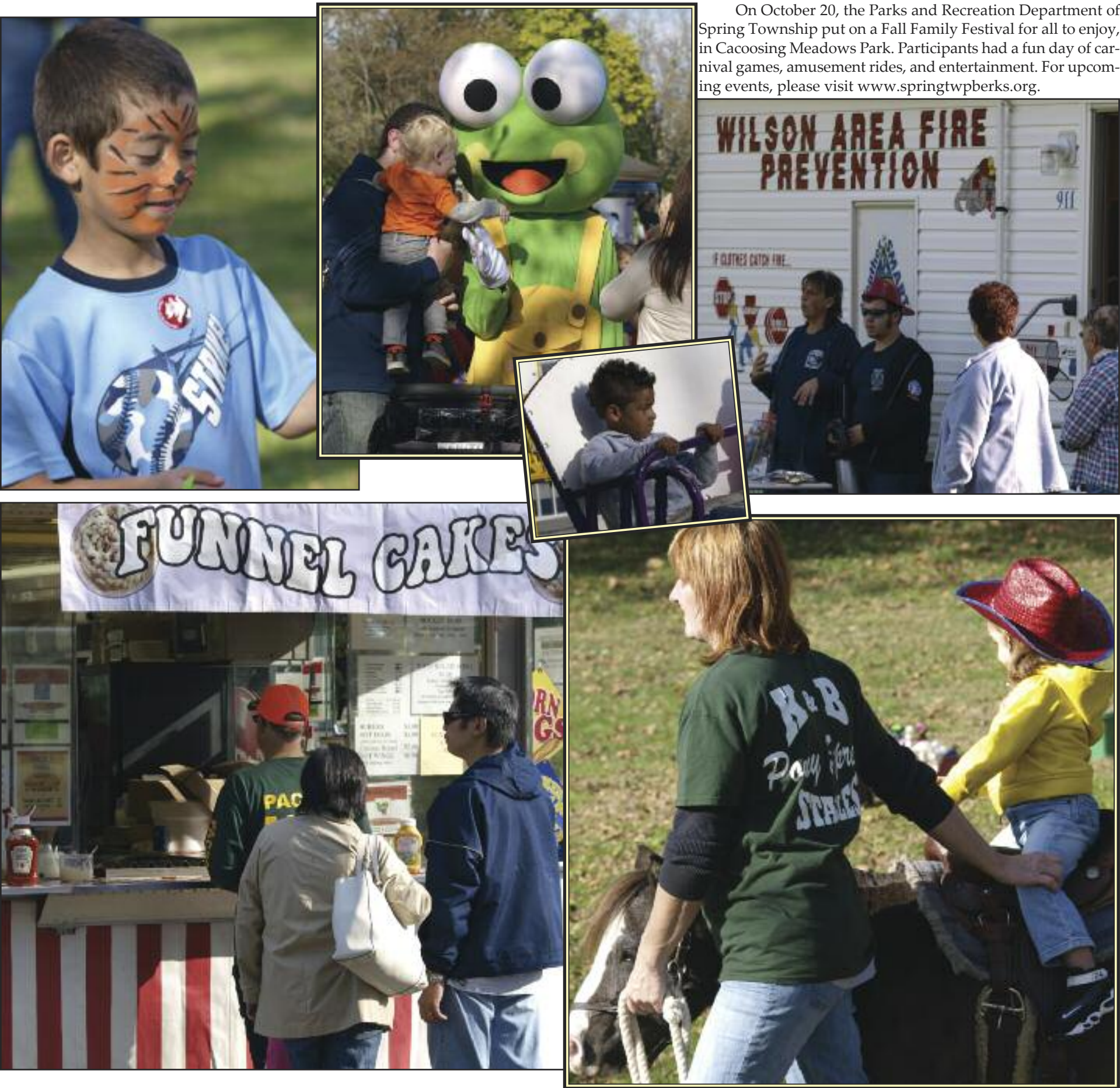
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Remember to "like" us on facebook www.facebook.com/northberks for event updates/reminders throughout the month. Next deadline for the December 2013 events calendar is November 27, the day before Thanksgiving. Email event to berksnews@comcast.net.



SPRING TOWNSHIP FALL FAMILY FEST

On October 20, the Parks and Recreation Department of Spring Township put on a Fall Family Festival for all to enjoy, in Cacoosing Meadows Park. Participants had a fun day of carnival games, amusement rides, and entertainment. For upcoming events, please visit www.springtwpberks.org.



ANNUAL B.A.R.N. FARM TOUR, OCTOBER 19

Annual tour featured farms and agricultural businesses in the East Penn Valley of Berks County. The event was sponsored by the Berks Agricultural Resource Network (B.A.R.N.), a non-profit organization. For more info, see page 4.



Students from 10th and Penn Elementary, Reading, above, had the opportunity to hold a peep (baby chick) at the Zimmerman farm, during the farm tour program. Students also got to learn how to to milk a goat (photo, right) at the Biehl Farm.

10th and Penn Elementary students at the Biehl farm (photo, above) had the opportunity to pet a a Holstein cow.

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