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## Losses, a Relay, and Hope



Many of us have a story to tell about someone we know, or someone we loved, who died of cancer. This past winter was no exception for me. Within a three-month period, I lost several friends and colleagues to this terrible disease. Linda, Ken, and Kathe all had some form of cancer that took their precious lives.

Much longer ago, both my grandmother and my step-grandfather died of cancer.

Yes, we all have a story. And with each of those stories, how quickly we are reminded of

how short and precious life truly is.

So it was with much joy that I visited the first Relay For Life of the American Cancer Society held at the West Allegheny High School's Joe DeMichela Stadium in May 18. Hundreds of local residents, teams of students and teachers, families and friends, each set up "residence" along the perimeter of the field where a member of each team was always walking during the overnight event.

There was much to enjoy -- raffles, games, music, sports, food, and

more. Teams were dressed in matching t-shirts they made, and some decorated their "booths" in unique themes and colors.

The mood was buoyant, and smiles abounded. Underneath it all, however, I am sure that each individual had a story about someone they knew or loved who was taken by this insidious disease.

The weather remained optimum for all who spent nearly 24 hours (yes, they camped in tents right on the football field), and the event raised a whopping \$37,500.

The monies will go toward further research to hopefully find some cure for this disease before another generation experiences its ravages.

And, perhaps some hope is here. Heritage Valley Health System has announced its partnership with Cancer Prevention Study-3 to invite residents like you and me to take part in a study to determine our risks for cancer.

With the generosity of so many who take part in annual Relays for Life around our region and the nation, and the persistent determination of the researchers to find answers, hopefully someday our future generations will ask, "What is cancer?"



Pat Jennette, Publisher & Editor

## Teamwork: Basketball and Life

In Pittsburgh, few other sports matter as little as professional basketball.

That has much to do with the fact that, despite our sports-centric mentality, our town has been snubbed by the glitzy NBA, with its comparatively small pool of stand-out players. That's hardly to say, though, that Pittsburgh isn't a basketball town. It's just one that's embraced college and high school basketball to fill a void left by the one major professional sport that's snubbed us, or visa versa.

Adherents to the college sport often talk about the sense of teamwork and lack of spotlight and ball hogging stars. That seems perfectly in line with the Pittsburgh sports fan attitude, one that traditionally prefers team play, defense, and toughness over flashy offense. I am one of many, for instance, who was greatly saddened when it was announced that Pitt would be leaving the Big East, a basketball conference known for its defense and grit, for the ACC. Football television contracts being what they are, it was probably inevitable. I now feel lucky enough to have witnessed a moment in Hartford, Connecticut, when Pitt center Dejuan Blair caught a rebound out of the air, along with Hasheem Thabeet's arm, and flipped both over his back. Thabeet crumpled onto the floorboards, but was still called for the foul, while Pitt went on to usurp UConn for its first-ever victory against a top-seeded team for its first-ever top national ranking in team history.

In July, a Division I pro-am league will be coming to Montour, a school that's had plenty of its own basketball success in recent years. We write about that league in this issue of *Allegheny West Magazine*, and about the Montour alum who grew that league out of a small, high school summer basketball program that he built into one of the largest of its kind on the East Coast. Sure, when the pro-am plays, some players will be better known than others, but there likely won't be standouts who can take over a game on their own. Thrown together for a short summer season, they'll have to work that much harder at developing team chemistry and learning how to work together.

That's what it's all about in basketball, and in life. It should be interesting.



Doug Hughey  
Assistant Editor

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# On the Horizon

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**July 20**

**Janoski's Farm Harvest Wine Festival, 3-8 p.m.**, 1714 SR 30, Clinton, sponsored by Janoski's, co-sponsored by Volant Mill Winery and *Allegheny West Magazine*, six wineries, \$25 in advance, \$30 at gate, admission includes farm fresh meal, wine sampling, entertainment by the blues band Rhythm Hawks, food sampling from vendors, tractor and car display, and more, rain or shine, (724) 899-3438, ext. 6, www.janoskis.com or www.volantmillwinery.com.

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**July 25**

**Moon Area AARP #3451 meeting, 1 p.m.**, Sharon Presbyterian Church, entertainment by Sue Gorto, hand bells with

accompanying keyboard, coffee and pastries, new members and guests welcome, (412) 264-6810.

**July 29**

**Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus Open House**, Coraopolis United Methodist Church, 1205 Ridge Avenue, Coraopolis, **7 p.m.**, free vocal lessons, learn to sing four-part a cappella harmony, membership@soundsofpgh.org.

**July 31-August 3**

**Holy Trinity Summer Festival**, nightly, see page 26 for details.

**August 2**

**North Fayette Township Annual Parade, 6:30 p.m.**, along Steubenville Pike from Penn Lincoln Plaza to Hankey Farms pool, (412) 788-4888, www.north-fayette.com.

**August 3**

**North Fayette Township Annual Fair**, Donaldson Park, **1-11 p.m.**, (412) 788-4888, www.north-fayette.com.

**August 6**

**Tasteful Tuesdays, first Tuesday monthly, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**, The Mall at Robinson: August 6, the Weedrags bluegrass and honky tonk; September 3, Joel Lindsay, pop songwriter and guitarist; October 1, Tom Lagi, classic rock, www.shoprobinson mall.com.

**August 14-17**

**Kennedy Township Community Days, 6-11 p.m. Wednesday/Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday/Saturday**, games, food booths, rides, Friday night live broadcast of the Frank Powaski Polka Festival program, Saturday night Kennedy Volunteer Fire Department Firemen's Parade on Pine Hollow Road, **7 p.m.**, fireworks, **10 p.m.**, (412) 787-5422.

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**August 24**

**Robinson/Montour Alumni Annual Reunion Picnic, 2 p.m.-dark**, Clever Park Rotary Shelter, Clever Road, for all Robinson HS and Montour HS students who were residents of Robinson Township, (412) 264-9026 or (412) 937-1776.

**August 27**

**AARP 2203 McKees Rocks Members Picnic, 12-7 p.m.**, Robinson Township Park, noon lunch, 5 p.m. dinner, entertainment by DJ Archie Brinza, (412) 771-5183.

**September 7**

**Moon Area Fall Soccer, September 7-October 26**, games played every Saturday morning, team practice held one evening per week, \$70 registration before August 1, \$80 after, moonsoccer@gmail.com.

**September 8**

**Ohio River Trail Council Gear and Beer Music Festival**, the Lodge in Bradys Run Park, **8 a.m.-6 p.m.**, mountain bike race, road bike ride, 5k run/walk, kayaking and canoeing, rock climbing wall, auctions, raffles, live music, wine

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**September 14**

**Robinson Township 11th Annual Autumn Festival, 12-9:45 p.m.**, Daniel P. Tallon Memorial Field, live music by The Collisions, Ruby Red and the Dirty Devils, local dance groups, Montour High School Drum Line, remote controlled street car race, fireworks, [www.townshipofrobinson.com](http://www.townshipofrobinson.com).

**September 21**

**West Allegheny Class of '78 Reunion, J & D Cellars Winery, Eighty Four**, (owned by a classmate), "Like" on Facebook: West Allegheny "78" Reunion Planner; looking for classmates: Larry Zitco, Barbara Flaherty, Don King, Denise Turner, Jerry Fullum, Matt Jones, Amy Campbell, James Boone, Rich Kaminski, Joe Formosa, Bill Charles, Dena Jackson, John Zook, Rich Wenta, John Weber, Ed Carnahan, Lee Coulter, Randy Dobrowsky, Becky Grimm, Ruth Jones, Chris McLaughlin, Mark Mercer, Irene Nelson, Mike Scott, Sally Shrum and Debbie Witherow, e-mail: [sam.scarfone@hswa-pa.org](mailto:sam.scarfone@hswa-pa.org).

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**Church of the Living Christ** - Two-day VBS, Thursday and Friday, July 18 and 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., (724) 695-7188.

**Clinton and Hebron UP Churches** - Joint venture: "Everywhere Fun Fair, Where God's World Comes Together," July 8-12, 9 a.m.-noon, 3 year olds-grade 5 (must be potty trained), no fee, Clinton UP at (724) 695-7993 or Hebron at (724) 899-2276.

**Crossroads Church** - North Fayette campus, "Kingdom Rock," July 8-12, 6-9 p.m., 4 years old on or before July 8, and going into grade 6 in the fall, spaces limited for 4-year-olds and not yet going into kindergarten, free, register on line at [www.crossroadsumc.org](http://www.crossroadsumc.org), (412) 494.9999, e-mail: [nfvbs@crossroadsumc.org](mailto:nfvbs@crossroadsumc.org).

**KenMawr UP Church** - 1760 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, (Kennedy Township), "Kingdom Rock," July 28-August 2, 6-8:45 p.m., ages 4 through grade 8, free, to register, (412) 331-2863, [www.Kenmawrchurch.org](http://www.Kenmawrchurch.org).

**McDonald Presbyterian Church** - "Kingdom Rock," July 29-August 2, 9:30 a.m.-noon, ages 4 and up, e-mail: [heather@mcdonaldpres.org](mailto:heather@mcdonaldpres.org).

**Riverdale Church** - "Bold Bible Kids," July 22-26, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., pre-kindergarten through grade 5, to register: [www.riverdalechurch.org](http://www.riverdalechurch.org), questions, (724) 457-0207.

**St. Columbkille, Imperial** - "Kingdom Rock," August 5-9, 9 a.m.-noon, grades K-6, cost of t-shirt is \$5, deadline: July 22, (724) 695-2146, to register, visit [www.saintcolumbkilleparish.org](http://www.saintcolumbkilleparish.org).



## HELP, HOPE & HOTDOGS FOR HAITI

Get a taste of "Ben's Dogs" on Saturday, August 10, 12 to 4 p.m., in front of Busy Beaver in the Crafton-Ingram Shopping Center.

Sponsored by Solid Rock Christian Church in Crafton, proceeds will help the church to provides new beds for 22 boys in the Mom Gibson Children's Home.

Donations will also be accepted.

For more information, contact Sister Jean Gilkeson at (412) 922-5502.



## WEBINAR TO ADDRESS INNOVATION FOR BUSINESSES

A free webinar that will be held on Thursday, August 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., "Follow This Path: How the World's Greatest Organizations Drive Growth by Unleashing Human Potential," featuring Curt Coffman, workplace consultant and co-author of *First Break All the Rules*.

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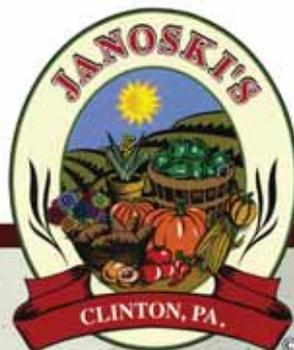
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Janoski's Farm is located at 1714 SR 30, Clinton, PA 15026, in western Allegheny County





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Come to the main Deer Creek Winery where it all began. Located on a road less traveled and deep set in the pastoral landscape of Shippenville, Pennsylvania, Deer Creek Winery's main location is a destination stop you don't want to miss.

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For your convenience, we have several winery stores located throughout western Pennsylvania.

Enjoy a specialty latte or a wine milkshake inside the Coffee Grove at the Clearview Mall in Butler, or travel further south and try our specialty oils and vinegars at the Olive Grove in Ross Park Mall.

You will find the Biscotti Grove at all of our fine locations, including Beaver Valley Mall and at The Mall at Robinson. And of course, our main location and birthplace of our signature Raspberry wines has Vino's Raspberry Grove.

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## Kavic Winery

Immigrant grandparents from both sides of the Kavic family were involved with winemaking in Europe. When our grandparents arrived in the United States from Italy and Serbia at the turn of the 20th century, they brought their winemaking skills and love of wine making with them.

The Great Depression was a difficult time for the United States. There was little work as the mills closed. Many struggled just to survive. Our grandparents were no exception. Wine and wine making that provided joy and pleasure during good times helped our families stay together and survive.

Today, this same spirit of sharing, love of family, and self-sacrifice governs every facet of wine making at the Kavic Winery. The owners, Michael and Patricia Kavic, are intimately involved in all aspects of wine production.

Patricia's brother, Patrick J. Fleck, is Director of Operations at the winery and has been involved with every phase of winery production since a license was granted for the facility in 2007.

In addition, Patrick is a co-owner and the guiding force behind Deep Valley Vineyard located in Oakdale, just 15 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh.

Under Patrick's direct supervision, a two-acre block of land at the Deep Valley site is being prepared for planting this summer with the cold-hardy, hybrid grape, Marquette, which was developed at the University of Minnesota. Although Patrick is confident about its success, it will be three years before the vines mature sufficiently to produce viable grapes.

Currently, all grapes used for wine making at the winery are locally grown using local labor and local product from area vineyards. The entire process is Pittsburgh made and Pittsburgh proud.

Spend a few moments and sample our wines. We are certain you will find something you like and that you will return.

## Riesling: A Versatile Wine

Riesling is one of the better wines for food pairing because of its balance of intense acidity, minerality, and fruit. Most would agree that it would be difficult to find a more accommodating wine for a broad range of food than this delightful white wine varietal.

A high acid content allows riesling to handle hearty sauces and high-end meats while innate fruit flavors lend charm for tackling highly spiced foods.

Our semi-sweet riesling pairs well with almost all Asian (Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, and Indian) cuisine along with other diverse menus, specifically barbecue, and Southwestern style dishes.

Try riesling with barbecued ribs and chicken, corned beef, crab, or cured meats. You won't be disappointed. In addition, this light, pleasant wine goes well with egg dishes, guacamole, ham, curries, onion rings, pork (especially pulled pork), and hot dogs.

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## Volant Mill Winery

Nestled within the farmlands of western Pennsylvania sits the Janoski family farm and greenhouse. Inside the market, along with home-grown produce and fresh-from-the-oven baked goods, you will find yet another local treasure: Volant Mill Winery. The relationship between nutritious local food and delicious regional wine goes back thousands of years and we are pleased to announce that it is still going strong!

Named for the historic mill in Volant (a small town 60 miles north of Pittsburgh) the winery has four retail locations: Volant, Grove City, Cranberry/Mars, and Janoski's. Their locally produced wine may be sampled and purchased at each location. The store within Janoski's farm market opened in 2010 and has been a hit with Clinton's residents, who are well aware of the important role small businesses play in the area's economy. Of course, geopolitical matters aside, the wine itself is the main attraction!

While the selection of dry wines (including the soon-to-be-released Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc) appeals to long-time aficionados, even those who don't

think of themselves as "wine drinkers" may be surprised by the refreshing, pleasantly fruity flavor for which Pennsylvania wines are best known.

Volant's perennial bestseller, Volant Red, is a rich, sweet table wine that goes well with just about anything. The Apple is crisp and sweet, like autumn's first harvest; try it as a pork marinade or in your barbecue sauce! The Blackberry harkens back to those sunny summer days when you plucked sun-ripened fruit right from the bush. And the newest release, Cocoa Vino, is a sweet red wine blended with cocoa, a delectable dessert all on its own. Peach wine is in the works, which should be available late this summer!

Still not sure? Stop in for a free sample! Or, better yet, plan to attend Janoski's Farm Harvest Wine Festival! On Saturday, July 20, five other area wineries will join Volant Mill and the Janoski family in a celebration of summer! Admission (\$25 in advance or \$30 at the door) includes a wine glass for sampling, farm fresh food, dessert, entertainment, and more! See [www.VolantMillWinery.com](http://www.VolantMillWinery.com) or [www.Janoskis.com](http://www.Janoskis.com) for details!

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# Montour School District

## Montour High School News Congratulations Graduates!

The Class of 2013 graduated during ceremonies held in the new Montour Athletic Center, led by Valedictorian Gregory Lowry and Salutatorian Megan Goodman.



## Congratulations to the Senior Awards Honorees!

**Nello Giammarco Scholarship  
Rotary Scholarship  
Ralph B. Canterbury Scholarship  
Penn State University Provost Award**

**Penn State Univ. Chancellor's Award**

**Penn State University Commonwealth  
Campus Award  
Leaders of Tomorrow Award  
Academic Athl. of Action Scholarship  
DAR Nominee  
Band Scholarship  
Kennedy Garden Scholarship  
Parkway West Career & Technology  
Ctr. Natl. Technical Honor Society**

**Skills USA Competition, 5th Place PA  
State Criminal Justice Competition  
Harry Quinn – Ralph Schorr Memorial  
Scholarship GPF OA  
Montour Education Assn. Scholarship  
United States Marine Corps-Enlisted**

**United States Army Enlisted  
Nucci-Finny Foundation Scholarship**

Moriah Viviano  
Andrew Mentzer  
Ian Stewart  
Jacob Schaffner, Deanna Peer,  
Brian Byrge, Ruhiben Patel,  
Joan Stamatakis, Alexander  
Taylor, Johnna Puhr  
Deanna Peer, Ruhiben Patel,  
Alexander Taylor

Zachary Hartman  
James Havko, Jr.  
Ian Stewart  
Gregory Lowry  
Sydney Celich, Ronald Ziccardi  
James Havko, Jr.

Jeffrey Bowser, Jessica Gonzalez,  
Gino Santucci

Ryan Tuszynski

Taraneh Jones  
Amber White, Ashley Totino  
Brandon Anderson, Jeffrey  
Bowser, James Moore, Justin  
Middlemiss, Ryan Tuszynski  
Domenic Santucci  
Marina Giannirakis, Ryan  
Cieslak

**W.P.I.A.L Scholar/Athlete**

**Montour Scholar/Athlete  
Comcast Leaders  
& Achievers Scholarship  
CJ Betters Academic Scholarship  
John Philip Sousa Award  
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award  
National School Choral Award**

**Science Award  
Social Studies Award  
German Foreign Language Award  
Spanish Foreign Language Award  
French Foreign Language Award  
Art Award  
Computer Science Award  
Business Award  
Language Arts Award  
Features Editor  
Outstanding Editor  
Journalist Scholarship  
Technology Education Award  
Mathematics Award  
Physical Education Award**

**National Merit Commended Students**

Megan Goodman, Chad  
Pongratz  
Moriah Viviano, Nolan LaSota

Marina Giannirakis  
Emily Mastroianni  
Therese West, Ronald Ziccardi  
Ronald Ziccardi  
Marina Giannirakis, Richard  
Tran  
Ryan Cieslak  
Casey Willison  
Richard Stevenson  
Rebekah Devorak  
Gregory Lowry, Ashley Totino  
Sarah Kelly, Rachel Washburn  
Richard Stevenson  
Ryan McDonough  
Sadi Thomas  
Kristin Hughes  
Rebekah Devorak  
Rebekah Devorak  
Alexander Taylor  
Gregory Lowry  
Erin O'Toole, Ryan Tuszynski,  
Gina Richardson, Carlo Galdo  
Gregory Lowry, Erin Sharkey



# National Honor Society Seniors and Distinguished Students

## National Honor Society Officers

President Moriah Viviano  
 Vice President Taraneh Jones  
 Secretary Joan Stamatakis  
 Treasurer Marsha Stamatakis

## \* Denotes National Honor Society Member

Gregory Lowry*	Michael Pack*	Gabrielle Assetta*
Megan Goodman*	Kelsey Benigni*	Courtney Bosetti*
Chad Pongratz*	Erin Sharkey*	Brooke Sanders
Moriah Viviano*	Amber White*	Kayla Brophy*
Nolan LaSota*	Paige Urbano*	Phoebe Cooper*
Tyler Kim*	Casey Willison*	Olivia Laurent*
Taraneh Jones*	Brandon Collins*	Elena Coleman*
Ian Stewart*	Sadi Thomas*	Jessica Gonzalez*
Rebekah Devorak*	Mareena Shuster*	Emily McCleary*
Ashley Totino*	Mackenzie Wallace*	Craig Wolfe*
Joan Stamatakis*	Emily Mastroianni*	Sydney Diulus*
Richard Stevenson	Jay Wilcox*	Megan O'Brien*
James Havko*	Kristen Miglioizzi*	Johnna Puhr*
Katelyn Cassidy*	Ryan Cieslak*	Ruhiben Pattel
Marsha Stamatakis*	Philip Booker*	Haleigh O'Brien*
Richard Tran*	David Taylor*	Daniel McConnell*
Adam Holets*	Gina Richardson*	Nathaniel Dearth*
Marina Giannirakis*		

## Student of the Year Recognition

Marina Giannirakis

## Recognized for Perfect Attendance

**Perfect Attendance** - Nolan LaSota

**Perfect Attendance** - Chad Pongratz

**Perfect Attendance** - Ian Stewart

**Perfect Attendance since 4th Grade** - Ashley Totino

**Perfect Attendance since 6th Grade** - Zachary Williams

**Perfect Attendance since 8th Grade** - Ryan Cieslak

## Parkway National Technical Director's List

Jeffrey Bowser	Public Safety Technology
Emily Johnston	Cosmetology
Jessica Gonzalez	Drafting and Design
Brittani DeFrank	Health Assistant



# Montour School District

## Class of 2013 Post-Graduate Studies and Career Plans

The Class of 2013 is looking forward to a diversity of post-graduate studies and career options when they begin the fall semester at colleges, schools, military, and workplaces around the nation.

Halla Pauline Amer - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Rebecca Lee Amrhein - La Roche College - Undecided  
Brandon James Anderson - United States Marine Corps  
Zachary Andrew Andoga - Michigan State University - Education/Psychology  
Shayla Jo Apicella - Community College of Allegheny County - Nursing  
Nicholas Brennan Arnold - Alderson-Broadus College - Exercise Science  
Gabrielle Maria Assetta - University of Maryland - Kinesiology  
Michael Allen Baird - Westminster College - Undecided  
Christian James Balaski - Alderson Broadus College - Business  
Taliah Mary Sara Banal - Slippery Rock University - Business  
Matthew August Barone - Temple University - Undecided  
Nicholas Robert Barthelemy  
Adam Richard Bathory - Art Institute of Pittsburgh - Animation  
Kelsey Lynn Benigni - Duquesne University - Music Education  
Joseph Paul Betonte - Employment  
Brendan James Binek - Community College of Allegheny County - Pre-Med  
Austin Paul Bogatay - Apprenticeship - Heavy Equipment Operator  
Philip Richard Booker - Community College of Allegheny County - Architecture  
Courtney Jane Bosetti - University of Akron - Nutrition  
Jeffrey Charles Bowser - United States Marine Corps  
Aaron Michael Braddick - Community College of Allegheny County - Rehabilitative Sciences  
Kayla Michelle Brophy - Penn State University - Nursing  
Allison Grace Bruni - Robert Morris University - Accounting  
Jacquelyn Alexis Buck - Pittsburgh Technical Institute - Criminal Justice  
Chelsie Elizabeth Butteri - Undecided - Cosmetology  
Brian Joseph Byrge - Penn State University, Behrend - Mechanical Engineering  
Ariana Joella Calabrese - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Mckenzie Mary Campalong - Clarion University - Early Childhood/Special Education  
Stacey Lynne Capp - Robert Morris University - Media Arts  
Timothy John Carrabbia - Community College of Allegheny County - Business  
Katelyn Alexandra Cassidy - Kent State University - Musical Theatre  
Chrysta Marie Castelucci - Robert Morris University - Business Administration/Management  
Vincent Anthony Castelucci - Employment Ohio Valley General Hospital - Patient Escort  
Sydney Lee Celich - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Education  
Hanna Marie Chamberlin - West Penn School of Nursing - Nursing  
Tyler John Charie - University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg - Undecided  
Kelsi Nicole Cicco - Coastal Carolina University - Education  
Ryan Mathew Cieslak - University of Pittsburgh - Pre-Med  
Samuel Gregory Cocola IV - Employment  
Ciara Joi Coleman - Clarion University - Undecided  
Elena Marie Coleman - Ohio Northern University - Musical Theatre  
Brandon Scott Collins - Duquesne University - Accounting  
Cayla Tishay Marie Combs - Pittsburgh Technical Institute - Massage Therapy  
Kelly Breana Conn - Employment  
Phoebe Taylor Cooper - Warren Wilson College - Environmental Science  
Nicole Marie Cotcher - Coastal Carolina University - Marine Biology  
Katelyn Rose Cronin - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Nursing  
William Michael Cropper - Community College of Allegheny County - Technology  
Claire Marie Crowley - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Justin Robert Crytzer - West Virginia University - Business Management  
Allie Rose Danziger - Community College of Allegheny County - Graphic Design  
Sadie Marie Davis - Community College of Allegheny County - General Studies  
Rebecca Louise Dayton - Slippery Rock University - Early Childhood/Special Education  
Nathaniel Scott Dearth - Northwestern University - Undecided  
Brittani Marie Defrank - Community College of Allegheny County - Nursing  
Rebekah Marie Devorak - Duquesne University - Journalism  
Thomas Stephen Diffendal III - Miami University - Finance  
Sydney Marie Diulus - Duquesne University - Biology  
Johnny James Dobbins - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Connor Daniel Doucette - Employment  
Amanda Lynn Figura - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Ashley Taylor Finello - Robert Morris University - Cyber Forensics  
Kimberly Marie Fonseca Acevedo - Robert Morris University - Nursing  
Jacob Douglas Foster - Air National Guard - Air Traffic Controller  
Vincent Raymond Francis - Robert Morris University - Business  
Ashley Lynn Fratto - West Virginia University - Medical Laboratory Technician  
Carlo Antonio Galdo, III - Community College of Allegheny County - Business Management  
Quinn Austin Galla - Penn State University, Behrend - Communications  
Austin Stevan Ganley - Penn State Univ., Behrend - Mechanical Engineering  
Marisa Anne Gerst - Slippery Rock University - Undecided  
Brian Tyler Gerstel - Penn State University, Behrend - Engineering  
Amber Marie Gessner - Community College of Allegheny County - Nursing  
Marina Leanne Giannirakis - John Carroll University - International Business  
Dara Lynn Goldsmith - Employment  
Jessica Marie Gonzalez - Robert Morris University - Engineering  
Megan Sweeney Goodman - Virginia Tech - Chemical Engineering  
Nicole Vicky Graham - Community College of Allegheny County - Biology  
Flavia Daniela Megan Grancea - University of Pgh., Greensburg - Undecided  
Travis Reed Grando - Duquesne University - Computer Science  
Joshua Allen Gray - Community College of Allegheny County - Info. Technology  
Kaitlin Elizabeth Gray - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Nursing  
Tyler James Haddock - Temple University - Sports Management/Marketing  
Cody Michael Hankel - Employment  
Ciara Rae Hanner - Employment  
Kenneth Andrew Harrison, Jr. - Robert Morris University - Marketing  
Lamontae Maleek Harrison - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Zachary James Hartman - Penn State University, Beaver - Undecided  
James Joseph Havko, Jr. - Penn State University - Nuclear Engineering  
Michael David Headrick - Clarion University - Business/Finance  
Samuel Paul Henzler - Pittsburgh Technical Institute - Graphic Design  
Scott Michael Hern - Penn State University, Behrend - Architectural Engineering  
Shauna Kathleen Hickey - Duq. Univ. - Health Mgmt./Occupational Therapy  
Justin Fredrick Hill - Georgetown University - Undecided  
Isabella Ann Hindes - Geneva College - Elementary Education  
Peter Hilary Hoffman - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Adam Joseph Holets - Case Western Reserve Univ. - Economics/Finance  
Erik Carl Holets - Allegheny College - Biology  
Daniel Anthony Hoss - Penn State University, Beaver - Undecided  
Kayla Marie Houghton - Carlow University - Human Biology  
Madeline Joyce Hric - John Carroll University - Chemistry  
Kristin Lyn Hughes - Westminster College - Accounting  
Zabrina Hvostal - Kent State University - Undecided  
Timothy Marshal Jackowski - Duquesne University - Business  
Alexis Sunny Jani - West Virginia Wesleyan - Criminal Justice/Bus. Mgmt.  
Ashley Marie Jester  
Rong Jiang - Community College of Allegheny County - Business  
Emily Marie Johnston - Empire Beauty School - Cosmetology  
Taraneh Lynne Jones - University of Pittsburgh - Biomedical Engineering  
Robert Patrick Julian - Allegheny College - Business  
Olivia Mary Keefer - Gannon University - Occupational Therapy  
Sarah Rene' Kelly - Kent State University - Fashion Design  
Tyler Andrew Kim - University of Pittsburgh - Engineering  
Morgan Nicole Kirk - Community College of Allegheny County - Special Education  
Kevin George Klemmer - Washington and Jefferson College - Biology  
Melissa Anne Kokocinski - Waynesburg University - Nursing  
Jayme Elizabeth Kraynak - Community College of Allegheny County - Radiology  
Brett Anthony Lajevic - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Nolan Alexander LaSota - University of Pittsburgh - Chemistry  
Gideon Lee Lauda - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
Olivia Marie Laurent - University of Kentucky - Pre-Med  
Justin Jeffery Lee - Employment  
Zachary Alan Lenkner - University of Pittsburgh - Engineering  
Caleb Davis Lewellyn - Community College of Allegheny County - Music/  
Piano Performance  
Deminica Lewin - Waynesburg University - Criminal Justice/Forensic Science  
Brienne Nichole Lohman - Community College of Allegheny County - Criminal Justice  
Jordan Jacob Lowe - Slippery Rock Univ. - Secondary Education - English  
Gregory John Lowry - Brown University - Chemical Engineering

Brian Christian Luebbe - United States Air Force  
 Julianna Alyse Lynch - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
 Chad Seka Macadangdang - Community College of Allegheny County - Psychology  
 Michael Paul Macek - Penn State University, Behrend - Mechanical Engineering  
 Michael Jeffrey Mantini - Thiel College - Accounting  
 Alexandria Rae Martin - Robert Morris University - Biology  
 Matthew Raymond Martin - California University of Pennsylvania - Marketing  
 Emily Nicole Mastroianni - John Carroll University - Undecided  
 Joseph Russell Matovich - Employment - Commercial Fishing  
 Emily Lynn McCleary - Penn State University - Communications  
 Daniel Scott McConnell - Penn State University - Industrial Engineering  
 Ashley Marie McCurdy - Mansfield University - Graphic Design  
 Ryan James McDonough - Robert Morris University - Accounting/Computer Science  
 Alyssa Rose McMurtrie - Point Park University - Pre-Med  
 Kaylee Renee McMurtrie  
 Nathaniel Terence Meehan - Antioch College - Philosophy  
 Jason Eric Menni - Washington & Jefferson College - Pre-Med  
 Andrew Rutherford Mentzer - Old Dominion University - Sports Management  
 Samuel Charles Mersing - University of Pittsburgh - Undecided  
 Justin Tyler Middlemiss - United States Marine Corps - Welding  
 Haley Michelle Midili - Kent State University - Nursing  
 Kristen Ann Migliozi - Allegheny College - Communications  
 Ryan Clayton Mihelcic - Frostburg State University - Undecided  
 Emilee Rose Millerschoen - Community College of Allegheny County - Education  
 Amanda Kristine Mills - Robert Morris University - Accounting  
 Angel Marie Mills - Ohio Valley School of Nursing - Nursing  
 Tyler Elnora Minear - University of Pittsburgh, Titusville - Business  
 James Robert Moore - United States Marine Corps  
 Eric Ryan Nemetz - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
 Kelly Cora Nestman - Chatham University - Women's Studies/Marketing  
 Joshua Steven Nolder - Robert Morris University - Cyber Forensics & Security  
 Haley Naleppa Novak - Ohio University - Undecided  
 Haleigh Grace O'Brien - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Musical Theatre  
 Megan Rae O'Brien - Kent State University - Nursing  
 Justin Noel Olivieri - Community College of Allegheny County - Nursing  
 Brittany Marie Olszanski - Ohio Valley School of Nursing - Nursing  
 Erin Brittany O'Toole - Penn State University, Behrend - Veterinary Medicine  
 Michael Pack - Brown University - Physics and Mathematics  
 Ashley Nicole Pappaterri - Community College of Allegheny County - Graphic Design  
 Jordan Ashlee Parkes - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Undecided  
 Andrew Michael Parkison - Community College of Allegheny County - Marketing  
 Carl William Parrish  
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 Deanna May Peer - Penn State University, Altoona - Business  
 Douglas Warren Peer - Penn State University - Political Science  
 Leslie Renee Pekular - Community College of Allegheny County - Pharmacy  
 Austin Keenan Pintar - Penn State University  
 Chad Andrew Pongratz - University of Pittsburgh - Computer Engineering  
 Rebecca Catherine Pratt - Pittsburgh Technical Institute - Graphic Design  
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 Gina Marie Richardson - Duquesne University - Physical Therapy  
 Eli William Ritchey - Robert Morris University - Undecided  
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 Laura Eden Robinson - Slippery Rock University - Exercise Science  
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 Cassandra Grace Schomer - Community College of Allegheny County - Accounting  
 Cory Joseph Schons - United States Marines Corps  
 Alexandra Celeste Schultz - Penn State University - Biology  
 Joseph Paul Sciulli - Community College of Allegheny County - Accounting  
 Alexander Joseph Scrabis - Community College of Allegheny County - General Studies  
 Kevin Walter Scullin - Penn State University, Behrend - Undecided  
 Anna Lee Simpson Semenuk - Edinboro University - History  
 Erin Elizabeth Sharkey - Messiah College - Biomedical Engineering  
 Keyana Marie Sherrell  
 Mareena Shuster - University of South Carolina - Pre-Pharmacy  
 Joshua Andrew Sicilia - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
 Benjamin Joel Simon - Community College of Allegheny County - Sign Language/Interpreting  
 Nicholas Alexander Skirpan - Valley Forge Military College - Sports Management  
 Cory Ray Smarsh - California University of Pennsylvania - Musical Production  
 Joan Marie Stamatakis - Penn State University - Industrial Engineering  
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 Robert Douglas Stander - Community College of Allegheny County - General Studies  
 Sydney Louise Stangl - Indiana University of Pennsylvania - Criminology  
 Hope Michele Steinmetz - Duquesne University - Nursing  
 Richard Joseph Stevenson - University of Pittsburgh - Computer Science/Mathematics  
 Ian Robert Stewart - Virginia Tech - Mechanical Engineering  
 Joshua John Sullivan - Undecided  
 Alexander John Taylor - Penn State Univ., Altoona - Mechanical/Nuclear Engineering  
 David Andrew Taylor - Virginia Tech - Biological Sciences  
 Ryan De'andre Tench - Capital University - Marketing  
 Sadi Mariah Thomas - University of Pittsburgh - Neuroscience  
 Ashley Leigh Ann Totino - University of Pittsburgh - Pre-Med/Chemistry  
 Richard John Tran - Penn State University - Architectural Engineering  
 Edward Alphonse Trizzino - Point Park University - Journalism  
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 Gina Marie Tuscan - Community College of Allegheny County - Nursing  
 Ryan Joseph Tuszynski - United States Marines Corps  
 Paige Lee Urbano - Duquesne University - Chemistry  
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 Moriah Grace Viviano - Virginia Tech - Engineering  
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 Mackenzie Marie Wallace - Penn State University - Pre-Med  
 Jason Michael Walsh - Community College of Allegheny County - Elect. Const. Mgmt.  
 Rachel Lynne Washburn - Community College of Allegheny County - Undecided  
 Shane Marquis Washington - California University of PA - Business Administration  
 Andrew Thomas Wayne - Penn State University, Behrend - Electrical & Engineering  
 Jessica Clare Weaver - Employment  
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 Amber Lee White - University of Pittsburgh - Neuroscience  
 Nicholas Ryan White - Junior Hockey in the NAHL - Topeka Road Runners  
 Jay Timothy Wilcox - UPMC School of Nursing - Nursing  
 Zachary Mark Williams - Employment - Woodlands the School for the Blind  
 Brenton Todd Williams, Jr. - Comm. College of Allegheny County - Outdoor Bldg. & Maint.  
 Casey Seamus Willison - University of Pittsburgh - History  
 Devin Alexander Wilson - Virginia Tech - Political Science  
 Sean Robert Wilson - Robert Morris University - Undecided  
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 Larry Alonzo Young - Undecided  
 Ronald Louis Ziccardi - West Virginia University - Music Education

# Montour School District

## David E. Williams Middle School News

### Fifth and Sixth Grade “In-House” 24 Competition a Success

BY STUDENTS CAROLINE DISCHNER AND ALEXANDRA MANNINO

The fifth and sixth graders of David E. Williams Middle School prepared all year for the annual in-house 24 competition. “24” is a mathematical card game in which participants must get the number 24 by adding, subtracting, multiplying, and/or dividing by four numbers.

The top 16 from each grade level participated in the competition on May 3. Every Thursday, the students dedicated their activity time to playing the card game. Throughout the year, the players accumulated points. Those with the most points were eligible to compete.

Fifth graders played against each other, and the sixth graders competed against each other as well. After several rounds, winners were announced.

The final four for fifth grade were Emma Dischner, Rachel White, Tyler Richie, and Tatem Minear. The final four for sixth grade was Caroline Dischner,

Conner Powell, James Johnson, and Alexandra Gyory. Out of fifth grade, the runner-up winner was Rachel White, and the champion was Emma Dischner.

For sixth grade, the runner-up winner was Caroline Dischner and the winner was Connor Powell. From there, each grade level champion competed in a final round to determine the overall champion, Emma Dischner.

Congratulations to all of the 24 participants who were chosen to complete in this competition!

A special thanks goes out to Mrs. DeRose, who accompanied high school students to the competition to serve as proctors. The high school students who proctored the fifth and sixth grade “24” competition were: Ian Stewart, Alexis Wildman, Tim Jackowski, Ashley Finello, Jess Gonzalez, Nick Rizzo, Chad Pongratz, and Chad Macadangdang.



ABOVE: 24 Champions, Connor Powell and Emma Dischner,

### Students Receive American Legion Award

Each year, the David W. Williams eighth grade students and faculty select an eighth grade boy and girl for the American Legion Award.

The award is given to the students who receive the highest number of votes on the basis of Honor, Scholarship, Service, Courage, Leadership, and Americanism.

These students are respected for their high standards of conduct and keen sense of what is right. They show evidence of self-discipline and application to studies. They are kind, unselfish, and willing to lend a helping hand. They take an active interest in the promotion of love of our country. These students show moral courage in games and play.

Congratulations to John Dukewich and Lauren Bosco, the winners of the 2013 American Legion Awards at David E. Williams Middle School.



### Children's Choice Winners



ABOVE: Congratulations to Holly Goodwin, Caroline Dischner and Ben Lander, left to right, for their second place award in the 3rd Annual Children's Choice Awards, held May 9 at the Carnegie Library of Homestead. The students competed against other students in grades 3-6 and answered questions about eight books that were nominated for the Children's Choice Awards. The students listened to storytelling, drew their dream library, and listened to a special presentation by Adam Gidwitz, the author of *A Talk Dark and Grimm* and *In a Glass Grimmly*.

### Students Receive Ron Oliver Award

Each year, the David E. Williams Middle School faculty nominates two eighth grade students for the Ron Oliver Memorial Award of Excellence. The nominees are successful academic students, cooperative, well-behaved, and responsible. They are involved in athletics or other extracurricular activities, and have a spirit to succeed.

The 2013 Ron Oliver Award Winners are Dominica Niccolai and Michael Mastroianni.



## Garrett and Taekwondo are a Winning Pair

Garrett Grimes, a sixth grader who will be going to David E. Williams Middle School in the fall, has studied Taekwondo since he was seven. This year, he experienced a phenomenal season participating in Taekwondo tournaments throughout the school year. Garrett traveled to Chicago, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Texas, Florida, and much of Pennsylvania competing as a second-degree Black Belt in the 9-11 age category. He is trained by Michael Esteps ATA in the Kennedy Township plaza.

Garrett's accolades include first place winner at Nationals in Combat; second place winner in State for Combat; third place winner in State for Sparring; and District Qualifier in both Combat and Sparring.

Garrett is the son of Dwayne and Tamara Grimes of Robinson Township, and an older brother to Taylor and Mason.



## Invention Convention Winners

Congratulations to the following gifted students for placing in the Allegheny County Invention Convention Competition in April. The students created an invention, built a prototype, made an advertisement, and kept a log of their work. Congratulations to the following winners:



**ABOVE:** Back: Nicholas Nazak, Ben Lander, Luke Cavanah, Mitchell Bentley; Front: Joey Uhler, Maysen Moll, Julianna Paulin, Luke Smarra.

1st Grade, Forest Grove Elementary, Joey Uhler, 1st Place - "Kick It" - A soccer

ball on a string, when you kick it, it comes back;

3rd Grade, Burkett Elementary, Luke Smarra, Honorable Mention - "Coggles" - A combination of a swim cap and goggles;

4th Grade, Burkett Elementary, Julianna Paulin, 3rd Place - "Sheet Snappers" - Bed sheets with snaps to keep them from coming off at night;

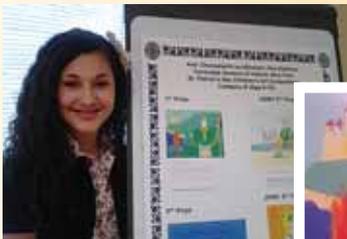
5th Grade, David E. Williams Middle School, Maysen Moll, 1st place - "The Gloglight Safety Umbrella" - An umbrella with reflective tape, a light and a whistle; David E. Williams Middle School, Ben Lander, Honorable Mention - "The Helpful Bat Rack" A bat organizer, that lists the batting order;

7th Grade, David E. Williams Middle School, Nick Nazak, 1st place - "Rack Em" - A shoe organizer system with deodorizers; David E. Williams Middle School, Mitchell Bentley, Honorable Mention - "The Eraser Replacer" A pencil and tools to replace the eraser when it wears out; 8th Grade, David E. Williams Middle School, Luke Cavanah, 1st place - A

system that collects trash and separated into different recycling bins.

Congratulations to Caroline Dischner and Mitchell Bentley for receiving Triple Crown Awards for participating three years in the Invention Convention.

## She's a Winning Irish Artist



Kimberly Dominguez is a sixth grade student at David E. Williams.

Her mother is of Irish decent and is very proud of her heritage. Every year, Kimberly's family attends the Irish Festival, and, because of this, the family receives upcoming event information about the Irish community.



Recently, they received an e-mail about a children's art competition. Since Kimberly is a talented artist and takes lessons at the Father Ryan Art Studio, the competition immediately sparked an interest for Kimberly and her family. They contacted Ms. Amy DiMichele, who trains Kimberly, to see if Amy thought that Kimberly would possess enough talent to participate in this competition. Amy felt that Kimberly was certainly a talented painter and helped her enter the competition.

The competition was comprised of several categories, each with different topics surrounding the central theme of St. Patrick.

Kimberly's age group was required to show how St. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland. Kimberly was required to complete the research leading up to the completion of the project on her own.

The family received a letter from the Consulate of Ireland in New York City inviting them to a reception, because Kimberly was one of the winners. The family traveled to New York City, and when they arrived at the Irish Consulate, they learned that this was the first time the contest had ever been held, on the recommendation from the officials of the Consulate of Ireland. There were thousands of entries from all over the nation, and the works of art that were submitted took on very different and unique forms.

Kimberly took first place in her age group. She was awarded a certificate and a Kindle Paperwhite for her efforts. Kimberly announced, "I am so happy that all of my family could be with me. I feel so loved!"

# Montour School District

## Burkett Elementary News



### Students Compete in District ATA Tournament

Two Burkett Elementary students gave impressive performances at the American Taekwondo Association (ATI) District Tournament in Downingtown on June 1.

Taylor Grimes competed in traditional forms, sparring, weapons, and combat weapons sparring. She received a bronze medal in combat weapons sparring.

Luke Heidenreich competed in traditional forms and combat weapons sparring. He received a bronze in traditional forms and bronze in combat weapons sparring.

They were among 2,000 participants at the event competing against athletes from six other states. Taylor stated, "The event was fun and challenging; my favorite part was finding out that I qualified for districts and knowing that I would get to compete with other great athletes."

Luke agreed stating, "It was an interesting experience and I was happy to participate in the first annual district tournament."

Taekwondo promotes physical and mental discipline, as well as physical fitness.

Both students train at Estep's ATA. They agreed that Mr. Estep is a great teacher who has taught them a lot and motivated them to do their best.

### Elementary Community Shows Some Heart

Burkett Elementary students and staff raised \$1,618 for the American Heart Association in the Annual Jump Rope for Heart Event. The students also learned about fitness and diet and the importance of taking care of their bodies to promote a heart healthy lifestyle. Students who participated received a free Pirates baseball ticket and a discount for their families' tickets for a heart day game at PNC Park.

Mr. Manolis, Burkett Elementary gym teacher, would like to thank the children and their parents and the Burkett staff for their kindness to others. Mr. Manolis has coordinated this fundraiser and the activities associated with it for the past few years. Though he retired at the end of this year, he is confident that the wonderful Montour community will continue to display kindness to those in need.



### Girl Scouts Promote Conservation of Resources

Burkett Elementary students from Girl Scout Troop 54350 recently completed an philanthropy initiative that promotes "green" practices within Burkett Elementary School. The girls made a variety of posters to encourage their classmates to save energy and resources such as electricity and water.

The troop engages in various activities such as this throughout the year and this one in particular gained the attention of the Burkett students. A few students mentioned liking the reminders to always turn off the water the entire way and that turning off the lights when not in the room just makes sense.

The Girl Scouts hope that this initiative will spread to other schools, businesses, and even to the homes of their classmates. "Green" initiatives such as this are reinforced through the Montour

School District's newly adopted Science Fusion curriculum. In addition, Burkett Elementary is planning to expand their Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) initiatives through a \$20,000 grant they recently received.

Mr. DiDesiderio, Burkett Elementary principal, stated, "Our community is proud of the knowledge that students have regarding the environment and their part in improving it for the future. We as adults can learn a lot from the simple yet significant steps taken by our children."

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## Burkett Says “Thank You” and “Goodbye” to Three Retirees



Burkett Elementary School students enjoyed another successful and educational year. While it is always wonderful to welcome new faces to the building, students will also dearly miss three educators that influenced them in various ways. Students left for summer break with bittersweet feelings as they said hello to summer and goodbye to their teachers.

Mrs. Cheryl Muraco, speech teacher, Mrs. Ellen Jukes, librarian, and Mr. Manny Manolis, gym teacher, have all completed their final year as teachers in the Montour School District. Each made significant impressions on their students throughout their time in the district.

Each of the retiring staff members spoke at an informal retirement celebration at Burkett Elementary School. They recalled events that occurred in their years at Montour and provided insightful advice to the staff members who will

continue as the district strides to provide students with a well-rounded and thorough education. The Burkett Elementary community wishes to thank these three individuals for their dedicated service to students and the Montour School District.

## Students are Winning Inventors

Congratulations to the following students from Burkett Elementary for placing in the Allegheny County Invention Convention Competition on April 30.

The students brainstormed an invention to improve upon an existing item, built a prototype, and then logged the process for review. In addition, students had to develop an advertisement to “sell” their product.

Students who placed were: third grader, Luke Smarra, Honorable Mention – “Coggles” – A combination of a swim cap and goggles; fourth grader, Julianna Paulin, 3rd Place – “Sheet Snappers” – Bed sheets with snaps to keep them from coming off the mattress at night.



## 2013-2014 School Calendar

<b>August 22</b>	Teacher In-Service/ No Students	<b>November 27</b>	Early Dismissal
<b>August 23</b>	Clerical Day/No Students	<b>November 28 - 29</b>	Thanksgiving Recess/No School
<b>August 26</b>	Clerical Day/No Students	<b>December 2</b>	Thanksgiving Recess/No School
<b>August 27</b>	First Day for Students	<b>December 23 - 31</b>	Holiday Recess/No School
<b>September 2</b>	Labor Day/ No School	<b>January 1</b>	Holiday Recess/No School
<b>September 23</b>	Open House - FG & DEW Grades 7 & 8 (1 Hr. Early Dismissal for All)	<b>January 20</b>	Local Holiday/No School
<b>September 24</b>	Open House - Burkett & H.S. (1 Hr. Early Dismissal for All)	<b>January 27</b>	Teacher In-Service/No Students
<b>September 25</b>	Open House - DEW Grades 5 & 6 (1 Hr. Early Dismissal for All)	<b>February 14</b>	Local Holiday/No School
<b>October 11</b>	Teacher In-Service/No Students	<b>February 17</b>	Teacher In-Service/No Students
<b>October 14</b>	Local Holiday/No School	<b>March 21</b>	Local Holiday/No School
<b>November 5</b>	Local Holiday/No School	<b>April 16</b>	Early Dismissal
<b>November 11</b>	Parent/Teacher Conferences - Act 80 Day/No Students	<b>April 17 - 21</b>	Spring Break/No School
		<b>May 9</b>	Teacher In-Service/No Students
		<b>May 26</b>	Memorial Day/No School
		<b>June 11</b>	Last Day for Students/Early Dismissal
		<b>June 12</b>	Teacher Clerical/Last Day for Teachers

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## Forest Grove Elementary News Kids' Art Fair Inspired Creativity



**LEFT:** Students at Forest Grove Elementary ended the school year with the Kids' Art Fair. Students, parents, and teachers enjoyed the wide variety of artwork created by the children.



Mrs. Natalie Rush, art teacher at Forest Grove Elementary, brought KidsArt Fairs to the school in honor of Mother's Day. She collaborated with faculty, staff, and PTA members to organize the event and showcase students' work.

The Montour Elementary PTA helped to set up the fair in the gymnasium. Mrs. Eileen Taylor, kindergarten teacher, set up the grand entrance with a red carpet. Also, a Child Development student from Montour High School, Marissa Cook, volunteered her time and helped prepare for the art fair.

Parents, teachers, and students, along with their families, were able to view the student artwork and purchase the frame to display the versions of art in their homes. Kindergarteners made handprint butterflies, first graders created multi-media versions of Vincent Van Gogh's *Sunflowers*, and second graders recreated Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, painted in oil pastels. Mrs. Rush was given a stipend for art supplies for the fair, which was free to the public. It was a successful event, and Mrs. Rush hopes to bring the KidsArt Fairs back to Forest Grove and include all of the elementary students in the future.



## Around the District

### Thank You for Your Years of Service!

The Montour School District would like to recognize and congratulate everyone who retired at the conclusion of this school year. Thank you for your many years of service and commitment to the students of the Montour School District.

Debbie Abel	Gary Gonzales	Christine Mattarochia	Kathryn O'Donnell	Merle Tournay
Ken Barth	Liane Indrihovic	Jake McCutcheon	Robert Pasquarelli	Jackie VanTassel Simpson
John Carolus	Ellen Jukes	Marianne McKeag	Al Pontiere	Joanne Wells
Kathleen Conrad	Carol Kerr	Cheryl Muraco	Marian Sanjana	
Mitch Galiyas	Manny Manolis	Ed O'Brien	Cynthia Sebosky	

BY DR. CHRISTOPHER STONE  
DIRECTOR, CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### Curriculum & Instruction Enhancements Planned for 2013-2014

The Montour School District is pleased to continue offering robust, rich curricular offerings for the 2013-2014 school year. Embracing a vision of becoming the premier school district in western Pennsylvania, Montour will be augmenting course offerings in the following areas:

- New Mathematics courses / textbook adoption (Kindergarten-Algebra)
- New Biology course / textbook adoption
- New STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) classroom at Burkett Elementary
- New Nutrition & Wellness Courses at the David E. William Middle School
- New STEM courses, Gateway to Technology at David E. William Middle School
- New BioMedical High School Course, Medical Interventions
- New Advance Placement (AP) course, AP Psychology
- New mathematics and verbal SAT preparation courses

### Montour Receives a \$20,000 Academic STEAM Grant

Next school year Burkett Elementary students will engage in learning activities in their very own STEAM classroom due to receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Center for Creativity. This high tech classroom will be equipped with Apple ipads, Lego engineering materials, Carnegie Mellon University robotic origami units, and much more!

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Center for Creativity offered regional districts the opportunity to apply for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) grants. Funded by the Grable and Benedum Foundations, the grants were available to schools in Allegheny, Fayette, Greene, Washington, Beaver, and Westmoreland counties. Montour was one of several award recipients in Allegheny County.

The STEAM philosophy encourages a renewed commitment to creativity, contextual thinking, and other aptitudes deemed critical to college and career readiness demands of the 21st century. The Montour School District is excited to support endeavors that strive toward those goals in innovative and creative ways.

### Common Core Academic Standards, 2013-2014 School Year

Montour School District will continue to refine current offerings to better align with the Pennsylvania Common Core Standards in all content areas. These standards define the knowledge and skills students should have within their K-12 education careers so that they will graduate high school able to succeed in entry-level, credit-bearing

academic college courses and in workforce training programs.

The district encourages parents to become familiar with the "new" academic requirements as per the Pennsylvania Department of Education: Pennsylvania Department of Education: <http://www.pdesas.org/Standard/CommonCore>.

# Montour's Mitch Moving On

Recently retired Montour Athletic Director Mitch Galiyas can list off numerous highlights from his 38-year career in athletics, much of it spent at Montour building the program into a AAA force.

Bringing the nationally televised ESPN reality show "Bound for Glory" there is one. Coaching the boys' varsity volleyball team to three section titles and a WPIAL title is another. He can also list hiring two

single-A football squad. During the first half of his tenure at Montour, Mitch coached a number of teams at other schools, including Quigley, which at that time hadn't won a game in three seasons. With Mitch at the helm, they won their first game that year.

"They had a sign out front that said, 'We're rich, we got Mitch'," he says.

He was reminded of that victory when he went to sign up for Social Security, and the sales representative mentioned it. She was a Quigley grad, and a former member of the marching band.

Before Mitch coached at Quigley, though, his career started at the same school where it has since ended, as a history teacher and the freshman football coach. It was his first job out of college. After coaching at Quigley, he coached at West Allegheny for a year under coach Joe Frangione, and then at Baldwin under Don Yanessa. At Carlynton, he was head football coach for the 1991 and 1992 seasons.

All the while, though, he continued to teach at Montour, where he also coached the men's volleyball team to a lifetime 351-169 record, and a WPIAL title in 1987. Among the players on that 1987 team was Chris Hale, who went on to play volleyball at the Naval Academy.

"He brought that same football fire to volleyball," says Chris about Mitch. "He was fiery, passionate, and inspirational."

It was Mitch who introduced him to his coach at the Naval Academy, says Chris, who later served in the military, and now heads Victory Media, a Coraopolis-based company publishing four national military publications.

Montour alum Sam Woods played under Mike Marchionda, a member of Mitch's 1987 WPIAL-winning team, and under Mike went on to earn Montour another WPIAL title in 2000. Now the head volleyball coach at Moon, Sam says that when his grades started to slip, it was Mitch who sat him down to talk to him, and later got him a job after college.

"He always wanted the best for the people he cared about," says Sam about Mitch.

In 1995, Mitch was named athletic director at Montour, after two years of serving as an assistant to the position. He describes it as the type of job where he learned to "think outside the box," and make moves like one in 1998 when he secured a new track in exchange for allowing a company to install a 3-way billboard on campus. The billboard was never installed, but the school still got its track, which Mitch says would have otherwise cost about \$140,000.

There was also the \$75,000 in weight equipment he secured through a grant from "Body by Jake" for the middle school, and a deal he brokered with Allegheny General Hospital to supply the school with athletic trainers.

Most notable, though, may have been the ESPN reality series, which operated on the premise of installing former NFL player Dick Butkus as head coach to turn around a high school football program that hadn't reached the playoffs in five years. Through the show, the school brokered a deal with Dicks for amenities



coaches who have made the football and basketball teams perennial WPIAL contenders, and brokering sponsorship deals saving the school and taxpayers over a million dollars.

One of Mitch's fondest accomplishments, though, actually comes from another school, Quigley Catholic, where in 1986 he took over the

from lockers to projectors, and another with Reebok for new equipment. Yet another through Energizer got the school a new scoreboard and play clocks.

"We were the first in the area to get them," says Mitch about the play clocks, noting that at first some officials were reluctant to use them.

At Montour, the "Bound for Glory" idea was met with plenty of enthusiasm by the community, complete with tailgating and packed bleachers. That was another payoff, says Mitch.

"The ESPN producers were confused when they got the tape," he says. "They were like, 'we thought this was a dying program'."

Montour secured just one win that season, but three years later competed at Heinz Field for a WPIAL title. Mitch points out that since 2007, the team has made 3 WPIAL title appearances under coach Lou Cerro, who Mitch hired to take over in 2006. Lou was named the AAA football coach of the year, while men's basketball coach Adam Kaufmann was named the AAA basketball coach of the year by the Pennsylvania Coach's Association.

"I don't believe that's ever been done before in the state of Pennsylvania," says Mitch.

Since coming back to coach at his alma mater, Adam has coached the Montour basketball team to three WPIAL appearances, two titles, and two state finals. Mitch says that when he hired Adam in 2007, some questioned his experience, but Mitch says Adam's enthusiasm and character convinced him he was the right choice.

As he heads into retirement, Mitch says he is looking forward to volunteering with his church, St. Malachy, and the Knights of Columbus, as well as the Pittsburgh Basketball Club. After serving as a Kennedy zoning officer for 15 years, and on the parks board for 10, he was recently named interim commissioner, and is running for the position this coming election.

He's also looking forward to spending time with his grandsons and his wife, Mary Jo, and volunteering at Montour.

"They've been good to me," he says, "and I'd like to give back."

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## Around Your Town

### AWM STAFF MEMBER GRADUATES FROM HARVARD

Sarah Kizina Hughey, a freelance photographer and graphic designer with *Allegheny West Magazine*, graduated in May with



a masters from Harvard Extension School's Museum Studies program.

An alumna of Montour High School, she earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in studio arts. Sarah is married to Doug Hughey, assistant editor of *Allegheny West Magazine*. Currently, Sarah works as an interpreter at Meadowcroft Village, in addition to her work with the magazine.

### SABIKA HONORS "ORIGINAL WOMEN"

Robinson Township-based jewelry company Sabika, Inc. unveiled the stories of 1,000 women nominated for its 'I Am An Original' campaign at its corporate studios on May 15. The event was hosted by company founder Karin Mayr, attended by over 200 women, and honored more than 1,000 nominees.

The event recognized Sabika consultants and hostesses who helped to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh and ChildLaw Services of West Virginia. Of the 1,000 nominees, 24 were from the western suburbs of Pittsburgh, including Janice Calhoun of Moon Township.

At the time of the event, Sabika had donated more than \$35,000 worth of original jewelry to mothers, women family members, and guests staying at the Ronald McDonald House of Pittsburgh.

### GPFOA SEEKS NEW OFFICIALS

The Greater Pittsburgh Football Officials Association is seeking new applicants who wish to serve as football officials. GPFOA has officials working at the youth, scholastic, college and semi pro levels. New applicants will learn the rules and mechanics associated with serving as an official, so as to assist them in obtaining PIAA certification. Officials who have obtained PIAA certification and who are not already affiliated with another chapter are also encouraged to join GPFOA. For more information, contact Mike Conlon at (412) 398-6545 or Joe Kulik at (412) 787-5422.

### EAT'N PARK AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO LOCAL STUDENT

Eat'n Park Hospitality Group has awarded Eryne Wiethorn, from West Allegheny Senior High School, a scholarship as part of its annual scholarship program. Eryne works at the restaurant chain's Robinson location. The scholarship program, which provides more than \$50,000 in scholarships each year, is designed to reward employees for their work within the company and the local community. This year, 19 local high school students were awarded scholarships.

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# Carpenters Do Good Deed for Botanic Garden



**ABOVE:** Kitty Vagley of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden and Seth Greenier of the South Hills and Zeus Construction show blueprints of the storybook house.

Before carpenters can join the Greater Pennsylvania Regional Council of Carpenters, and go on to represent the highest qualities and standards required by the union, they first must complete a four-year apprenticeship program at the organization's training facility near Settlers Cabin Park.

This year, as some fourth-year carpentry apprentices were preparing to graduate and become journeymen, they took part in an event that both tested their skills and benefitted some good causes.

On May 7, while a number of those apprentices built lean-tos and octagonal picnic tables for area parks, four apprentices competed against each other by building one-fourth of a storybook house. Once completed, the four parts were assembled, and each apprentices' workmanship graded.

That house has since been donated to the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden, a massive project that aims to reclaim 460 acres of former strip mine and convert it into a thriving garden and park. Botanic Garden President Greg Nace and Director of Development Kitty Vagley were both on hand to watch the apprentices' work, as was Board Member Judy Wojanis, president of Wojanis Hydraulic Supply Company in North Fayette.

Kitty says plans are to install the house in the Book Worm Glen section of the garden's Eastern European Woodlands area. She says the garden is currently working on an attraction entitled "Mr. Roger's Garden of Make-Believe," and that the theme will be evident throughout.

Working on the house were Seth Greenier of the South Hills and Zeus Construction, Michael Howard of Irwin and Stevens Painton Corporation, Daniel Nill of West Mifflin and MBM Contracting, Inc., and Robinson resident Brian Kovacs, who works for DCK Worldwide. The house was built out of environmentally friendly, non-wolmanized wood encased in cedar shingles. Its roof was made largely out of materials produced from recycled paper.

## News from the PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN

### Peek & Preview Tours!

We are hosting public Peek & Preview Tours until our Opening Day (mid-2014). These one-hour tours will introduce visitors to the Woodland Gardens and its historic homestead front door.

Learn about the history of the area, our current work and our future plans!

Upcoming tours are July 18, 20, and 24; August 3, 6, 12, 14, 18, 22, and 31. Times vary. Contact the Botanic Garden office for details.

### Hamptons in the Heights Event a Success!



The Hamptons in the Heights enjoyed perfect weather, wonderful guests, delicious food and a very gracious couple: Ina Garten and Jeffrey!

Thank you to co-chairs, Brigitte Pavlik, Bill Kolano and David Thor, as well as the hardworking committees who supported them.

We send a special thank you to the sponsors of the evening: Bank of NY Mellon, Bayer, EQT, Market District, Olde Stonewall Golf Club, Wojanis Hydraulic Supply Company, Carneuse Lime & Stone, The Jack Buncher Foundation, Highmark, Knepper Press and UPMC Health Plan. Many thanks to Colliers International, First City Company, Janney Montgomery Scott, Pennsylvania Coal Alliance, R. L. Miller, Steelite and TriState Bank. We appreciate your support!

### We Need Volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers (school students as well as their parents and grandparents!) willing to monitor the stream in the Kentucky Hollow area of the Garden. We will teach you! This is part of a larger study of water quality in the Upper Ohio River Basin. Please contact Kitty Vagley for more information.

Our next "Grow The Garden Day" is Saturday, August 10 from 9 a.m. until noon. We will be happy to give you a tour of the site when you are done with the volunteer work!

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# Kennedy Garden Club Turns 90

In 1923, something in Kennedy Township started to bloom. A group of women met with the president of the Allegheny County division of the Women's National Farm and Garden Association to organize the Kennedy Township Farm and Garden Club. Over time, the name was changed and is now known as the Kennedy Garden Club.

The original membership totaled 27 women, and dues were two dollars a year. The club met at the former Ken Mawr Elementary School on Pine Hollow Road. (The building now houses Allegheny Valley School.)

Club member Anna Jane Bayer notes that, in the beginning, members kept records of their activities in journals, which were hand-written with ink and pen. They would hold picnics at members' homes. Entire families would attend, complete with picnic baskets, and blankets for the lawn.

The club very early on valued civic duty. One of its first tasks was to promote the clean up of a local garbage dumping ground in the area near the Giant Eagle in Kennedy Township.

During World War II, members promoted victory gardens, and, through the Civilian Defense effort, sponsored and directed the hospital canning project, canning 5,600 quarts of fruits and vegetables each year. It was a natural carryover, as members already were growing their own fruits and vegetables to feed their families.

"Environmental issues are always uppermost on our agenda," explains Anna Jane, "so much so, that reports are given at monthly meetings about current environmental concerns and how we as members can contribute to keep God's planet green and healthy."

This year, the club promoted Arbor Day by planting another flowering tree at Fairhaven Park in Kennedy Township. In addition, members refurbish flower gardens at the Father Ryan Arts Center in McKees Rocks, and support the local Meals on Wheels program with goodie bags for shut-ins and centerpieces for fundraising luncheons.

Each year, the club awards an annual scholarship to a deserving high school senior who has shown academic achievement and has been involved in community service.

Just a few months after the club was organized, members held their first flower show. Ladies got to show off their abilities at "mastering" the art of flower arranging. Notable judges throughout the area came to look over, critique, and award ribbons for their work.

Such shows are a thing of the past, Anna Jane says, and the garden club now concentrates its efforts on community service and beautification, education, and environmental efforts. In the past, cherry trees were planted along the driveway of the newly built Ohio Valley General Hospital in

**TOP TO BOTTOM:** Past club presidents gather during this year's Past President's Luncheon in May. At the event, the club honored its oldest active member, Doris Presutti, with a birthday cake and flowers on her 90th birthday. Last month, an inscribed granite memorial bench was dedicated on the grounds of the Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church in celebration of the club's 90th anniversary and in memory of deceased members. Each year at the annual Past Presidents' Luncheon, a rose will be placed on the bench in memory of each member who has died during the previous year. During May, members refurbished the flower beds at the Father Ryan Arts Center and the Serenity Garden behind McDermott's Funeral Home. On May 7, the Kennedy Township Board of Commissioners presented the Kennedy Garden Club with a Certificate of Merit Award for their 90th Anniversary to recognize their accomplishments to make the community more beautiful.



Kennedy Township. (The first Ohio Valley General Hospital was in the Norwood section of Stowe Township)

In recent years, they have planted shrubs, trees, and flowers in Fairhaven Park, plant and maintain a vegetable garden at Caring Heights (formerly Sycamore Nursing Home) help the residents at The Willows plant flowering pots for their patios, and plant flowers in McDermott's Serenity Gardens in memory of beloved members.

Even local residents who aren't members can get involved with club activities. Beautification Awards are given each summer to local residents and businesses who, with their own hands (not commercially done), beautify the community with eye appealing landscapes.

To raise funds for their many civic beautification efforts, club members hold an annual Plant/Bake/Craft Sale at Ken Mawr Plaza each year. They also bake homemade goods, create garden crafts, and hold a raffle during the event.

Anna Jane notes, "We are also available at the event to offer advice about plants and gardening to any first-time gardener or those unfamiliar with a particular plant. This major fundraising event has become a widely known 'place to be' in May. No matter what the weather, the community looks

forward to this sale. We divide and mature our own perennials throughout the year, then let our "babies" go to new homes in May. Some of these plants have been handed down through generations, thus in some small way, Kennedy Township residents are truly "honorary members" of the Kennedy Garden Club."

This year, members also participated in the May Mart at Old Economy Village selling plants, baked goods and crafts, and participated in the plant sale at Old Economy Village, both events providing additional opportunities to raise funds to benefit community projects.

From its beginnings 90 years ago, the Kennedy Garden Club's focus hasn't changed much. Membership still remains about the same, with 30 members today. Several members have been with the club since the 1960s. The club now meets at the Ken Mawr UP Church now, not too far from its original meeting site. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. (except July and August).

Says Anna Jane, "We continue to follow in the footsteps of the ladies who began this wonderful journey some 90 years ago."

For more information call Judy Fritzges, president, at (412) 331-6175. To learn more, visit [www.kennedygardenclub.com](http://www.kennedygardenclub.com) or get the latest news on the club's Facebook page.

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much different to get injured or die on the way to the scene. We want to arrive safe, then be able to perform our duties.

Under Pennsylvania law, emergency vehicles can display red lights or blue lights, or even a combination. Red lights may be found on top of police, ambulance, fire, coroner, and medical examiner vehicles, but also on the vehicles of the fire chief or fire police. Under our law, this does give the drivers the authority to exceed the speed limit and to continue through a red light, after stopping to make sure the intersection is clear.

Red lights and sirens also are permitted on the vehicles of volunteer fire chiefs and the assistant chiefs. Obviously, these individuals need to get to the scene immediately, to determine the extent of the emergency, or even if one exists, and begin to plan for whatever operations will be required. It is important to understand that, while some departments may actually have a specific vehicle for a chief, many departments have situations where the chief, or a deputy or assistant chief, have red lights on their personal cars or trucks.

Simply put, motorists MUST, by law, yield to a red light or to red and blue flashing lights used by emergency vehicles. What if you see a person with a flashing blue light? These lights are authorized for use by, among other groups, volunteer firefighters. You are not obligated to pull over for me, as I am heading to an emergency. But, why wouldn't you?

I would respectfully submit that it is in everyone's best interests to move over and give volunteer firefighters the right of way. Yes, it may only be a false alarm, but there is no way to know if indeed that is the case. I would hope that any citizen would want a firefighter to get to the fire, or accident scene, as quickly and safely as possible. You may have heard, back in April, about the junior firefighter from a local department who was very seriously injured as he was running to help at the firehouse. We want to be as safe as we can be, and you should want that, too, so that we can do our job. I want to get past you, to try to help, but I also value my own life, so I hope you will let me through. I am not going to drive around you, nor will I fail to stop at a stop sign, but I hope you will realize that someone, maybe even someone you know and love, just may need us to get the scene of the emergency.

When the tones go off, we, as firefighters, know that it just might be that emergency we have to address. If your relative is bleeding or trapped in a vehicle at an accident, time is precious. If your relative's house is on fire, the speed of response will probably have an impact on our ability to fight that fire. If it is your house on fire, do you want me to get there as quickly as possible, to try to limit the damage, to try to save as many of your possessions as we can? If your loved one, or someone you know, is trapped in that fire, do you want us to get there and save their lives?

I am amazed at how many people ignore not only the blue lights, but even the red lights and sirens of a fire truck. I have been on countless calls where people have not pulled to the side, or have even pulled in front of our trucks. Every year, there are many reports of accidents involving emergency vehicles, because someone pulled in front of the responding apparatus. Maybe they were on the phone, or had the radio blasting, or perhaps they were just ignoring things around them.

The next time you see a blue light flashing in a vehicle, please remember that the person driving is leaving the comfort of their home, or maybe a family event, to offer service to someone in the community. They are willing to risk their own health and safety to attempt to save someone's life or property. They have been told that there is a fire or an accident, or some other emergency, where someone needs assistance. No, you don't have to pull over to let us get by you, but don't you think you should?

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So, how does it work? Explains Nicole, "One of the studio's talented artists will be with each guest every step of the way as you eat, drink, and paint your way to a finished work of art. Bring a favorite bottle of wine or other beverage, some favorite food, and your favorite people. We do the rest. We also do ANY type of party, birthdays for adults and youths, bachelorette, corporate teambuilding, girls or guys night out, scouts, and more."

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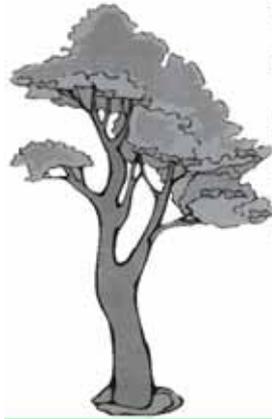
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**State Sen. Matt Smith** introduced legislation that would require schools to maintain a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors, commonly known as EpiPens, in a secure location, to be used by designated personnel to treat an anaphylactic reaction.

Pennsylvania schools have been encouraged in the past to keep on hand a supply of epinephrine auto-injectors. An epinephrine injector sends adrenaline into the victim's system to slow down an allergic reaction, providing emergency personnel time to treat victims – often saving their lives. Because children exposed to a potential food allergy need immediate medical attention, requiring epinephrine injectors to be kept at school will save children's lives.

**State Rep. Mark Mustio** announced that the House voted unanimously last month to support a measure to launch a detailed study of the potential impacts of merging the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. House Resolution 129 calls on the non-partisan Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to study the financial feasibility, impact, costs, and savings that may be realized by combining the agencies. It also calls on the LBFC to explore a range of options with regard to how to structure the state's wildlife agency to best manage the wildlife and aquatic resources of the Commonwealth. A similar study was conducted 10 years ago, and it showed a merger was feasible and would save money. Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation with separate agencies managing its fish and wildlife resources.

**State Sen. Matt Smith** also introduced legislation to allow window tinting for individuals who have certain medical conditions.

Senate Bill 961 would specifically allow people with Oculocutaneous Albinism to have sun-screening and similar materials on their vehicles.

Many people with the affliction experience severe sensitivity to light, low vision, or impaired vision. They must often take precautions to avoid severe sunburn and skin damage by wearing hats, protective clothing, and sunscreen lotion. This can make riding in automobiles difficult, as most regular windows allow in amounts of sunlight that can be harmful to individuals with Oculocutaneous Albinism and similar conditions.

Under the legislation, an individual suffering from this disorder could receive a medical exemption that would allow them to use sun-screening devices or darker levels of window tint, not to exceed 15 percent reflectivity. The medical exemption would have to be certified by a physician or optometrist and approved by PennDOT.

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**State Sen. Matt Smith** issued a statement in response to the Supreme Court's unanimous decision to uphold the revised redistricting map.

Under the new plan, the 37th Senatorial District will lose the boroughs of Avalon and Ben Avon and gain the boroughs of McDonald (Allegheny County portion), Rosslyn Farms, Pennsbury Village, and Thornburg as well as Robinson Township.

He said, "I will continue to serve all residents of the 37th Senatorial District and look forward to working on behalf of all the citizens of the new district as well as the region.

"The redistricting process has been fraught with confusion for constituents who may be unsure about who represents them. I will continue to communicate new information about the district and help all the residents of the region through this process."

Senator Smith was elected in November 2012.

The Senate State Government Committee today unanimously approved Senator Matt Smith's (D-Allegheny/Washington) legislation that would develop a secure online system for military and overseas voters to return their absentee ballot electronically.

**State Sen. Wayne Fontana** has announced that qualifying residents of Allegheny County can pick up vouchers for locally grown fruits and vegetables. The Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, provides qualified senior citizens, as well as Women, Infant and Children (WIC) recipients with checks to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from over 1,000 approved farmers in Pennsylvania.

The program provides recipients with four \$5 vouchers checks for a total year benefit of \$20 to redeem at qualified farmers markets or roadside stands

The program's goals are to provide WIC recipients and seniors who are nutritionally at risk a means to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. FMNP also expands the awareness and use of farmers markets as well as increase sales at these stands which in turn supports locally grown produce and Pennsylvania businesses.

To find the nearest market or stand that accept FMNP checks, you can also visit <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/olderadults.aspx>.

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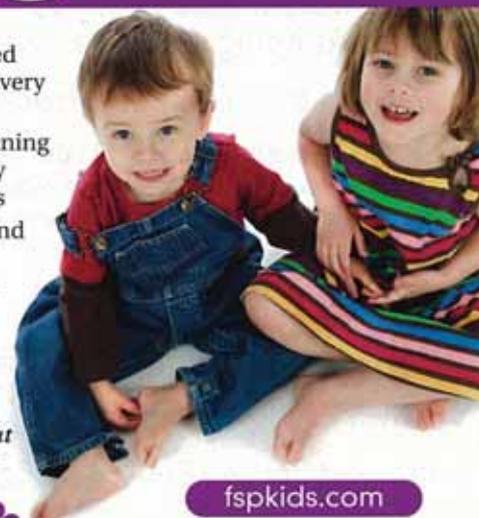
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# Your Schools

## Holy Trinity School

### First Ministry Fair a Success



**ABOVE:** Holy Trinity held its first Ministry Fair after masses June 8 and 9. Representatives from every parish ministry, group, and organization were on hand to meet with fellow parishioners and encourage them to get involved. They shared information about their groups and answered questions. By the end of the event, over 200 people had signed up to express interest in one or more of the ministries.

### Holy Trinity Festival Just Around the Bend

Holy Trinity's Annual Parish Festival is Wednesday, July 31, through Saturday, August 3. The festival is one of the largest in the area and features rides, games of chance, a huge white elephant sale, delicious foods, music, live entertainment, and other special events. The festival is open to the whole community and brings enjoyment to all age groups. All proceeds from the festival benefit Holy Trinity School.

Holy Trinity School is raffling off a 2013 Kia Soul. The lucky winner will also receive a \$500 gift card to Total Image Autosport in Robinson Township to customize the car as they see fit. Tickets are priced at one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$20. They can be purchased at the ticket booth in the school parking lot, the school office, or the rectory office.

The winning ticket will be pulled at the festival on August 3. All proceeds benefit Holy Trinity Catholic School.

### Holy Trinity Alumni and Parishioners Shine at OLSH Honors Ceremonies

Congratulations to the following parishioners & students from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School on their recent recognition at the OLSH Honors Convocation:

- Gianna Boburka**, Grade 11, Intro to Calculus, World History
- Merritt Donoghue**, Grade 12, Blessed Angela Award
- Andrew Iezzi**, Grade 9, Honors Algebra II, Phys. Ed 9-10
- Amy Kayser**, Grade 10, Religion II, American Literature, French II, Honors Geometry, Honors Modern American History
- Jonathan Kosal**, Grade 10, Health 10
- Corinne Muha**, Grade II, Highest Academic Class Average — Juniors, Spanish III, Rachel Carson Book Award
- Nicholas Mulvay**, Grade 12, Presidents Award for Education Excellence, Top Ten Senior
- Samantha Ritter**, Grade 12, Top Ten Senior, Presidents Award for Education Excellence
- Alexander Ritter**, Grade 11, Advanced Competitive Games
- Gregory Suehr**, Grade 12, Top Ten Senior, Presidents Award for Education Excellence, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Honors Government & Economics
- Jennifer Haseleu**, Grade 11, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, French III, Religion III, Theater Arts

### A Special Memorial for Two Beloved Parents



During the past year the Holy Trinity school family was saddened by the loss of two very special people - Dr. Hani Gabriel and Mrs. Cindy Zilner. Dr. Gabriel and Mrs. Zilner were each devoted parents of students in Holy Trinity School. They along with their families were strong believers in Catholic education and were active and generous supporters of the school. Recently, the students, faculty, staff and members of the Gabriel and Zilner families gathered for a special ceremony to honor and remember the lives of these two remarkable individuals. The school courtyard was converted into a memorial garden. Flowers were planted, as well as two rose bushes, and a bench was placed in the courtyard. After remarks from Principal Kim Stevenson and a blessing by Pastor Ken Keene, two memorial statues - one of Jesus with children and one of an angel - were dedicated while the children sang in tribute. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a reception in the new space.

### Preschool, Kindergarten Graduation Caps Great Year



Holy Trinity's 2013 preschool and kindergarten classes marked the end of a productive and fun year with entertaining graduation ceremonies that were open to family and friends. Graduates donned traditional caps and performed musical selections and skits that showcased some of the many things they learned in the past year. After receiving their diplomas, the students joined their guests for a lively reception with faculty and staff.

# Your Schools

## St. Malachy School

### Race for Education

### Raises Funds for School Technology

The St. Malachy School Annual Race for Education was recently held at Founder's Field. The school has received over \$13,000 to date. Proceeds will be used towards technology updates in the school. Students ran the fields and enjoyed other outdoor activities such as soccer, wiffle ball, and kick ball. Donations are still being accepted at: St. Malachy School, 343 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108.



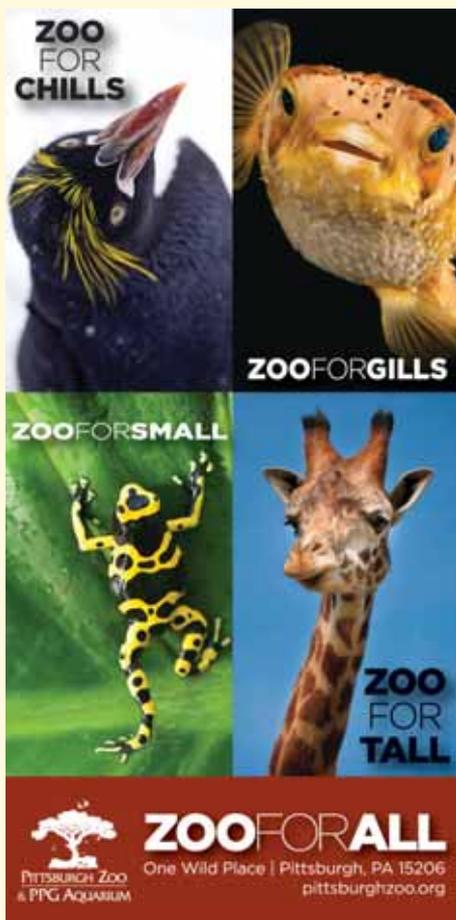
LEFT: Haley Messner, Natasha Karlik, and Lauren Crawford enjoy the Race for Education event.

## Visiting a Nature Preserve

St. Malachy School kindergarten, first, and second graders went on a fieldtrip to Beechwood Farms, a nature reserve and environmental education center operated by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The theme for the day was seasonal discovery and birds of prey. A trained naturalist guided small groups along trails to explore forests, meadows, and a pond. The guide pointed out flowers, trees, birds, turtles, and tadpoles encountered along the trail. It was a beautiful day and the children had a great time. The group also enjoyed a picnic lunch before going inside for a presentation on birds of prey. Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve is open to the public. It is located on Dorseyville Road, a few minutes from Hartwood Acres.

## Meet These Famous Pennsylvanians

Daniel Boone, Pink, Fred Rodgers, Bill Cosby.... What do all these people have in common? They are all famous Pennsylvanians. Mrs. Corona's fourth grade completed "biography hangers" and reports about famous Pennsylvanians. The students researched their person and then decorated a hanger to look like their famous personality. Among some of the other local personalities they researched were Kurt Angle, Dennis Miller, and St. Malachy School alumnus, Michael Keaton.



## Robinson Township Christian School Serving the Community

The entire student body of Robinson Township Christian School turned out for Hands to Work, Hearts to God, a bi-annual fundraiser. The preschoolers planted flowers around the building, kindergarten through grade two visited residents of a nursing home, and elementary students cleaned classrooms. Some high school students built picnic tables and cleaned, while others traveled to the homes of elderly community residents, where they did repair or yard work.



## Two Students Receive Honors

Daniel Brown, a 2013 graduate, was named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program out of some 16,000 semifinalists and will receive a Certificate of Merit from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. From the finalists, 8,300 Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen. Daniel will attend Grove City College to major in Computer Science.



Kaitlyn Panizza, a sophomore, ranked seventh in the nation in the Grand Concours, the National French Contest. RTCS participates in this event every year to compare their level of competency against thousands of public and private schools in the country. At RTCS, French is taught from kindergarten through high school.



## Pittsburgh Technical Institute Summer Camps Introduce Students to Variety of Education Options

Each summer, Pittsburgh Technical Institute welcomes high school students and recent graduates to spend three days and two nights in career discovery camps at its North Fayette campus. This year, 2013 and 2014 high school graduates will explore careers with other students who share their interests at Camp Crimestoppers, Camp Med, Camp Design, Camp Technology, and Camp Energy from July 29-31.

"Our camps are designed to help students discover careers by immersing themselves in career-focused activities," said Vince Gratteri, Associate Director of High School Relations for PTI. "Activities are fun and hands-on but what really makes camp so memorable for these students is the fact that they meet students from other high schools who share their interests while spending a couple of days on a college campus."

The format of summer camp includes group activities, so students get to know other camp participants and dedicated classroom and lab sessions when students have the opportunity to examine career fields and learn what it takes to be successful. Sessions can include investigating a mock crime scene, drawing blood from a mannequin arm, creating an interactive e-advertising campaign, or building a battle bot.

Students who select Camp MED will explore surgical technology, medical assisting, massage, and patient care.

Camp DESIGN participants will learn about computer aided drafting, web design, graphic design, and video production.

Camp CRIMESTOPERS will investigate the world of criminal justice, private safety, and public safety.

Camp TECHNOLOGY students will work on projects that demonstrate what it's like to work in information technology and computer programming.

Camp ENERGY will explore careers in electronics and smart building technology, and include a special focus on careers in the oil and gas industry.

Cost for the three-day camp is \$100 and includes camp registration, all classes and sessions, hotel accommodations, meals, bus transportation to and from housing and events, entertainment, and supplies.

For information or to register, visit [www.pti.edu/summercamp](http://www.pti.edu/summercamp).

## St. Philip School 98th Graduating Class Honored

The American Legion Awards for Scholarship and Citizenship from Frank R. Kirk Post 145 were awarded to St. Philip eighth graders Julian Bonds and Ana Petrak. Commander Carl Smith and Auxiliary President Barbara John reminded the recipients that the virtues of Honor, Courage, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Americanism, which the award recognizes, are the foundation upon which our country was founded and are the virtues which must be fostered for our country to remain strong.

Christian Leadership awards were presented to Maggie Leone, Sara Szymanski, Luke Rattay, and Harrison Klein.

Eric Ashby, Ana Petrak, Jimmy Hurley, Luke Rattay, Sara Szymanski, Julian Bonds received the Principal's Award for a perfect 4.0 average all 4 quarters this year.

Also receiving the Principal's Award were Grade 5 - Andalusia Reilly, Linda Ashby, Nathan Kirsch, Janneselle Umalin; Grade 6 - Briana Patterson; Grade 7- Chuckie Rakackzy, Andres Recalde, and Erin Sheedy.

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### Tween/Teen Anime/Manga Club

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Join this preteen and teen group to discuss, draw, and read anime and manga.

### Carnegie Museum's Dino-Mite Dinosaurs

Monday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Carnegie Museum presents the world of dinosaurs; visual and touchable materials with a follow-up activity.

### Family Story Time

Mondays at 11 a.m. and Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

Stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts for children 6 and under.

### Dance Party

Mondays at 6 p.m. and Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

Young children enjoy fun dances such as the hokey pokey and the chicken dance.

### Let's Make a Mess

Tuesdays at 4 p.m. through August 13

Make a mess with the library staff doing crafts and experiments. For ages 6 and up.

### Summer Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. through August 14

Babies birth to age 3 with a caregiver enjoy rhymes, songs, and finger plays. Followed by Preschool Story Time from 11-11:30 a.m., for ages 3 to 5.

### Let's Do Lunch! Brown Bag Fun

Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. through August 14

For children in first through fourth grades. Bring a lunch for some library fun; books, games, activities, crafts.

### Wiggle, Giggle, Bounce

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Have rhythm and song fun by singing and swinging with tambourines, maracas, and bells.

### Baby LapSit

Fridays at 11 a.m.

Stories, songs and finger plays for babies under two. Older siblings welcome.

### Pajama Storytime Featuring Ronald McDonald

Tuesday, July 16, 6 p.m.

Wear your pajamas as we welcome special guest reader Ronald McDonald.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, July 19

Drop off animals from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., then have a sleepover breakfast at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Bring your "stuffers" to the library to party all night, then have breakfast and do crafts with them in the morning.

### Painting Palooza at Fairhaven Park

Thursday, July 18, 6 p.m.

Join us at William Andrews Shelter in Fairhaven Park as we have fun with paint.

### Sandsational Art at Fairhaven and Clever Parks

Wednesday, July 24, 2 p.m. at Clever Park

Thursday, August 8, 6 p.m. at Fairhaven Park

Join us at the Clever Park Playground and William Andrews Shelter as we do sand art projects.

### Summer Fun at Clever Park

Wednesday, August 7, 2 p.m.

Take a break from the pool and playground to have outdoor fun with the library crew!

### Carnegie Museum's Journey Into Egyptian Life

Thursday, July 25, 6 p.m.

Use archaeological evidence uncovered at the ancient village of Deir el-Medin to take a look at the everyday life of Egyptians 3,500 years ago.

### Animal Rescue League Presents Basic Pet Care

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m.

Demonstrations and tips on basic pet care with a visit from a therapy dog.

### Gateway to the Arts When Sophie Gets Angry

Tuesday, July 30, 6 p.m.

Betty Lee Dell's storytelling supports children as they act out the emotions of the Molly Bang's book, *When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry*.

### Touch a Truck

Friday, August 2, 11 a.m.

Children can get behind the wheel and meet the people who drive these community vehicles.

### Books Come Alive! Let's Do Nothing

Monday, August 5, 11 a.m.

A Books Come Alive production featuring live actors singing and dancing.

### Gateway to the Arts Now Things Are Worse

Wednesday, August 7, 11 a.m.

In this comic Yiddish folk tale, puppeteer Joanne Kielar engages children using props and folk instruments.

## Adult Activities

### Sit and Knit

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

Needle workers of all skill levels are invited to join this group.

### Wise Walk

Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.

Meet at the Montour Trail's Brothers Grimm entrance. Healthy snacks will be provided to each walker.

## Book Discussions

Niko's Coffee House/Steubenville Pike - one Monday a month, 7 p.m.; August 5, *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett; September 9, *The Secret Daughter* by Shilpi Somaya Gowda.

Robinson Library Mystery - second Tuesday, 2 p.m.; July 9, *Think of a Number* by John Verdon; August 13, *One of These Malibu Nights* by Elizabeth Adler.

Morning Book Club - third Wednesday, 10 a.m., July 17, *16 Lighthouse Road* by Debbie Macomber; August 21, *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara.

Historical Fiction - third Thursday, 6:30 p.m., July 18, *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob DeZoet* by David Mitchell, August 15, *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks.

Winery at Wilcox/Settlers Ridge - second to last Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., July 24, *Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman, August 21, *A Breath of Eyre* by Eve Marie Mont.

Robinson Library Fiction - last Tuesday, 7 p.m., July 30, *Away* by Amy Bloom, August 27, *The Well and The Mine* by Gin Phillips.

Cookbook Club - Monday, July 22nd, 6:30 p.m.

*Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics: Fabulous Flavor from Simple Ingredients*. Members are asked to make a recipe to share with the group. Don't worry about duplicate recipes. We will discuss what we liked and disliked about the book.

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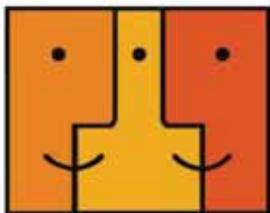
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Sponsored by Dollar Bank, Farmers Insurance Group sponsored hole-in-one wins at each par three. Pennsbury Pub & Grille, It's Inviting, Shop 'n Save in Imperial, Whitehall Health Centre & Laser Spa, the Brennan Family, and friends of Cheryl all sponsored holes.

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- Wax paper
- Small bucket or disposable container to make the recipe
- 1/2 cup of warm water
- 1 1/2 cups Plaster of Paris
- 2-3 tablespoons of tempera paint



## ChALK Directions

**Step 1:** Cover end of each tube with duct tape. Line each with waxed paper. Stand tubes on end within a container nice and snug similar to bowling pins. (Duct tape side goes on bottom.)

**Step 2:** Follow directions to begin making Plaster of Paris. (Monitor your children for safety- it hardens in 20-30 minutes! Work fast.)



**Step 3:** Pour the tempera paint into the Plaster of Paris mixture and stir so that it is mixed thoroughly. Use separate containers to create the varying colors.



**Step 4:** Spoon your colored chalk mixture into the wax paper lined tubes. Give each tube a tap to release air bubbles!

**Step 5:** Set the chalk aside to dry. It might take a good 3 days or so.

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# Montour Alum Brings Basketball Pro-Am Back to His School

In 2006, Montour alum and former basketball coach John Giammarco was attending the NCAA Men's Division I Final Four basketball semi-finals in Indianapolis when he had a chance encounter with University of Pittsburgh men's basketball coach Jamie Dixon.

Jamie had just completed his third year as the head coach at Pitt, where the team's recent trajectory had left little doubt about his ability to take over following the departure of Ben Howland. John, meanwhile, had helped coach the Sto-Rox High School men's basketball team to multiple titles, and built a summer league he'd started as a way to get his young players experience into one of the largest of its kind on the East Coast.

"[Jamie] said, these leagues you do for the high schools are great," says John, "and he said, how come you don't do one for the college guys?"

John says that at that time he'd yet to consider it, but then again, he'd never had the backing of a Division I coach like Jamie.

A week later, John started in on the paperwork to get the idea certified by the NCAA, but then news broke that Jamie's sister, Maggie, had passed away suddenly. The news followed Maggie's promising introductory year coaching the women's basketball team at the United States Military Academy.

"I sort of put the brakes on it," says John. "I was like, I'm not bothering this guy."

Shortly thereafter, though, he got a call from Jamie asking if everything was ready to go.

"He said, 'I just got to keep moving, this way I don't think about it,'" says John.

Over the next six years, John developed the Pittsburgh Basketball Club's pro-am league in much the same way he'd built the organization's younger leagues, into one that encompassed some of the best basketball talent in the region. Now, he says, it's hard to find a seat at games, which are usually attended by the general public and Division I coaches alike, all eager to see how players are shaping up for the coming season.

As the PBC enters its nineteenth season, John is bringing the pro-am back to his alma mater for a series of six games that will take place at Montour's new, state-of-the-art athletic facility. Three games will take place on July 10 and 17 each, and feature players from the University of Pittsburgh, West Virginia University, Robert Morris University, Duquense, Youngstown State, and others. The games are free to the public, and while there, attendees will get the chance to meet players between games.

"It's a great preview of the upcoming college basketball season," says John about the league, which will play the rest of its games at the

Greentree Sportsplex, where the league has played in the past.

John says the ample parking and seating at Montour, both of which are more limited in Greentree, will be a benefit. Mitch Galiyas, who retired as Montour's athletic director in June, points out that the games will bring an influx of people into the community, and he says that he hopes that the PBC will bring other leagues to Montour in the future.

John credits the original idea of bringing the PBC Pro-Am to Montour to Assistant Superintendent Jason Burik.

"As soon as that sports complex started to become a reality, the wheels started to turn for Jason," says John.

He says the PBC would have held games there last year, if it not for the fact that the athletic center was still being finished.

"I thought it would be a great way to showcase our new athletic center," says Jason, "and would serve as an avenue to continue to generate interest in basketball at Montour."

At Montour, the basketball program has already been generating considerable interest under head coach Adam Kaufman, whose teams have handed him two AAA WPIAL titles in three years, put themselves in the semi-finals three times, and in the finals twice. Leading the team this past season in scoring was guard Devin Wilson, who has since graduated and committed to Virginia Tech. Though Devin lives within walking distance of the school, John says NCAA rules preempt a student who has yet to enroll from participating.

Among those who attendees will get to see are returning Pitt players Talib Zanna and Lamar Patterson, along with recent Rutgers transfer Derrick Randall, and incoming freshman Mike Young. Sophomore Pitt guard James Robinson is also supposed to play once he returns from Prague, where he's playing for the USA Basketball U19 National Team. John says he's personally excited to see Derrick Colter, as he's coming off a standout freshman season at Duquense, and Kendrick Perry, who's now in his third year at Youngstown State.

"This kid has pro written all over him," says John.

If this year is anything like others, coaches in attendance will include Jamie, Bob Huggins, and Andy Toole, each of whom are taking their teams into pivotal seasons. For WVU, the coming season marks its second in the SEC, after a disappointing introductory one. Pitt, meanwhile, is poised for its first run in the ACC after departing the defense-heavy, grind-it-out Big East, while RMU continues to generate attention after nearly beating Villanova in the NCAA tournament in 2010, and handing reigning national champs Kentucky an early exit from the NIT last season.

For John, this year's pro-am marks a long overdue homecoming, one that will be attended by coaches and faculty members who he himself coached under former Montour basketball coach Eddie Wavchko in the mid-1980's. Among them are Adam Kaufman and Jason Burik.

"I don't know if that makes me feel old or what," says John, saying that in either way "it's really heartwarming to see these former players now coaching."

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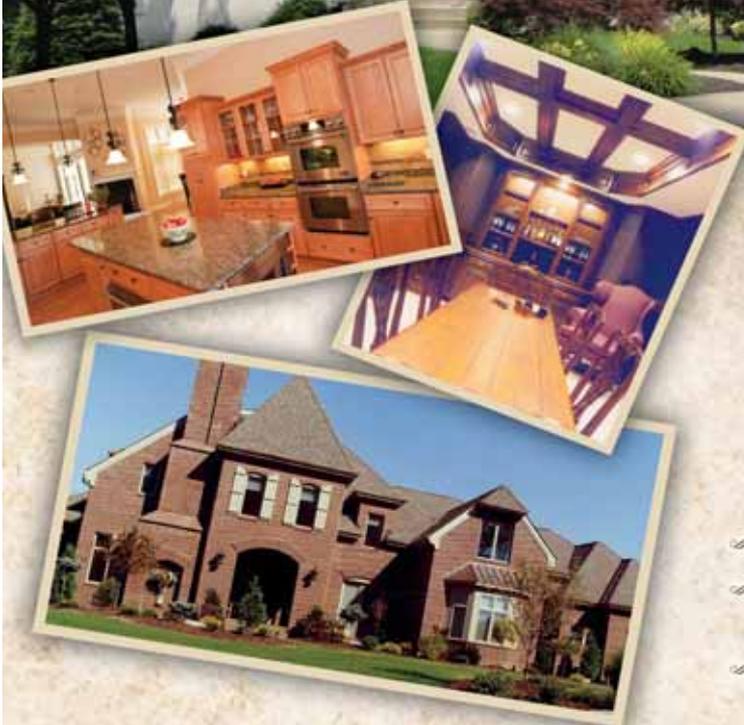
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