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## Through Different Eyes



My New Year's Day started off in a rather unusual fashion. I spent the morning at the hospital having x-rays of my foot. Much to my chagrin, I learned I had broken it the night before in a freak twist of my ankle.

Thus began a two-month journey of using crutches, wearing an air boot, and staying off my foot for what most people consider daily living activities, such as walking, driving, and standing.

To be sure, this experience opened my eyes in ways I would never have considered.

Getting up stairs was a challenge. Getting showered posed difficulties. Getting up in the middle of the night to use the facilities meant all hands on deck, literally, while shuffling carefully to the bathroom on crutches.

Our Florida trip was put on hold; changes to reservations had to be made. When we finally began our trek down south, we confronted major transmission problems in the middle of a cold winter night in Virginia. Thanks to AAA, they were there for us. However, getting out of the truck and into a much larger tow truck with a broken foot was daunting. Getting to the hotel for the night, we had to request a room near the elevator so I did not have to go so far down the hall with crutches.

Going into public bathrooms was often difficult. Some bathroom doors are so heavy; it is next to impossible to open them with one hand while trying to navigate one's balance and keeping two crutches under the arms. Some bathrooms for the handicapped are not equipped as they should be, with doors in some instances opening inward (how do those with a wheelchair manage that?), or lack of paper supplies, leaving one with difficulty in maneuvering without the necessary materials to get the job done.

There were other situations I discovered, too. Some public places do not have ramps or flat access to their venues. Someone with a broken foot or leg can't access these places. We learned that we had to carefully plot out our moves before we went anywhere.

I am finally back on two feet and walking fine. This experience, however, showed me how much more we have to do to help those with physical handicaps. As for myself, I will be more aware of helping someone with a walker, cane, or crutches in the future, and suggesting to public facilities, when I see a lack of handicap options, some improvements they may consider making.

I can fully grasp, now, this Chinese proverb, "Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I'll remember. Involve me, I'll understand."



Pat Jennette, Publisher & Editor

## Writing About the Voices of the Community

There's good writing and there's bad writing, and then there's bad writing that sounds good and good writing that sounds bad. Just because a piece of writing is grammatically correct doesn't mean it makes a point, and a piece of writing that comes off as jumbled and hard to read might just be formulating a higher thought.

For some reason, people have this idea that writing is something that's supposed to be perfect on the first try. College students in freshman writing classes often tend to emulate established writers because they feel they lack authority. Little do they know the long hours an established writer puts into their craft. A professor I knew once described the writing process, done right, as a glass blower smashing their pieces and crafting new ones over and over again. Writing is a process of constant revision, refinement, and self examination, through which we learn to inform and persuade. Scholar David Bartholomae in his essay "Inventing the University" describes writing is an act of aggression disguised as an act of charity.

There are people in this world who would benefit from fewer voices. Think of that next time you hear a public figure dismiss higher education. Not to toot our own horn, but the magazine you're reading is made up of voices in the communities we cover. In between writing our stories, we often find ourselves taking the stories you send us, putting our editorial polish on them, and sending them back out for everyone else to read. We welcome your stories, and hope you enjoy the ones we've chosen for the magazine this month.



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**Lifetree Café**, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church, local talk show exploring life and faith. Everything from politics to prayer will be featured at a new weekly experience called Lifetree Café. Dig into important topical issues such as family, money, health, heaven, peace, (412) 331-2863, LifetreeCafe.com.

**Women's Business Network**, Robinson Chapter, meets second and fourth Tuesdays monthly, 7:30 a.m., Giant Eagle Market District, second floor, area business women and owners welcome, Laura Grunert, (412) 512-0973, www.wbninc.com.

## thru March 10

**Moon Area High School Musical**, "How to Succeed in Business," 2 p.m., March 10, MAHS Auditorium, \$12 adults, \$10 students/senior citizens, sold at the door.

## March 10

**North Fayette VFD First Annual Vendor/Craft Fair**, North Fayette VFD hall, Steubenville Pike, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., benefits the department, vendors include Pampered Chef, PartyLite, Avon, Pink Zebra, Denise Corrie, (412) 860-8843, denise804@comcast.net.

## March 13

**Blockbuster Books on Film Movie and Lecture Series:** The Maltese Falcon, Andrew Carnegie Free Library Music Hall, 6:30 p.m., first in the series by Chessboard Creative Executive Brian Edward, examines classic film adaptations, followed by a

screening, free, (412) 276-3456, cochranlynne@aol.com.

**Bravery and Beauty Charity Fashion Show**, March 13, 7 p.m., Altar Bar, Strip District, high-energy fashion show with dance performances, VIP hors'd'oeuvres hour, benefits Crisis Center North serving, among other entities, Moon, Montour, and West Allegheny school districts, \$25, VIP \$50, Lea Guarino, (412) 600-6171, Lea@GuarinoGroup.com, www.braveryandbeauty.eventbrite.com.

## March 15

**Carnegie Boys and Girls Club Fifth Annual Comedy Night**, 7 p.m., comedians Tom Anzalone and David Michael, supports summer camp scholarships and teen employment program, Chinese auction, Karri Moehring, (412) 287-6432, karrimoehring@yahoo.com.

## March 16

**American Red Cross babysitting certification class**, Western Area YMCA, ages 11-15, preregistration required, Andy Keaton, (412) 787-9622, akeaton@ymcapgh.org.

**Montours Presbyterian Church Annual "Soup 'n Salad Supper,"** March 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m., many varieties of soups (all homemade), including chicken noodle, beef vegetable, potato, beef barley. Supper also includes salad, desserts, and Mancini's bread, adults \$8, children (ages 5-10) \$4, children 4 and under free, 3151 Montour Church Road, off the Tonidale exit, (412) 787-1050 or (412) 788-4770, www.montourschurch.org. If unable to navigate steps, enter behind the church at the dropoff area.

## March 17

**Annual Purse Bingo**, Western Area YMCA, Robinson Township, event will be held at Holy Trinity School cafeteria,

Steubenville Pike, doors open 1 p.m. for lunch and Chinese auction, games begin 2 p.m., raises funds for children of families with limited incomes so that they can participate in after-school programs, summer camp, and recreational activities at the YMCA. Tickets \$25 before March 16, \$30 at the door, (412) 787-9622.

## Kennedy Fire Department Easter Pancake Breakfast

March 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Kennedy Fire Hall, visit Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, Chinese auction, proceeds benefit fire department, auction donations welcome, \$7 adults, \$3 children 10 and under, Anita Kulik, (412) 787-5422.

## March 22-24

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## March 23

**Western Area YMCA summer day camp registration starts**, weekly themes include adventure hunters, black and gold week, outrageous olympics, and inventor's dream. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, healthy active play, and field trips. Specialty, half-day camps available. Soccer, volleyball, pottery, tennis, cheerleading, sports sampler, cooking, and basketball weeks, Andy Keaton, (412) 787-9622, akeaton@ymcapgh.org.

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In the past, the American Cancer Society has hosted Relay For Life events in both Moon Township and Carnegie. This year, the Relay combines both of these events into one. The Relay For Life of Pittsburgh West will take place on Saturday, May 18 at 10 a.m. and continue into Sunday, May 19 at 10 a.m. at the West Allegheny High School stadium. There are numerous ways to get involved. Attend the next meeting at 6 p.m. for committee and 7 p.m. for teams, at the West Allegheny High School cafeteria. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month leading up to the Relay event. Visit [www.relayforlife.org/papghwest](http://www.relayforlife.org/papghwest) or contact Neil Gearhart at the American Cancer Society at (412) 919-1100.

**March 24**

**Breakfast with Easter Bunny**, Imperial VFD, Main Street, Imperial, **8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, kids 2 and under free, breakfast and picture with Easter Bunny for kids 3-12 is \$5, picture only (ages 3-12) \$2.50, extra pictures \$3 each, pictures for ages 13 and up, \$6, (724) 695-8845.

**March 28**

**Moon Area AARP Chapter 3451 meeting**, **1 p.m.**, Sharon Presbyterian Church, magician Steve Haberman, coffee and pastries.

**March 29**

**Imperial VFD Good Friday Fish Fry**, **10 a.m.-7 p.m.**, take out, delivery, and eat-in available, call for menu, (724) 695-8845.

**March 30**

**Easter in the Park Festivities**, **1-3 p.m.**, Clever Road Park, Easter egg hunt and Easter bunny appearance, sponsored by Robinson Township, [www.townshipofrobinson.com](http://www.townshipofrobinson.com).

**April 1**

**Old Moon Township Historical Society presentation**, **6:30-8 p.m.**, Moon Township Public Library, Dr. Robert Szymczak, Moon area's eastern and southern European immigration, [www.br.psu.edu/FacultyStaff/35286.htm](http://www.br.psu.edu/FacultyStaff/35286.htm).

"On the Horizon" provides space for nonprofit organizations and groups to post upcoming events and programs. Send announcements by e-mail to: [alleghenywestmagazine@comcast.net](mailto:alleghenywestmagazine@comcast.net). Please follow format as indicated above. Items will be edited to fit.

**April 5**

**First Fridays - Art in a Box**, Dance Art and Photography (DAP) Co-Op, 26 E. Main Street, Carnegie, **7-10 p.m.**, \$7, monthly artist showcase will feature visual artists, dancers, musicians, artist's market. Interested artists: contact DAP for future events, (412) 403-7357, [thedapcoopzumba@hotmail.com](mailto:thedapcoopzumba@hotmail.com).

**April 6**

**Daughters of the American Revolution luncheon**, **11 a.m.**, Montour Heights Country Club, guest speaker, "Women's Health Issues: Cancer Awareness," \$20, RSVP by March 30, Bonnie Kappert, (412) 771-7526, [kkandcompany@msn.com](mailto:kkandcompany@msn.com).

**Youth Dance**, April 6, **6:30-9:30 p.m.**, Moon Run Fire Hall, ages 11 to 14, DJ, permission forms required, (412) 788-2822, [www.townshipofrobinson.com](http://www.townshipofrobinson.com).

**April 14**

**Curry Your Favor Fundraising Dinner**, two seatings: **4 p.m. and 6 p.m.**, Clinton U.P. Church, 25 Wilson Drive, Clinton, an evening of Indian-inspired food in support of the church trip to India, eat in or take out, presale tickets only, \$9 half cornish game hen w/all sides, \$11 full hen w/all sides; take out, \$11 full hen w/ sides or \$7 full hen without sides, (724) 695-7993.

**Kidz Bowling 4 Kidz**, April

**14, 11:30 a.m.** registration, AMF Mt. Lebanon Lanes, Mt. Lebanon, ages 5 and up, food, prizes, commemorative t-shirt, benefits Free Care Fund of Children's Hospital, minimum \$25 in sponsorships required, Karen Pintar, (724) 695-1100, [kpintar@snp.org](mailto:kpintar@snp.org), [www.bowling4kidz.org](http://www.bowling4kidz.org).

**April 20**

**Joint Fire Department Gun Bash Fundraiser**, **1-7 p.m.**, Kennedy Fire Hall, drawings every 15 minutes, prizes, food, refreshments, Chinese auction, benefits Kennedy, Forest Grove, and Groveton fire departments, Joe Kulik, (412) 787-5422.

**Robinson Township**

**Clean-Up Day**, April 20, **8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**, rain or shine, meet at Giant Eagle Market District, [www.townshipofrobinson.com](http://www.townshipofrobinson.com)

**April 24**

**Administrative Professionals Day Seminar**, Embassy Suites Hotel, hosted by the 376 Airport Chapter, Lori Field, (724) 462-0978, [lori.field@comcast.net](mailto:lori.field@comcast.net).

**May 11**

**Annual Kennedy Garden Club Plant and Bake Sale**, **9 a.m.-2 p.m.**, Kenmawr Plaza. Baked goods and flower arrangements, benefits efforts to beautify area senior communities, funeral homes, and parks. Donations, landscaping award nominations, Judy Frizges, (412) 331-6175, [www.kennedygardenclub.com](http://www.kennedygardenclub.com).

**May 18**

**Robinson Community Flea Market**, **8 a.m.-12 p.m.**, Burkett Sports and Recreation Complex, benefits Robinson Township Autumn Festival, \$15, deadline May 15, (412) 788-2822 or (412) 859-0902.

**Coming Up at the West Hills Symphony . .**

The West Hills Symphonic Band is a nonprofit, non-salaried 70-member, pro/am ensemble providing quality music for 45 years and offering opportunities for younger players to sit side by side with seasoned professionals and share their passion for playing and performing.

Coming up: "Awakening!" **3 p.m. Sunday, March 24**, West Allegheny High School. Spring arrives to the sounds of some of the world's great overtures, marches, and Broadway favorites; "Best of the American Songbook III" at **3 p.m. May 16**, David E. Williams Middle School. Pianist/Arranger Kevin Clark returns with a medley of tunes by American music legend Cole Porter.

The WHSB is dependent upon donations from individuals and businesses in order to continue providing free concerts, Music Director Clem Rolin, (412) 788-4713 or visit [www.whsb.org](http://www.whsb.org).

## On the Horizon

### Robinson Express Office to Host Refresh Leadership Simulcast

Express Employment Professionals of Robinson Township ([www.expresspros.com](http://www.expresspros.com)) will host the 2013 Refresh Leadership Simulcast, a nationwide educational event featuring an all-star lineup of speakers.

Featured speakers include founder of Alltop.com and best-selling author, Guy Kawasaki; Pro Football Hall of Fame member and co-host of Fox NFL Sunday, Terry Bradshaw; and workplace communication and performance expert, Amanda Gore.

Scheduled for **Wednesday, April 17**, the Refresh Leadership Simulcast will be broadcast at the Marriott Airport, 777 Aten Road, Findlay Township. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the simulcast begins at 9 a.m.

Business leaders, human resource professionals, chamber of commerce officials and chamber members can register at [www.refreshleadership.com/live](http://www.refreshleadership.com/live). The simulcast costs \$25 per person to attend, which includes a \$12.50 donation to Children's Miracle Network hospitals.

"Express is proud to present this exciting opportunity for business leaders from throughout our community," said Deb Gray, Robinson Township Express franchisee.

### Holy Trinity Youth Ministry Golf Outing, April 28

the Club at Shadow Lakes, noon registration, 1:30 p.m. tee off time, supports missionaries assisting Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, \$80, (412) 432-9381, [htyngolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:htyngolfouting@gmail.com).

### Montour Valley VFW Post 7714 Golf Outing, June 8

Rolling Green Golf Course, 1 p.m., 4-person scramble best ball, benefits Sharing & Caring non-profit working with disabled vets, Nancy, (412) 496-1475, [nbeyerbach@gmail.com](mailto:nbeyerbach@gmail.com).



### Mall, PTI Host Student Showcase

The Mall at Robinson and Pittsburgh Technical Institute announce the continuation of the PTI Showcase. This season's display is open through April 30. Located inside the Mall at Robinson - Entry C on the lower level near Macy's, Portfolio Show displays the best graphic design, video, and web/interactive work of the recent graduating class of PTI's School of Design.

As PTI Graphic Design and Multimedia Technologies students prepare for graduation, they select one piece of work for

a judged competition. Those selected "Best of Show" are now on display along with additional graphic design work.

"We encourage students to look for creative ways to share their work with diverse audiences," said Greg DeFeo, PTI President. "PTI Showcase at The Mall at Robinson helps us celebrate our students' talent, recognize their hard work, and open new doors to employment and freelance opportunities."

"We are pleased to share some of the best work of these graduating students," said Shema Krinsky, Director of Marketing at The Mall at Robinson.



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## *Raccoon Creek Park Events Coming Up*

**Bake Your Own Wheat Bread, Monday, March 18, 6-9 p.m.** Park volunteer and naturalist Betsy Bangley leads participants through the process of mixing, raising, and baking bread. Sample bread right out of the oven, and make fresh dough to take home and bake. Register by March 8. \$5.

**Hiking Club of Raccoon Creek, Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** The hike will begin at the park office on Route 18 and range between 4 to 5 miles over moderate terrain. Please dress appropriately and bring water, snacks, lunch, and raingear if needed. Free Program.

**Spring Wildflower Walk, Saturday, April 20, 2-3:30 p.m.** Join park educators for a guided tour of these short-lived beauties. The Wildflower Reserve has one of the most diverse populations of plants in the state. Be prepared for wet trails and moderate hiking. Meet at the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center on Route 30.

Register online at: [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar). For more information, e-mail: [paadams@pa.gov](mailto:paadams@pa.gov) or (724) 899-3611. Or, join the Facebook Page, Raccoon Creek State Park.

## *Workshops Teach Safety Techniques Around Dogs*

If you've ever wondered how to protect yourself in a situation involving a dog, two workshops will be held at the Moon Township Public Library this spring to address a variety of situations.

On **April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.**, Penny Layne, owner of Aunt Penny's Pet Sitting and Dog Training, will present a workshop on **Canine Aggression**.

This program will cover how to diffuse a threatening dog, survive a dog attack, the difference between a single dog attack and a pack attack, protect your your baby in a stroller from a dog, and what to do if you witness an attack. This workshop is recommended for adults only; no dogs please.

Parents with a baby on the way have months to plan for their newborn's arrival, but how do you explain an impending birth to your dog? All too often, people just spring the news all of a sudden by simply bringing baby home, assuming their dog will naturally and automatically welcome the tiny stranger with open paws. But such a surprise can be very confusing, even upsetting, to canines who haven't been properly prepared for this unexpected situation.

**Dogs & Storks™** helps expectant parents (as well as grandparents, babysitters, and other caretakers) or those with young children get their dogs ready for life with baby. In this class, to be held on **May 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.**, you will learn:

- How to introduce your dog to your baby
- How to read subtle dog body language
- How to prepare your dog with baby sounds and equipment
- How to ensure your dog has positive emotional associations with the baby before the big day arrives
- How to read your dog's subtle body language to see how comfortable he is with the baby
- How to include your dog in the baby's arrival
- Fun games and activities for baby's first days at home that will send your dog the message that she and baby are both beloved members of the family

At the workshop, receive the Dogs & Storks™ handouts, and ask Aunt Penny questions about what to expect as your baby and dog grow up together.

Penny is the only certified pet expert in the Pittsburgh area to offer this course, an international class that is offered through Family Paws parent education, ([www.familypaws.com](http://www.familypaws.com)).

Penny is a certified professional dog trainer. She has more than 20 years of training experience and holds numerous certifications. Among them, she is a CPDT-KA (certified professional dog trainer-knowledge assessed). Her goal as a dog trainer is to strengthen the human-animal bond by increasing the knowledge and understanding of canine communications as well as educating families with dogs.

Registration is required for both programs. Contact the Moon Township Public Library at (412) 269-0334. For more information, visit [www.myauntpenny.com](http://www.myauntpenny.com).

Both workshops are sponsored by Joyce Benard, owner of Joyce's Groom n' Go Mobile Pet Salon, serving the western airport area suburbs.



# Easter Services at Area Churches

**Ascension Lutheran Church** - 1290 Silver Lane, Robinson Township, March 17, Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion; March 28, Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Holy Communion Service; March 29, Good Friday, 7:30 p.m., Service of Shadows; March 30, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil Service; March 31, Easter Sunday, Resurrection Celebration of Holy Communion, 10:30 a.m., Continental Breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt following service, (412) 859-3711

**Crafton United Methodist Church** - 43 Belvidere Street, Crafton, Easter Sunday, March 31, 11:15 a.m., Worship with communion, (412) 921-3381

**First Baptist Church of Coraopolis** - March 31, SunRaise Service with breakfast to follow, 8 a.m., Easter church services, 10:45 a.m., 12 p.m., (412) 262-2127

**First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights** - March 28, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7 p.m.; March 31, Easter Early Service at 8:30 a.m.; Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.; Traditional Worship Service at 11 a.m., (412) 921-6153

**Grace Lutheran Church** - 1798 Brodhead Road, Crescent, March 31, Easter Worship with Holy Communion, 11 a.m., (724) 457-7470

**Hillside Christian Community** - 1050 Campbells Run Road, Carnegie, March 29, 7 p.m.; March 31, 10 a.m., (412) 279-2996

**Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church** - 200 Grace Street, McKees Rocks, March 28, Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.; March 29, Good Friday 1 p.m.; March 30, Easter Vigil, 7 p.m.; March 31, Easter Sunday, 10 a.m., (412) 760-4558

**Impact Christian Church** - 965 Thorn Run Road, Moon, March 31, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m., (412) 264-9392

**Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church** - 1760 Pine Hollow Road, Kennedy Township, March 24, Palm Sunday Renewal of Baptism, 8:30 and 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Communion Service, March 28, 7:30 p.m.; Choir Cantata - "One Sacrifice" Good Friday, March 19, 12 p.m. Worship Service, Communion by Intinction; Easter Sunday, March 31, 7 a.m. Sunrise Service followed by continental breakfast, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship, (412) 331-2863

**Resurrection Lutheran Church** - 7600 Steubenville Pike, North Fayette, March 24, Palm Sunday Worship, 9 a.m.; March 29, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7 p.m.; March 31, Easter Worship with Holy Communion, 9 a.m., (412) 788-4513

**Riverdale UP Church** - March 24, Palm Sunday, 9:15 a.m., Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Worship Service; Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m., Communion service (nursery and children's program provided); March 31, Easter Sunday Sunrise Service on front lawn, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. worship, (724) 457-0207

**Sharon Community Presbyterian Church** - 522 Carnot Road, Moon Township, Palm Sunday, March 24, 8:30 and 11 a.m., 4 p.m. Family Night Supper followed by a presentation of The Covenant Players; Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m., Holy Communion Service; Good Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service; March 31, Easter Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m., Easter Breakfast, 9:30-10:45 a.m. with Easter Egg Hunt for children through third grade, (412) 264-7400

**St. Malachy Parish** - March 31, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. (with adult choir and handbells), 12:30 p.m. (with children's choir), (412) 771-5483

**St. Philip Church** - 50 West Crafton Avenue, Crafton, March 28, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.; March 29, Good Friday, 11 a.m., Confessions, 12 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 1:30 p.m., Good Friday Services, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Fish Fry, 7 p.m., Stations of

the Cross; Holy Saturday, 12 p.m., Blessing of Easter Food, Easter Sunday Vigil Mass 8:30 p.m.; March 31, Easter Sunday Mass at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., (412) 922-6300

**St. Philip's** - 1629 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.; Good Friday, March 29, 12 p.m.; March 30, 6 p.m.; Sunday, March 31, 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., (412) 264-0169

**The Bible Chapel** - at Pittsburgh Technical Institute, North Fayette, March 31, 10:45 a.m., (724) 941-8990

**The Presbyterian Church of Coraopolis** - Saturday, March 23, (Palm) worship service, 6 p.m. "30@6"; March 24, Palm Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; March 28, Maundy Thursday Communion/Worship; 7:30 p.m.; March 29, Good Friday Community Cross Walk, Noon-1 p.m., sponsored by local clergy; Saturday, March 30, Saturday Evening Easter Worship; 6 p.m. "30@6"; March 31, Easter Worship, 11 a.m., (412) 264-0470

**Vance Avenue Community Church** - Coraopolis, March 31, 10:30 a.m. "What on Earth Am I Here For" series starts Easter morning, (412) 262-1030

**West Hills Baptist Church** - Moon, March 31, 10:15 a.m., "Messiah In The Passover" - Rev. Jeff Kipp, Special Guest Speaker, (412) 264-4061

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John 3:3





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## Montour School District's Transition to the Common Core Standards

Montour, just like thousands of schools across the country, is preparing to transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The new standards will be used to revise curricula and state assessments to make learning more uniformly rigorous across the country. In short, the nationally consistent standards will provide appropriate benchmarks for all students throughout the country.

Over the next several months, expect to observe distinct changes in curricular content and materials in which students are engaged.

Teachers are currently comparing and contrasting Montour's curricula and ascertaining areas in which our practices and materials need revised to meet the academic rigor required by the Common Core Standards.

Please visit the following web resources relating to the Common Core Standards: <http://www.corestandards.org/> and <http://www.pdesas.org/Standard/CommonCore>.

BY STUDENT ISABELLA HINDES

## Montour High School Presents "LEGALLY BLONDE the musical"

"LEGALLY BLONDE, the Musical" is described as "funny and a show for everybody!" Not something you would expect from the chick flick movie starring Reese Witherspoon.

"LEGALLY BLONDE, the Musical" tells the story of Delta Nu Sorority sister, Elle Woods, and her amazing journey to get back her ex-boyfriend, Warner Huntington III. Along the way, she meets friends Emmett and Paulette who help her with her studies and more! Elle Woods is a girl who loves to be pampered and shop for the latest all-pink outfits, but don't let this ditsy girl fool you. She is smarter than she seems and doesn't take "no" for an answer. When her boyfriend dumps her for someone "more serious," she gets serious herself, revamps her image, and goes to Harvard Law School. The musical tells the story with fun songs, exciting scenes, and lots of twists and turns.

When Director Tammy Townsend was faced with the difficult choice of picking the musical this year, she saw this musical and fell in love with it!

She says, "It has some of the best music I have ever heard in a Broadway musical."

So, it became an easy choice for this year's musical. Tammy is excited about the many leads in this musical and how many talented students can be showcased in this production. This is simply a show for everyone.

Vocal director and Montour chorus teacher, Vicky Benson, says what she is really excited about is how many students are involved. This year's cast is huge, and the crew that's involved will help to make this production terrific. The kids are just as happy to see a modern day musical as the directors are to make one. Also, to Mrs. Benson's likings as a chorus director, she's partial to how a lot of the musical features singing and many kids with their singing abilities.

Director Tammy says to look forward to seeing a creative set, fun props, the two little doggies on the stage, a show that is not set in the 1950s (which is something she stayed away from this year) and an audience that will be surprised by how much fun they will have. This is a show for all ages and genders.

Join us for one or more of the eight performances. They will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on April 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 and at 2 p.m. on April 14 and 20.

For more ticket information, visit [www.montourmusical.com](http://www.montourmusical.com) or call (412) 225-2815.

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## On The Calendar . . .

**March 28**

**March 29**

**April 1**

Early Dismissal

Spring Break - No School

Spring Break - No School



## Standardized Test Schedules Announced

Please note the following testing schedule for the 2013 Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA):

**Burkett Elementary** - Grades 3, 4: PSSA Math/Reading: April 8-12;  
Grade 4: PSSA Science: April 23-24

**David E. Williams Middle School** - Grades 5 and 8: PSSA Writing: March 12-14;  
Grades 5, 6, 7, 8: PSSA Math/Reading: April 15-19  
Grade 8: PSSA Science: April 23



Please note the following testing schedule for the 2013 Spring Keystone exams for Montour High School:

**Keystone Algebra I Exam** - Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14

**Keystone English Literature Exam** - Wednesday, May 15 and Thursday, May 16

**Keystone Biology Exam** - Monday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 21

## Community, Students Invited to Chris Herren Assembly

Montour School District is planning a special event with guest speaker, Chris Herren, to be held in the new Montour Athletic Center on the following days: **Tuesday, March 19** at 7:30 p.m. for the entire community, and **Wednesday, March 20**, at 8:30 a.m., for students in grades 6 to 12.

Mr. Herren was a high school basketball legend from Fall River, Massachusetts, who realized his lifelong dream of playing for the Boston Celtics, only to lose it all to alcohol and drug addiction. Sober since August 1, 2008, he has refocused his life to put his sobriety and family above all else. In 2012, The Herren Project launched the national, anti-substance abuse campaign, Project Purple, to encourage people of all ages to stand up to substance abuse. He was profiled in "Unguarded," a 90-minute film from ESPN's award-winning 30 for 30 documentary series.

Fifth grade students will attend a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) assembly in the auditorium with local police officers. Students in grades 6 to 12 will attend the Chris Herren assembly. Each program will last approximately one hour. All students are asked to wear purple for the assembly.

To learn more about Mr. Herren and Project Purple, visit [www.theherrenproject.org](http://www.theherrenproject.org) or [www.goprojectpurple.com](http://www.goprojectpurple.com).

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# Montour School District

## New BioMedical Science Course in 2013-2014

For the 2013-2014 school year, Montour School District will introduce the third course for students involved in the BioMedical Science Academy within the high school. Montour is pleased to be the only high school in western Pennsylvania offering students this unique set of courses in efforts to better prepare them for post-secondary education and careers in the biomedical science field.

### Medical Interventions, Course Overview

*Students investigate a variety of interventions involved in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disease as they follow the life of a fictitious family. The course is a "How-To" manual for maintaining overall health and homeostasis in the body. Students explore how to prevent and fight infection; screen and evaluate the code in human DNA; prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer; and prevail when the organs of the body begin to fail. Through these scenarios, students are exposed to a range of interventions related to immunology, surgery, genetics, pharmacology, medical devices, and diagnostics. This course is designed for 11th or 12th grade students.*

## "Beauty and the Beast" Coming to David E. Williams

Nearly 100 David E. Williams Middle School (DEW) student actors, actresses, stage crew, and production crew have been preparing for several months to bring a unique and touching performance of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast Jr." to the Montour School District community.

Auditorium seating is limited; make plans today to purchase tickets to see the amazingly talented students of DEW bring Disney's Belle, Beast, LeFou, Gaston, Maurice, and all of the enchanted objects to life on stage.

All performances will be held in the DEW Middle School Auditorium March 21-24. Show times are 7 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with Sunday's finale performance set for 2 p.m. Supported by DEW Theater Productions -- a parent organization, and its officers, and led by president Cindi Miller, "Beauty and the Beast Jr." will feature seventh and eighth grade student performers under the direction of Josh Morgan.

Tickets for all performances go on sale beginning March 7. Adult tickets are \$8 and student tickets are \$6. Tickets will be available for purchase in the DEW lobby on March 7, 11, 12, 14, 18, 19, and 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. For further information, call (412) 951-5888.



BY STUDENT WRITERS  
TIFFANY LUECK, SOFIA PASCEK, AND ISABELLA MANNINO

## MEET THE "CLICKERS"

At David E. Williams Middle School, we call them "Clickers." They are really called interactive response devices. David E. Williams has grown its collection to 10 sets of these amazing response devices. Two sets are housed in fifth grade, two in sixth grade, and three in seventh and eighth grade, respectively. However, any teacher can use them at any time to provide an interesting and fun way to assess his/her students.

These response devices serve many purposes and can be used in the classroom in a variety of ways. They can be used to accompany Brain Pop, an online educational site which "provides animated education for kids in science, social studies, English, math engineering, health, art, and music." This enables students to individually answer the questions posed on the quiz, allowing the teacher to see which students answer correctly, and provide the opportunity for the teacher to score the quiz if he/she chooses to do so.

Clickers can be used alongside the Promethean boards found in all classrooms. Promethean Planet offers an abundance of flip charts available for downloading. These flipcharts contain questions and problems for the students to solve, and students can use their interactive response devices to respond to the questions that are posed. Teachers and students are also able to design their own questions and flipcharts so that questions are answered via the clickers.

The response devices look like a remote control and are wireless. The keys enable students to respond in a variety of ways. They can respond using a text message. This method would be used for responses that require a short answer. They can respond numerically when the choices are numbered, and they can respond using letters (a, b, c, d, etc.) when the multiple choice questions require a letter answer. They can also respond to true or false questions.

Students can be provided with immediate feedback as to whether or not they have answered correctly. Or, teachers can choose to give each student a

percentage grade telling how each individual responded. Students really enjoy using the interactive response devices instead of pencil and paper.

Clickers have become a D.E.W thing!



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## DEW Gifted Students in B A K E O F F!



The gifted students at David E. Williams are participating in the Phipps Conservatory Fairchild Challenge, which is “a free, multidisciplinary, standards-based, environmental education outreach program designed to give students an opportunity to shine by appealing to their innate sense of creativity and curiosity about the world around them.”

There are six parts to the challenge. Challenge four was Green Cuisine, Bake Sale Reinvented. The students had to choose a traditional bake sale item and make a healthier version with lower calories and higher nutritional value. The Bake-Off was held at the middle school, with a total of 16 students participating in the challenge. The DEW staff had the responsibility of tasting and rating the baked goods. The top three were submitted on behalf of the school.

Congratulations to the top three entries. Mitchell Vacco made a sourdough pretzel dipped in fat free dark chocolate and covered with sugar free sprinkles. Renee Benigni made a Hokeu Cupcake, which consisted of zucchini, pineapple, and coconut. Makayla Miller made a low fat vanilla cupcake using egg whites, coconut milk instead 2% milk, and reduced sugar and butter. Everyone enjoyed all of the sweet treats!

**PICTURED, TOP TO BOTTOM:** Students and staff enjoyed participating in the Phipps Conservatory Fairchild Challenge “Bake-Off.”



# Montour School District

## DEW Students Place in Top Ten in County Math Contest

The sixth grade students at David E. Williams Middle School are Sumdog fanatics. Sumdog is an online math program, part of which the district is able to use free of charge. The program adapts itself to the abilities of the individual students. Students are able to compete against others from all over the nation. Sumdog is a valuable tool for students in kindergarten through grade eight. Sumdog offers county as well as national contests in which students can participate.

The most recent county contest was held in January. Students answered 1,000 math questions in that time frame, competing against students from other districts in the county. Students were ranked according to the most correct answers and, if a tie occurred, the students were ranked according to the fastest completion time. There were 581,808 questions answered during this contest, with 501,687 being answered correctly. David E. Williams Middle School placed second in that contest out of 21 schools in the county. David E. Williams was also the first "Daily Winner" to be crowned, earning this recognition on the first day of the contest, January 18.

Additionally, 67 out of 70 sixth grade math students participated successfully in the contest. Of those 67, five placed in the top ten in the county out of 2,709 students. The students who placed in the county were: Jace Chesky, second place, who answered 996 of 1,000 questions correctly; Mackenzie Polny, third place, who answered 989 of 1,000 questions correctly; Gabrielle Tanny, fourth place, who answered 985 of 1,000 questions correctly; GinaMarie Kamicker, ninth place, who answered 981 out of 1,000 questions correctly; and Caroline Dischner, tenth place; who answered 980 out of 1,000 questions correctly. Jace was beaten by one student, who answered 997 questions out of 1,000 correctly. Jace lost by only one question!

A special "shout out" goes to Rachel White, who was the only fifth grader to place in the top ten at DEW.

**ABOVE AND RIGHT:** Jace Chesky, second place in the county, first place at DEW; top DEW finishers were Mitchell Ward, Mackenzie Polny, Lauren Rose, Rachel White, Gabrielle Tanny, Jace Chesky, GinaMarie Kamicker, Stefani Fotovich, Caroline Dischner, and Alexandra Mannino.



## DEW Students in County Science Bowl Competition



David E. Williams Middle School students GinaMarie Kamicker, Renee Benigni, David Pan, and Zayne Wodzinski participated in the 2013 Science Bowl on January 16, sponsored by the Carnegie Science Center and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. The competition was open for children in grades four through eight and required them to explore the Carnegie Science Center while being challenged to find answers to questions, think and write creatively, and practice problem solving skills. The students competed in four different hands-on challenges. The challenges included a scavenger hunt, building a parachute, building a balcony to hold a cup of pennies, and memorizing the position of objects and rebuilding the scene. DEW students finished in third place.

**LEFT:** GinaMarie Kamicker, Renee Benigni, David Pan, and Zayne Wodzinski competed in the 2013 Science Bowl in January.

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## DEW STEM Upgrades Planned for 2013-2014

Plans are under way for the implementation of Project Lead the Way's Gateway to Technology (GTT) program at David E. Williams Middle School for the 2013-2014 school year. This robust STEM program features a project-based curriculum designed to challenge and engage the natural curiosity and imagination of middle school students. Students envision, design, and test their ideas with the same advanced modeling software used by companies like Lockheed Martin, Intel, and Sprint. This curriculum naturally blends science, technology, engineering, mathematics, art, and various problem solving skills.

The planned Project Lead the Way curricular offerings for the middle school include:

### - Design and Modeling (DM) 2013-2014 Implementation

In this unit, students begin to recognize the value of an engineering notebook to document and capture their ideas. They are

introduced to and use the design process to solve problems and understand the influence that creative and innovative design has on our lives. Students use industry standard 3D modeling software to create a virtual image of their designs and produce a portfolio to showcase their creativity.

### - Automation and Robotics (AR) 2014-2015 Implementation

Students trace the history, development, and influence of automation and robotics. They learn about mechanical systems, energy transfer, machine automation, and computer control systems. Students use a robust robotics platform to design, build, and program a solution to solve an existing problem.

Future planned units include: energy and the environment, green architecture, flight and space, magic of electrons, and medical detectives.

## High School Marketing Class Embarks on Holiday Projects to Raise \$ for Newtown Memorial Fund

The Period 1 Marketing and Advertising class at Montour High School undertook a class project competition during the fall to raise funds for the Newtown Memorial Fund.

The 24 sophomores, juniors, and seniors embarked on a series of projects to market the holidays.

For Halloween, students Adam Check, Johnny Dobbins, Dylan Edmonds, Nicklas Foster, Brianna Miller, Amanda Mills, and Austin Pintar conducted a Halloween Contest.

For Thanksgiving, the team of Liam Carlin, Clara Coleman, Lindsey Crawford, Ryan Eiter, Drew Galla, Adam Holets,

Francesca Hvostal, and Paige Peters sponsored a viewing of the movie, "The Blindside."

The team of Taliah Banal, Mallory Bush, Timothy Carrabbia, Justin Crytzer, Rebekah Devorak, Brandon Eiter, Haley Novak, Kevin Sciulli, and Jessica Weaver coordinated a Christmas-themed talent show entitled, "The X-Mas Factor."

In all, the class raised \$1,789.72 from the three events. They donated the funds in loving memory of the 26 victims that lost their lives on December 14 at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

## Forest Grove Students Celebrate 100 Days of School



Forest Grove Elementary's kindergarten children celebrated their 100th day of school by participating in many activities.

They were asked the question "On your 100th birthday, where would you like to go?" The students responded by writing their answers and drawing pictures. They also participated in 100th day math activities by counting out 100 items brought in from home and making a 100 chart. At home they constructed a project made from the number 100 and brought it in to share with the class. Fun was had by all and we are all happy to be 100 days smarter!

## WATT CHOICES

Forest Grove Elementary, Burkett Elementary, and David E. Williams Middle School are participating in the Duquesne Light School Energy Pledge program. The program provides tools and techniques to reduce home energy use. Once a family pledges to take energy saving actions, Duquesne Light Company will send them a free energy efficiency toolkit. The toolkit helps reduce the family's energy use. The kit consists of five compact fluorescent light bulbs, two lime night lights, weather stripping, furnace whistle, and other energy saving information. Furthermore, for every family that pledges to save energy by installing the items contained in the toolkit, Duquesne Light Company will provide the school with a cash reward for EACH pledge returned! Help our schools SAVE!



## Burkett Elementary News

### Montour Elementary Students "Brainstorm" in Many Ways

Montour elementary students have been engaged in some enriching and fun activities these past few weeks.

The Brainstormers Program, sponsored by the PTA, was a great way to get students into extracurricular activities that are unique, creative, and fun. Activities included cooking, karate, Legos, chess, tennis, volleyball, junkyard band, various arts and crafts, photography, cheerleading, science, and many others.

The students stayed after school once a week for four weeks to participate in the activities. Tina Trenga, one of the PTA chairpersons for the event, stated, "Brainstormers is a program that enables children to try something new, informative, and fun that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to do."

Third graders Olivia Lyscik and Alex Fleck were active participants in the program. Alex, who took the photography class, said, "It was really fun to take pictures and learn about how different effects can be added to photographs." Olivia, who took cooking, stated, "It was fun to make a variety of different foods and see what goes on behind the scenes of our school cafeteria."

Over 300 students from both Forest Grove and Burkett Elementary Schools participated in the activities.

### Third Graders Go Mining for Geodes!

In February, the "Geode Guy" visited Burkett Elementary. Jeff Smith is a geologist who makes yearly trips to Mexico to hunt for geodes. His finds are shipped back to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Smith shares his knowledge, adventures, and treasured geodes with school children throughout the region. During the show, the third graders got to see slides and a video from Mr. Smith's journey to Mexico. They were amazed by some of his rarest finds, including a geode shaped like Mickey Mouse. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Smith used his special tools to open geodes that the students had ordered. The students loved being the first ones to see the inside of their very own geodes! The Geode Guy Assembly gave the students a better understanding of what makes up the earth on which we live.



**ABOVE:** Students in Mrs. Storer's 4th grade math class work feverishly to complete a variety of standards based math questions on the Study Island Program.



**ABOVE:** Third grader Alex Fleck photographs third grader Olivia Lyscik cooking during Brainstormers.

### Heading For the Island

Burkett third and fourth grade students are competing academically in a Study Island Ultimate Survivor Challenge. Study Island is an academic, standards-based, online program that reinforces math and reading skills through fun and engaging activities. The staff has partnered with the PTA to motivate and offer incentives for students to complete in a pre-set number of tasks within the program.

The challenge was held during the first three weeks in February. The PTA generously donated gift certificates for the book fair to the students answering enough questions correctly. The top students were also rewarded with a fun-filled survivor challenge and luncheon. Fourth grade

teacher Megan Storer stated, "Study Island is a fun and educational way to prepare our students for the upcoming state tests while reinforcing math and reading skills students will need in the future."

According to Burkett Elementary Principal Dan DiDesiderio, student achievement in the Study Island program correlates closely to the upcoming PSSA tests. The hope is that students use this to resource to practice their academic skills for the tests.



## Elementary Students Prepare for PSSAs

For the first time, third and fourth grade students will take the annual PSSA tests under the same roof at Burkett Elementary School. With the reconfiguration of schools this past year, the students have had the opportunity to work together as whole grade levels and receive consistent instruction in the standards-based curriculum.

In addition, best practices from each of the former buildings, as well as additional resources, were allocated to promote rigor in the classroom.

A number of initiatives also took place to increase academic excellence. These included a variety of data analysis plans, individual and small group remediation, new eligible content intervention periods, and the use of online resources to reinforce the lessons learned in the regular classroom setting.

Through the analysis of objective benchmark assessments, individual and small group plans were developed to meet the needs of each student, truly reflecting the tenets of No Child Left Behind.

Mr. DiDesiderio, Burkett Elementary principal, stated, "Our students have never been more ready for the PSSA tests; the staff, students, and community have worked diligently to provide each individual with tailored instruction and resources to meet their academic needs."

Tailored Instruction, an initiative developed by Dr. Christopher Stone, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, promotes a comprehensive understanding of each student's attainment level. Continually reviewing student progress toward mastery, embracing formative



**ABOVE:** Fourth grader Madison DuMontier works with her math teacher, Kelly Butera, on a review of geometric concepts in math class at Burkett Elementary School.

student data, and facilitating instruction to meet student's unique cognitive needs are all fundamentals of Tailored Instruction.

Students will be taking the PSSA tests in early April. Additional information will be sent home to parents and will be available on the district Web site at [www.montourschools.com](http://www.montourschools.com).

For test dates, see page 18.

## Welcome New Forest Grove Elementary Principal, Ms. Jennifer Kosanovic



Forest Grove Elementary School welcomed a new principal this year. Ms. Jennifer Kosanovic comes to Forest Grove with 15 years of experience in K-12 education. She has been both an elementary and high school administrator with the Montour School District. Outside of her experience at Montour, she has taught at the elementary level, consulted as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Distinguished Educator Program, and served as a curriculum director.

After spending the past year-and-a-half at Montour High School, she is very pleased and excited to be back at the elementary level and to lead Forest Grove Elementary.

She said, "I enjoyed my high school experience, but my heart has always been in elementary education. I look forward to working with the dedicated faculty and staff to ensure that Forest Grove Elementary is providing the best educational experience for our students. There have been many great things happening

within the district and at Forest Grove, and I intend to build upon those things for the remainder of the school year and beyond."

Ms. Kosanovic attended Duquesne University as an occupational therapy major, where she was a Division I volleyball player. She realized her true passion was teaching, however, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Slippery Rock University along with a Master's Degree and Principal's Certificate from Westminster College.

Her personal interests include spending time with family and friends, traveling, cooking, reading, yoga, and physical fitness.

She said, "I also love cheering on the Spartans at sporting events!"

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## Montour Football 2012 Individual/Team Accomplishments

**Devin Wilson** - 1st team All State for the 3rd consecutive year, *Post-Gazette* Fabulous 22, main paper and *PG West*, *Tribune Review* Terrific 25, all-time record holder leading receiving yards and catches WPIAL, 1st team all conference WR/DB, co-player of the year Parkway Conference

**Matt Barone** - 1st team all state, 1st team all conference. Selected and played in the Chesapeake Bowl all-star game

**Tyler Haddock** - 2nd team all state, *PG West* Fabulous 22, 1st team all conference. Selected and played in the Chesapeake Bowl all-star game

**Cole Macek** - 1st team all conference fullback. Top 24 DE

**Nick Arnold** - 1st team all conference OT,

honorable mention DE

**Lucas Parrish** - Top 24 OLB, honorable mention TE

**Mike Baird** - Top 24 ILB

**Justin Hill** - Top 24 DB, honorable mention WR

**Christian Balaski** - Top 24 OG, honorable mention DT

**Nathan Dearth** - 1st team all conference kicking specialist

**Joe Sciulli** - Honorable mention DB

**Kevin Klemmer** - Honorable mention DB

**Ryan Mihelcic** - Honorable mention QB

**Johnny Dobbins** - Honorable Mention OLB

**Team Accomplishments** - Parkway Conference Champs, 6th consecutive year making the WPIAL play-offs

## Congratulations Cheerleaders!



**LEFT:** Congratulations to the varsity cheerleaders for placing fifth in the AAA/AAAA division at the WPIAL season cheerleading competition. They competed in Hershey in February in the PIAA state cheerleading competition.

## Montour Athletes Signing Day



**LEFT:** Students signed for athletic opportunities during the annual signing day at Montour High School. Seated, Nathan Dearth, Northwestern University (soccer); Justin Hill, Georgetown University, (football); Tyler Haddock, Temple University, and Matt Barone, Temple University, (football). Standing, Head Football Coach Lou Cerro, Secretary Donna Udvarhelyi, and Athletic Director Mitch Galiyas.

## Robinson Centenarian's Career Memories Focus on Education

Turning 100 years old is something worth celebrating.

And celebrate they did, when Montour School District administrators and

school board members presented Robinson resident Angeline Henry with a plaque and flowers in celebration of her one-hundredth birthday last month. The program was coordinated by Duane Faith, school board member.

It was most fitting that such a recognition occurred during a school board meeting. Angeline was, after all, a career teacher.

Angeline, who became a centenarian this past Christmas Eve, emigrated from Italy to America with her mother, Philomena, in 1920. She settled in New Castle, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from New Castle High School in 1931. She attended Temple University in Philadelphia on scholarship, and graduated with a distinction in French.

After substitute teaching for six years, her teaching career began in earnest in 1941 in Plain Grove, Pennsylvania, which is now merged into Westminister. She earned \$1,000 annually, with the promise of \$50 increments each year. In addition to teaching, her duties included coaching the softball team, lunchtime supervision, overseeing community plays in the fall and spring, and establishing a library for students. She stayed at Plain Grove for four years and was snowed in more than once.

From 1945 to 1947, she taught closer to home at Union High School in New Castle. There, she taught Latin and Spanish, co-chaired the prom, and supervised junior and senior activities. She married Paul Henry in 1947 and moved to Philadelphia to follow Paul to his new job, where she became a substitute once again at Holy Cross School and several others. Her daughter, Maria, was born in 1949.

By 1953, Angeline was once again teaching full-time at Swarthmore High School in the Rutledge School District in Delaware County, Philadelphia. She taught five classes a day of Latin, and one special class for low language aptitude students. During one of her summer breaks, she customized and nearly re-wrote a book about root studies for the low language

aptitude class, so the students could learn excerpts of various languages. She also supervised the student council.

Paul's employer transferred him to Pittsburgh in 1959, where she began teaching Latin and French at Castle Shannon Junior High School. She continued teaching there after the Castle Shannon, Dormont, and Greentree schools merged into Keystone Oaks. She retired from Keystone Oaks in 1975.

Angeline considers her time at Keystone Oaks to be the high point of her career. For a number of years, she worked with the language students to hold Latin banquets, which combined learning with dinner and dancing. Students volunteered to dress up as Roman Gods and attended a dinner dance, where they sat at a special banquet table decorated with clouds.

For her French students, she and another teacher joined forces, and one week asked students to bring in foods representing a French theme. She also served as the moderator for language labs and as a coordinator for the Allegheny County Latin Fair, where students brought in special, creative projects related to Latin.

Angeline was blessed with a grandchild, Ashleigh, in 1990. She says she had a career that she loved with all her heart, and that there are times when she closes her eyes and imagines she is still standing in front of a class trying her best to help students get the best foundation possible so their futures are a success.

**ABOVE:** Maria Henry, left, with her mother, Angeline Henry, during the recognition program last month. PHOTO SUBMITTED



Rocket21 is a new educational organization developing a web resource to support preparation for 21st century success in youth from ages nine to 15. The Web site offers students the opportunity to learn about 21st century jobs and pursuits. It also allows them to connect with experts from a wide range of professions, explore the evolving range of options within the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines, and gain an insider's view of careers ranging from engineers to musicians to teachers. Students also get a behind-the-scenes look at how technology and media services are developed, and have the opportunity to serve as experts themselves.

Recently, Rocket21 held a contest. Students were to imagine that they were asked to collaborate on President Obama's inauguration speech. Not only were they asked to write the speech, but they were also to imagine that they were on the platform delivering the speech alongside him. Their role was to represent what was on their minds and the minds of other students and friends. They were asked to consider what dreams they had for America, what advice they'd give to the



President, and what might they do if they were President.

Mia Scrabis, a sixth grade student at David E. Williams Middle School, decided to take the challenge. Students had to give their speech by writing a mini essay, story, song, or poem, and either create a photograph or drawing to represent the speech, or send a video of themselves reading their speech, singing their song, or reading their poem.

Entries were submitted by January 10. A grand prize winner was named in the under age 13 group, as well as in the 13 to 15 age group. These grand prize winners won a trip to the Presidential Inauguration, with tickets to the Inauguration, round-trip airfare to Washington, D.C., and more.

Mia was named one of the finalists in the under 13 age group. Mia's entry was a song, entitled, "Keep on Moving On." Read it, below. Her song can also be heard on the Montour Web site, [www.montourschools.com](http://www.montourschools.com) (click on the You Tube button).

Oh sweet America, how you never fail  
Helping other countries, the wealth you prevail  
No other brings you down, you're going along  
All you have to do is keep moving on!

You've got to keep moving on, moving on, moving on.  
Don't look back, that's your past,  
Doesn't mean a thing to you now.  
Just got to keep moving on, moving forward  
Look at all you've learned,  
America's faithful future.

Oh see America, you could improve. Recreate your  
Economy, that's one thing you could do.  
Instead of money to these jailbirds, please fund us nerds,  
You're never really wrong, but  
Just keep moving on!

You've got to keep moving one, moving on, moving on.  
Don't look back, that's your past,  
Doesn't mean a thing to you now.  
Just got to keep moving on, moving forward  
Look at all you've learned  
America's faithful future.

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Nuclear power, Oh America, you can't be devoured.  
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**ABOVE:** The "Steel City Sirens" quartet appeared on Pittsburgh Today Live on February 12 to promote Singing Valentines. The Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus, Sweet Adelines International, offered a singing valentine by phone to be delivered on Valentine's Day to husbands, wives, significant others, and one new baby. The quartet opened the show singing "It Had to be You" with the closing song, "All I Ask is Love." Jon, whose father is a barbershopper, even chimed in on the tag with a perfect falsetto. From left to right: Carol Bonner, lead, of Robinson Township; Joyce Sipes, tenor, of Aliquippa; KDKA's Jon Burnett; Sandy Wright, bass, of Oakdale; and Sue Moore, baritone, of Bridgeville. The girls are members of the Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus, whose 70 members come from the tri-state area. Women of all ages are invited to attend a rehearsal any Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Coraopolis United Methodist Church, 1205 Ridge Avenue. (PHOTO SUBMITTED)

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT GENERATES SUPPORT

Robinson Township resident and a Life Scout Troop 301 member, Brian Janas, is working towards his rank advancement to Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout service project, Brian recently collected new school supplies and donated them to support South Hills Interfaith Ministries' annual back-to-school campaign. With the assistance of adult volunteers and scouts of Troop 301, he solicited over 1,000 local neighbors and merchants within the community. Due to an overwhelming response, Brian exceeded his expectations and collected more than 5,000 items. They included backpacks, paper, notebooks, highlighters, and pencils.

"South Hills Interfaith Ministries was able to let 350 young people head back to school feeling more confident and ready to learn," said James Guffey, Executive Director of SHIM. "Brian was a great ambassador for us and we are very appreciative of his support. He helped us distribute the items too, so he got to see firsthand how his initiative made a difference."

Over \$16,000 worth of supplies were donated and shared with young people from families who use SHIM's services.

**WHSB MUSICIANS TO PERFORM AT LINCOLN CENTER**

Arranger/composer and performer, Dr. Kevin Clark, will have his arrangement, "Darin to Swing," premiered by the World Civic Orchestra in New York's famed Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts on June 9. When not busy working as an ophthalmologist, with offices in Moon, Coraopolis, Hopewell, Sewickley, and Ambridge, and as medical translator for the *French Journal of Ophthalmology*, Clark enjoys writing for a variety of instrumentations.



Dr. Clark has scored several musicals, radio jingles, and local and national TV specials. His outstanding performance of a Beethoven piano concerto, as well as his own arrangement of Mendez's "Like a Lover" with the West Hills Symphonic Band in 2012, earned him an invitation to arrange for and perform with the group on their March 24 program.

Due to the jazz nature of his piece for the WCO, he finds it necessary to bring not only a conductor experienced in both jazz and large ensemble performance with him, but also some key section players with extensive jazz experience.

He's chosen WHSB Principal Conductor and Music Director Clem Rolin, plus principal players Deb Weible (percussion) and Bill Balas (trombone) to join him. Also chosen is local musician Dennis Kurzawski, an occasional performer with the band.

Besides attending to his duties with the WHSB, Rolin recently served as the guest conductor for the PMEA District 3 Jazz Band near Clarion. He, Deb Weible, and Dr. Clark frequently appear together at local jazz venues.

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# AIRPORT HONORS AND AWARDS . . .

## Director of Communications Awarded PRSA Communicator Honors



JoAnn Jenny, Director of Communications, Allegheny County Airport Authority, has been awarded Renaissance Communicator of the Year Not-for-Profit Organization by the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). Jenny was honored for her exceptional work in communicating Pittsburgh International Airport's (PIT) messages, orchestrating the 20th anniversary celebration campaign for PIT and promoting important customer service programs including the FlyPittsburgh.com website, the weekly low fare alerts and nonstop Pittsburgh to Paris on Delta Air Lines.

JoAnn oversees a staff of 11, including public affairs, public relations, graphic design and customer service professionals. Jenny was also recognized for mentoring dozens of interns through the internship she created and counseling many students in schools and universities on ways to succeed in public relations.

## Finance Department Recognized for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Finance Department of the Allegheny County Airport Authority by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report. The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The Annual Report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive spirit of full disclosure to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users to read the document.

"The award is one more example of how the Airport Authority provides excellent stewardship over our region's greatest assets, Pittsburgh International Airport and Allegheny County Airport," said David Minnotte, Chairman, Allegheny County Airport Authority.



## He's a Life Saver

A major responsibility for Dan Federico's job as an officer with the Transportation Security Administration is to be observant, and being that way on a recent Sunday at Pittsburgh International Airport helped to save a life.

Dan was working at Pittsburgh International Airport's main checkpoint when he noticed a man sitting on a bench prior to the checkpoint. Dan realized the passenger was extremely pale and sweating. "I introduced myself by providing the passenger with my name and my position. I explained I was an EMT as well. I asked the passenger if he needed medical assistance and he did."

The passenger eventually lost consciousness and appeared to have a seizure. Dan had called for help and stayed with the passenger, taking his pulse, obtaining vitals, maintaining his airway and observing his condition.

Shortly after, the passenger suffered cardiac arrest. An Allegheny County police officer arrived on the scene and pulled the nearby automatic external defibrillator from its cabinet and applied it to the patient.

The Airport Authority firefighters arrived to provide CPR. The passenger eventually opened his eyes and was able to identify Dan by name. The patient was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and was released a few days later.

"This is an example of the dedication of employees we have at Pittsburgh International Airport. Excellent teamwork helped to save a life," said Bradley D. Penrod, President, Allegheny County Airport Authority.

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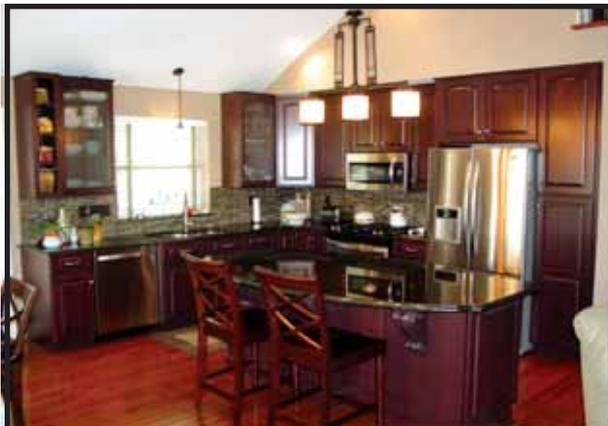
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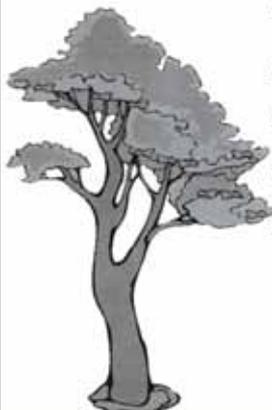
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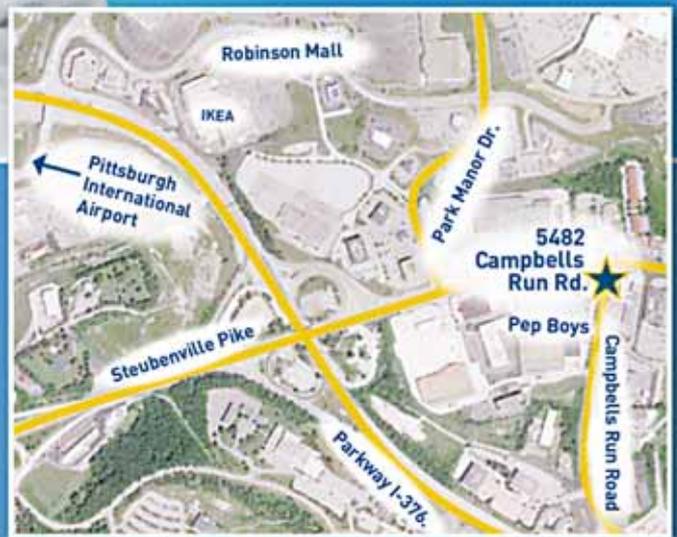
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# PTI Breaks Ground for New Energy Building

Pittsburgh Technical Institute is investing in a 15,392-square-foot steel structure to serve as headquarters for programs in Welding Technology, HVAC, and Oil and Gas Electronics. PTI President Greg DeFeo shared information about the college's new offerings, including the announcement of a new degree in Oil & Gas Electronics, at a groundbreaking held on PTI's campus on February 26.

"Research suggests a high demand in Western Pennsylvania for electronics professionals at compressor stations, at energy facilities, and on pipeline projects who have the skills to monitor the extraction, storage, and transmission of this natural resource," said DeFeo.

PTI is enrolling now for the Oil & Gas Electronics program, set to begin in July 2013 and the Welding Technology program, which begins in October 2013. Student interest and employer reaction to PTI's new programs has been strong. Student enrollment is building faster than anticipated, and the college's Career Services Department has been receiving requests from employers for both interns and graduates.

The Energy Technology Center at PTI is scheduled for completion in time for fall 2013 classes. It has been designed by Felix A. Cardella, III, of TKA Architects. The general contractor for

the \$3.5 million project is Franjo Construction. Labs designed to support Welding and HVAC programs include high-bay spaces averaging 24 feet in height. PTI's Energy Technology Center will include general classrooms, faculty offices, meeting rooms, a two-story plaza lobby, a walkway linking the building to the campus' main building and student apartments, and a rain garden located on the building's west side.

The facility will feature three distinct labs with nearly \$1 million of state-of-the-industry equipment designed for hands-on learning in Welding, HVAC, and electronic equipment specific to the oil and gas industry.

The project is made possible in part by a \$750,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) designed for the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, and historical improvement projects.

"PTI has been part of our region's industrial history for more than 60 years," said Bill Flanagan, Vice President of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, who also spoke at the groundbreaking. "Investing in its new programs and the Energy Tech Center, PTI becomes centrally aligned to the high-demand jobs in all seven energy sectors for the future of Western Pennsylvania."

**BELOW:** Bill Flanagan, Executive Vice President, Allegheny Conference on Community Development; Nate Nevala, Field Director; Congressman Tim Murphy; Felix Cardella, President, TKA Architects; Greg DeFeo, President, Pittsburgh Technical Institute; Joe Leonello Jr., Vice President, FRANJO Construction; Robert Johnson, Deputy Director, Office of the Governor; Chuck Cubelic, Vice President, Pittsburgh Technical Institute; George Pry, Executive Vice President, Pittsburgh Technical Institute.



# Around Your Town

## WEST PENN HOSPITAL CELEBRATES ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF REBIRTH

"The anniversary of West Penn's rebirth as a full service healthcare provider reflects a year of great progress at the hospital and sets a foundation for continued growth and success in the future," said Duke Rupert, West Penn Hospital's president and CEO.

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## F.O.R APPOINTS INTERIM ARTS CENTER DIRECTOR

Focus on Renewal has appointed Maggie Johnson as interim director of the Father Ryan Arts Center. Ms. Johnson is an experienced and successful arts manager, best known in the Pittsburgh region for leading the Pittsburgh is Art Day of Giving visibility campaign, which raised almost \$2 million for regional arts organizations in a 24-hour period. She will work with FOR staff and community stakeholders to plan and implement the next phase of the four-year-old arts center.



A graduate of Carnegie Mellon's Master of Arts Management program, Ms. Johnson has more than a decade of experience in marketing strategy, branding, collaborative partnerships, database management, and strategic planning. She has served in various capacities for Pittsburgh-area nonprofits such as the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, and Pittsburgh Opera, where she received an "ADDY" Award in 2006 from the Pittsburgh Advertising Federation.

## AIRPORT CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION AWARDS PRESENTED

The Airport Corridor Transportation Association (ACTA) held its annual meeting at the Chartiers Country Club on February 6. Awards were presented for outstanding achievement, and officers were elected.

The featured speaker, Daniel Cessna, P.E., district executive for PennDOT district 11, discussed the current Parkway West survey that is investigating ways to improve the roadway. Daniel oversees all transportation planning, design, construction, and maintenance for the district, which serves the Pittsburgh metropolitan area.

ACTA Executive Director Lynn Manion also presented awards to organizations that have been instrumental in improving transportation in the airport corridor. Awards were presented for completion of the Park Manor Boulevard Bicycle Safety Improvement Project, the Summit Park Drive Improvement Project, for improving commuter access in the airport corridor, and for supporting Transportation Management Initiatives. Settlers Ridge was given the Community Partner Award, and Pittsburgh Technical Institute, a founding member of ACTA, received the Outstanding ACTA Member award.

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When not working outdoors for his customers, Michael enjoys spending time with his wife, Jodi, of 16 years, and his children, Carmen, 16, and Morgan, 13.

To reach Michael, call (724) 218-1387 or e-mail him at: mswasey25@comcast.net.

## PC Travel Service



A leisure travel specialist with a corporate background, Pam Carter, left, of Kennedy Township, announces the opening of her travel agency, PC Travel Services this past December.

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lost their possessions, or perhaps even lost their life.

When calls come in, they sometimes can be unusual, to say the least.

This happened to my own daughter. I was excited to see on caller ID that she was calling from her home in Charlotte, but when I answered, she was a little frantic on the phone. She had turned on the oven to begin to prepare dinner, when her townhouse was filled with smoke! Her fiancé had left a pizza box in the oven! Of course, the box caught on fire, and alarms were sounding. A fire was raging in the oven, and my daughter was not sure how to put out the flames!

In another instance, one of our residents was cleaning her home, and pulled the oven away from the wall to do a better job of cleaning under and behind the oven. Unfortunately, she pulled out the gas connection, and gas soon escaped into the residence. When she then tried to light the oven (not seeing any pilot light burning), an explosion occurred, causing injury and damage. Very often

we get calls for dryer fires. Folks simply forget to clean out the lint trap, and then let the dryer run on high for too long. Or, as happened in one case, they decided to dry wet clothing tsoaked with gasoline and oil. Many items are flammable, not just gasoline, but also spot removers, dry-cleaning solvents, cooking oils, and other things that may be present on clothing. High heat from a dryer can ignite these chemicals much quicker than you might think.

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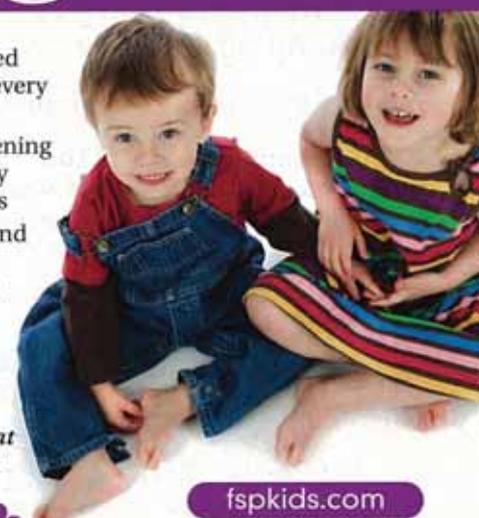


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# Your Schools

## Rosedale Technical Institute



## Students Compete in Skills USA Competition at Rosedale Technical

On January 14, 42 high school students from area vocational and technical schools competed in Pennsylvania's District 8 regional SkillsUSA competition at Rosedale Technical Institute. The participating schools included Parkway West CTC.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. Their mission is to help its members become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. Winners from the regional event advance to the state finals in Hershey. Victors at the state level then move on to nationals in Kansas City, Missouri, where they will compete for post-secondary education scholarships awarded by SkillsUSA.

Normally held at one of the region's participating schools, RTI was not only able to offer an even playing field but also a number of resources critical for the various competitions. Rosedale instructors helped design and then judge the tasks that made up each competition. Top students from around the area contended in a number of automotive, diesel, electrical, and HVAC technology competitions, as well as math and job interviewing skills competitions.

One local winner, Brian Bennett, of Parkway West CTC, moved onto states in automotive technology.

**LEFT:** Students competed in a wide range of skills during the Skills USA competition held this year at Rosedale Technical Institute in Kennedy Township. (PHOTOS SUBMITTED)



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## Holy Trinity School

### Preschool Program Growing by Leaps and Bounds

Holy Trinity Catholic School in Robinson Township has expanded its highly-regarded preschool program for the second year in a row, in response to increasing demand.

Director of Advancement Dave Haseleu said, "Our preschool program here has always been very popular. Last year, in response to numerous requests, we added a full-day four-year-old program to our traditional half-day three and four-year-old programs. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The full-day four-year-old class met three days a week and proved to be very popular. It filled quickly and we ended up with a waiting list."

He continued, "This year, in response to numerous requests from parents, we have added a full-day, five-day-a-week option for our

four-year olds. This will help many families where both parents work during the week. We also offer after school care for full-day students preschool to eighth grade, and many of our families utilize this as well."

Principal Kimberly Stevenson added, "Our teachers do a phenomenal job and our preschool program has always benefited from very positive referrals from our existing families. The children learn so much and enjoy many interesting experiences throughout the year. When they leave our preschool program they are very well-prepared for kindergarten."

Parents wishing to learn more about Holy Trinity's preschool program or the rest of the school's programs are encouraged to visit the school.

For more information, call (412) 787-2656 or visit [www.holy-trinity-school.org](http://www.holy-trinity-school.org).

### "Visiting" a Tropical Rain Forest

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade concluded a week of Catholic School's Week activities by "visiting" a tropical rain forest. Teachers from The Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium educated the students about what life is like in the rainforests of the world, reminding them of the important products that they use which originate in the rainforest including fruit, spices, medicines, chocolate, and even the air that we breathe. They were also taught that more animals live in the rainforests than in any other area in the world. Students then learned about the different kinds of animals that live in each layer of the

rainforest's trees. A few animals journeyed from the zoo to visit with the children including a kinkajou, a Solomon Island prehensile-tailed skink, and the crowd favorite, a red-tailed boa constrictor named "Squeeze."



**RIGHT:** Holy Trinity second grade teacher Mrs. Petro holds her new friend "Squeeze," a six-foot boa constrictor, who was visiting the students from the Pittsburgh Zoo.

## St. Malachy School

### Local Dentist Visits Kindergarten



**ABOVE:** front, Johnny Stanko, Luke Rotellini, Taylor Hogan, Bobbi Crawford, Mikayla Mycka, Gabriella Rump; back, Sydney Athanas, Londyn Monk, J. J. Hancock, Daniel Pryle, Dr. Clarke, Madisyn Phippiss, and Marika Fisher

Ask any dentist, and he or she will tell you that good dental health starts early. Each year, Dr. Pamela Clarke, a dentist in Robinson Township, visits St. Malachy kindergarten students to present a dental health program. She talks with the children about the importance of brushing and flossing and making regular visits to the dentist for check-ups. Dr. Clarke brings each child a new tooth brush.

### School Places Fifth in Forensics Meet

Fourteen St. Malachy students recently competed in their third Forensics meet of the year, this one at St. Teresa of Avila School. Months of practice paid off for these students. Each child received a first, second, or third place in both the first and second rounds of this tournament. Because of their high scores, St. Malachy School received their first certificate of placement. The school placed fifth out of 13 competing schools. This was a great honor for the hardworking St. Malachy students.



**ABOVE:** front, Miss D'Itri, TJ Harbaugh, Christina Trocchio, Emma Tomei, Abby Messner, Marissa Bordas; back row, Hannah Hathaway, Shelby Blair, Becca Richardson, Jennie Falgione, Alyssa Brinza, Nya Patterson, and Isabella Kessler.

## Rhema Christian School

### Announcing Open House Events

Rhema Christian School, 1301 Coraopolis Heights Road in Moon Township, announces its open house schedule for the school year: Saturday, April, 2013, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 7-8 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://www.rhemachristianschool.org/> or call (412) 269-9555.

## Robinson Township Christian School

### Sports Wrap-Up

RTCS's girls basketball team emerged in third place in their conference. The team, below, competes against eight other Christian and private schools in the area. They are coached by Del McBane of Green Tree.



The RTCS soccer team, below, finished the season with a 10-8-1 record. They finished third in the Division 2 playoffs. The team is coached by Art Broadwick and Heather Peters, both of Robinson Township.



### Open House Coming Up

RTCS, a Christian education school for pre-school through grade 12, invites interested families to an open house on March 12 at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Call (412) 787-5919 for more information or to arrange a tour. Or, visit [www.rtconline.org](http://www.rtconline.org).

# Parkway West CTC

## Parkway is NOT Closing, Only the ACE Center Onsite Will Close

The Alternative Center for Education (ACE), located on the campus of Parkway West Career & Technology Center (CTC), will close at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. The decision to close the school did not come easily and all possible avenues were investigated by the Parkway West Joint Operating Committee and sending school district superintendents. Despite efforts, no feasible solution was found. **The closing of ACE will in no way effect students from attending Parkway West CTC.**

### Two New Programs Coming in the Fall 2013

Students wanting to enroll at Parkway West Career & Technology Center will have additional choices to think about as the CTC will offer two new courses in the fall 2013. In addition, two current programs have added a few more industry related certifications as added value to their course curriculum.

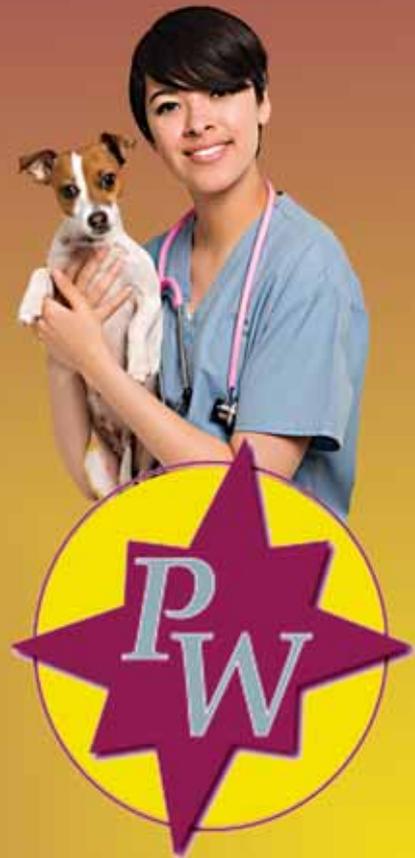
Electrical Systems Technology and Veterinary Technology will be the two newest programs offered at Parkway West CTC.

Electrical Systems Technology will prepare students in the instruction of the layout, assembly, installation, maintenance, and trouble-shooting of electrical systems found in residential, commercial, and light industrial locations. In 2011, the average annual wage in Pennsylvania for an electrician helper was over \$28,500\*. This program, along with HVAC/R, Masonry, and Welding Technology programs, will be a part of the 'Construction Cluster,' allowing first-time students to experience four 'construction related' programs before declaring their chosen program of study.

Veterinary Technology will prepare students to work in entry-level positions for a veterinary practice aiding a veterinarian. This program would have a solid educational base on which to build a post-secondary degree or advanced certifications. In 2011, the average annual wage in Pennsylvania for a veterinary assistant or a laboratory animal caretaker was \$26,300.

Although Parkway West CTC and ACE share the same sending districts, Parkway West CTC is NOT closing. All the districts remain committed to sending students to Parkway West CTC.

Parkway West CTC looks forward to continuing to serve the districts with the best possible career and technical education available. Additional questions about this issue may be answered by calling (412) 923-1772. E-mail questions to [info@parkwaywest.org](mailto:info@parkwaywest.org).



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## St. Philip School

### Junior Achievement Day

Students from Bishop Canevin High School spent a day instructing St. Philip students in grades K-8 about pertinent economic topics. Whether it's the effect of the global economy on prices or the ins and outs of the assembly line, the Canevin students put great effort and love into their presentations. The elementary students love the opportunity to learn about the economy, and yearly participation in the program makes SPS eighth graders who plan to attend Catholic High School eligible to apply for the \$3,000 Cardinal Wuerl Junior Achievement Scholarship.

**RIGHT:** Bishop Canevin Senior Ciara Crossey instructing St. Philip eighth graders Harrison Klein, Madison Byerly, Michael Dittler, and Eric Ashby.



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A total of 22 EnergyStar carriage/patio homes will be



featured in Phase I at The Courtyards at the Preserves and will range in size from approximately 1,600 to 2,009-square-feet. Each detached home features two bedrooms, two baths, large open living, dining and kitchen space, laundry room, and an oversized 2.5-car garage, all located on one floor. Outdoor living is enhanced by a standard private courtyard or deck, visible from all rooms of the home, and optional bonus suites provide additional bedroom and living space. A monthly maintenance fee will cover lawn services for each homeowner, including mowing, shoveling, and seasonal mulching. Home pricing starts at \$237,900.

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Though it is early in the life of this fund, many have come forward with a kind donation to help support valuable initiatives in memory of Haas.

To make a donation in Sally's memory, either personally or on behalf of a company, please make checks payable to Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber Enterprise Foundation and forward them to the Chamber offices at 850 Beaver Grade Road, Moon Township, PA 15108. The names of donors will be forwarded to Sally's family and donors will also be acknowledged by the Chamber in its publications unless anonymity is requested.

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## What is Vestibular Rehabilitation?

Many people are walking around with symptoms of dizziness and are not sure where to turn for help. Some individuals may see their family doctors, others may seek help from a specialist such as an ENT or neurologist, while others may just forgo any medical treatment at all. Medication may be prescribed, which will likely offer limited help and usually offer only short-term solutions. Most people are unaware that physical therapists can effectively assist in treating symptoms of dizziness, which can be caused from vestibular, or inner ear dysfunctions. Getting individuals back to movement is a PT's specialty and treating vestibular issues such as vertigo is included in the issues that PT's treat to get you back to moving! Decreased dizziness would ultimately lead to an improved and increased activity level and return a patient to his or her prior level of function.

Vestibular rehabilitation should be comprehensive. A physical

therapist should not only treat your vestibular issue but also screen and treat the neck joints and muscles, assess balance deficits caused by general weakness and de-conditioning, and attempt to decrease one's fall risk. All of these issues are interdependent and play a critical role in overall well-being. Vestibular rehabilitation would include specific therapist-guided movements and exercises but also manual therapy techniques and an exercise routine to address all of the above-stated issues.

As with most other issues, the sooner one seeks treatment for vestibular issues, the better the chance of successful treatment and recovery. There is no reason that anyone should have to suffer with vestibular dysfunction and dizziness. Physical therapy can help.

*This information is provided courtesy of Julie M. Dipert, DPT. Julie is a physical therapist at Hess Physical Therapy. She can be reached at Hess Physical Therapy's Crafton office: 37 Foster Ave. Pittsburgh PA 15205. 412-458-3445.*

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## Around Your Town



**ABOVE:** Matt Miley with Danica Patrick at the Daytona 500 last month.

### PPMS' MATT MILEY MEETS DANICA

Matt Miley, co-owner of Pittsburgh's Pennsylvania Motor Speedway (PPMS), recently spent time at the Daytona 500 event in Florida. While there, he met Danica Patrick. Danica made history last month as the first woman to take a NASCAR Sprint Cup pole position for the Daytona 500. She also became the highest female finisher in the Daytona. She led five laps and finished eighth.

She made history as the first woman to win an IndyCar race in Motegi, Japan back in 2008.

Racing starts back up at the PPMS next month. For details, visit [www.ppms.com](http://www.ppms.com).

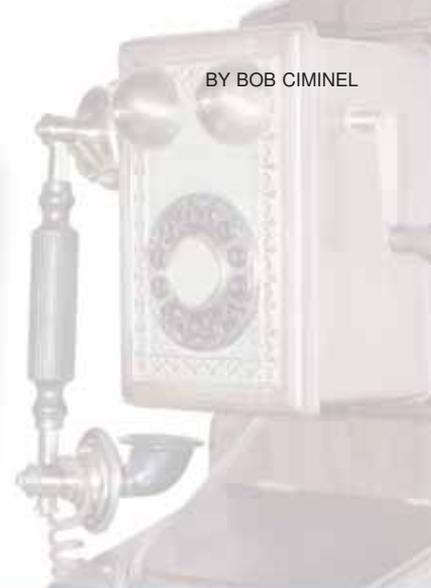
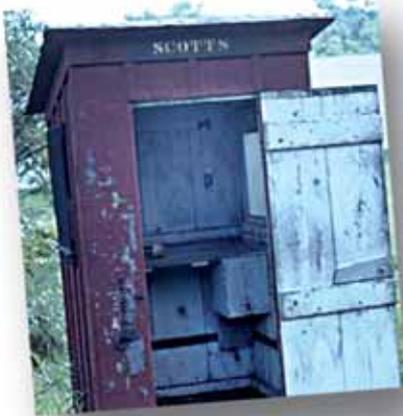
### MONTOUR BOYS BB WINS WPIAL CLASS AAA CHAMPIONSHIP

The Montour boy's basketball team went into the WPIAL championship as underdogs, and by start of the second half, third-ranked Montour looked like they would stay that way against top-ranked Chartiers Valley.

After giving up the first points of the third quarter, the team found themselves down by 11, due in large part to an inability to contain 6-foot-6 center Spencer Casson, who had 14 points in the first half.

Led by point guard Devin Wilson, Montour however commenced to go on an 8-0 run that put the team within striking distance. After scoring just two points in the first half, Devin went on to score 17 in the second, helping propel Montour to a comeback highlighted by two, key fourth-quarter three-point shots from Kevin Sciulli.

Stymied throughout much of the second half, Spencer scored one of his only two other baskets of the game late in the fourth quarter to pull Chartiers Valley within a single point with three minutes left. Kevin's clutch responding 3-point, however, put the team ahead by 4, setting up a frantic finish as both teams grappled for the game's final points. Montour missed five points from the free throw line down the stretch, giving Chartiers Valley opportunities as Montour clung to a three-point lead. Despite giving up two turnovers in the final minute and a half, Montour came up with four of their own, handing Chartiers Valley the 47-40 loss, and head coach Adam Kaufman his second WPIAL title in three years.



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## The Montour Railroad Telephone System

Although the Montour Railroad used a telegraph system between Montour Junction and Imperial in its early days of operation, the additions of the Mifflin Extension (1914), the Muse (1921), and Westland (1928) branches required a more complex communication system to control operations along the 42 miles of main track, mine sidings, and branches.

The answer was a party-line telephone system connecting the entire railroad to the dispatcher's office at Montour Junction. The system originated in 1903 when the Pittsburgh Coal Company created the Montour Telephone Company and installed 105 miles of telephone line to connect its mines and headquarters building in downtown Pittsburgh. It was a simple matter to piggyback the railroad's telephone system onto the network.

The 1940 Montour Railroad Employee Timetable lists 48 telephones installed between Montour Junction and Mifflin Junction. The major sidings had telephones at each end, and additional telephones were installed at North Star Junction, Clinton Block Junction, Gilmore Junction, Muse Junction, and Library Junction, plus the stations at Imperial, Champion and Southview, and the mines on the Solar Branch, McDonald Transfer, and at Hills. On the Library Branch, the telephones at Gould and Pennmont allowed Montour and Pennsylvania Railroad train crews to contact the Montour dispatcher for authority to operate on this jointly used track. The track was owned by the PRR, but that company only used it to service the Bertha Consumers and Knothole mines at Gould. From the east end of Salida Siding to Mifflin Junction, the telephones connected to the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad Dispatcher, who controlled the P&WV-owned track the Montour train crews used to access Mifflin Yard. The telephone at the west end of Salida Siding allowed P&WV train crews operating between Salida and the Pittsburgh Terminal No. 8 Mine at Coverdale to receive their train orders from the Montour dispatcher to run on the Montour tracks and reach the mine.

According to Tim Sposato, a former Montour employee, the original telephones were located in boxes mounted on the telephone/telegraph poles that lined the railroad. These telephones were eventually installed in telephone booths to protect them (and the users) from inclement weather. The telephone booths, which were patented in 1894, were built on site or in the Carpentry Shop at Montour Junction and maintained by the Bridge and Building Department. A pair of wires ran from the nearest telephone pole through the rear wall of the telephone booth to a double-fused knife switch.

The fuses protected the booth and telephone from current surges caused by lightning strikes. Each telephone booth contained a set of dry cell batteries for power and a small magneto (generator) for the ringer. A door equipped with a standard Montour switch lock was used to keep unauthorized people from using the telephones.

Because it was a party-line system, closing the knife switch allowed anyone to listen in on conversations. A hand crank and a series of long and short rings (ring code) provided the means for contacting the various telephones in the system. The ring code identified the party being called. For example, the ring code for the Dispatcher at Montour Junction was different than the code for the Yard Master at Champion.

According to Tim, these "crank phones" were still in use at Montour Junction when the railroad discontinued operations, and were used to communicate between floors in the office building and with the Engine House, Car Shops, Champion Yard Office, and the foreman's office at the Champion Coal Washer.

Fortunately, Gene Schaeffer, a former Montour Railroad dispatcher, took a photograph in 1975 of the telephone booth that was formerly at the west end of Scott Siding, located along Montour Run Road, east of Trail Milepost 5.

Tim and the folks at the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, Ohio, have built an authentic replica of a Montour Railroad telephone booth from photographs (and memories). The knife switch and insulators came from the telephone booth located at Jewell, and the telephone was a gift Tim received from Jim Lane, a former Montour Railroad engineer.

If it were not for Gene's photographs and Tim's dedication, these remnants of the Montour Railroad would have gone the way of so many other things that represented the railroad before its skeletal backbone (the Montour Trail) became the only permanent part of it left to future generations.

*Bob Ciminel is the founder of the Montour Railroad Yahoo group.*

**ABOVE:** Left, an original Montour Railroad Phone Booth at Scott Station (Trail Milepost 5) taken in 1975 by Gene Schaeffer, a former Montour Railroad dispatcher. Right, an authentic replica of a Montour Railroad telephone booth built by Tim Sposato, a former Montour Railroad employee.

# Robinson Township Community Library

1000 Church Hill Road (in the Robinson Twp. Municipal Bldg.), Pittsburgh PA 15205 (412) 787-3906 Hours:  
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## Children and Teens

**Morning Family Storytime** – Mondays at 11 a.m., ongoing program: stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts for children 6 and under.

**Evening Family Storytime** – Tuesdays at 6 p.m., ongoing program: stories, songs, rhymes, and crafts for children 6 and under.

**Mother Goose and Toddler Too Storytime** – Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m.; Babies birth to age 3 with a caregiver. Rhymes, songs, and fingerplays.

**Preschool Storytime** – Wednesdays, 11-11:30 a.m.; Ages 3 to 5. Stories, songs, and fingerplays.

**Open Playtime** – Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.; Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to stop in and play for as long or as little as you like with puzzles, tunnel, more.

**Romp and Play** – Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; for children under 24 months and their caregivers. Stop in and play for as long or as little as you like. We've got puzzles, activity tables, and even a tunnel!

**Family Fun Night** – First Thursday of the month, 6:30 a.m. April 4 – Board Games.

**Lego Club** - Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. March 14, April 11. Children are invited to bring their own Legos or use the library's collection. All ages are welcome!

**Kid's Club** – 4th Thursday each month, 6:30 p.m.; Ages 5-9. March 28, Kitchen Science Experiments; April 25, Games.

**Baby LapSit** – Fridays at 11 a.m., ongoing program: stories, songs, and fingerplays for babies under two (older siblings are always welcome).

**Spring into Fun** – Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Stop in as we welcome spring with crafts, songs and stories.

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** – Saturday, March 16, 2:30 p.m. Ages 12-18 – Join TAG and help the library plan teen events for the upcoming months!

**Mother's Day Crafts** – Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Make gifts for mom, grandma and aunts while enjoying Mother's Day songs and stories.

## Adults

**Sit and Knit** – Wednesdays, 6 p.m.; Needleworkers of all skill levels are invited to join this group to learn new techniques and improve old ones!

**Book Discussions** – There are six monthly book discussions sponsored by Robinson Library.

**Niko's Coffee House/Steubenville Pike** – Monday, 7 p.m.; April 1, *The Good Dream* by Donna VanLiere.

**Robinson Library Mystery** – Second Tuesday, 2 p.m.; March 12, *A Drop of the Hard Stuff* by Lawrence Block; April 9th, *Left to Die* by Lisa Jackson.

**Morning Book Club** – Third Wednesday, 10 a.m.; March 20, *March* by Geraldine Brooks; April 17, *The Knitting Circle* by Ann Hood.

**Historical Fiction** – Third Thursday, 6:30 pm.; March 21, *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant; April 18, check [www.robinsonlibrary.org](http://www.robinsonlibrary.org) for title.

**Winery at Wilcox/Settlers Ridge** – Second to Last Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; March 20, *Before I Go to Sleep* by S.J. Watson; April 17, *The Book of Tomorrow* by Cecelia Ahern.

**Robinson Library Fiction** – Last Tuesday, 7 p.m.; March 26, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh; April 30, check [www.robinsonlibrary.org](http://www.robinsonlibrary.org) for title.

**Cookbook Club** – Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. *Best of America's Test Kitchen*. At each meeting we will discuss what we liked and disliked about the book. Members are also asked to make one recipe to share with the group.

**Cruise Planners – Alaska** – Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. Come find out why people love this destinations and how cruising their ports makes it quick and easy to get an introduction to the history, culture, and nature of this top tourist attraction.

**So You Want to be an Artist** – Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. – Adults. Artist and former Montour High School art teacher Dianne Bauman will showcase various art mediums, encouraging adults to experiment with colors and styles!

**Cruise Planners – European River Cruises** – Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. Learn about countries and canals visited and how to see many countries in one trip!

# News from the

## PITTSBURGH BOTANIC GARDEN

### Work in Progress at the Garden!

The concrete work on the 400,000 gallon underground cistern near the reclamation site has been completed.

It is now in the curing stage and must still be tested to make sure there are no leaks.

Once we know it is in perfect working order, the soil around it will be graded.

At-risk students from The Auberle Employment Institute are building a trail on the southern ridge of the Garden property

for cross country skiing, leashed dogs, and bicycles.

We are grateful for the hardy individuals from Auberle who have been laboring since January!

The Pittsburgh Botanic Garden has been selected to partner with a team from CMU's Tepper School of Business Pro Bono Consulting Project.

The team of six first-year students will focus on the wetland mitigation bank program in Pennsylvania in relationship to the wetland in the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden's Kentucky Hollow area.

### Volunteers Needed

If you can donate a few hours of your time after 4:00 on weekdays (4:00 to 7:00 and 7:00 to 10:00) to staff the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden's booth at the Home & Garden Show which runs from Friday, March 1st through Sunday, March 11th, we would love to hear from you.

It is a fun assignment, meeting and talking with lots of different visitors and sharing your enthusiasm for the Botanic Garden.

We will provide all staffers with the information necessary to enjoy the task.

We are also looking for volunteers for our May 11th Plant Sale & Celebration and our June 23rd Town & Country Garden Tour. These events raise much-needed funds to advance the Botanic Garden and are not possible without many helping hands

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# your house and senate

**State Representative Nick Kotik** announced that the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is accepting applications for the Community Conservation Partnerships Program through April 10. "The program is designed to help local governments fund recreation, conservation, and greenway projects," Rep. Kotik said. "Allegheny County municipalities, nonprofit, and other authorized organizations that are planning to expand or develop recreational facilities, parks or trails, or looking to conserve open space should apply."

He added the CCPP provides state and federal grants to help fund conservation projects across the state. Applicants can apply for program grants to aid with addressing recreation and conservation needs, as well as supporting economically beneficial recreational tourism initiatives.

"Over the last 20 years this program has funded over 4,000 community projects," Rep. Kotik said. "Such initiatives help promote local tourism and provide a boost to our economy."

More information is available at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us).

**State Senator Matt Smith** announced that residents will continue to receive assistance with state-related issues at his Mt. Lebanon district office. Additionally, an open house for the senator's Moon Township location, housed in the same office building as former Senator Pippy and down the hall from State Representative Mark Mustio, will be held sometime in March.

**State Representative Mark Mustio** has available forms for the state's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program for tax year 2012 through his Moon Township district office and online at [RepMustio.com](http://RepMustio.com).

Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2012. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with permanent disabilities.

Eligibility income limits for homeowners are set at the following levels, excluding 50 percent of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and Railroad Retirement Tier 1 benefits:

· \$0 to \$8,000, maximum \$650 rebate (Homeowners

and renters)

· \$8,001 to \$15,000, maximum \$500 rebate (Homeowners and renters)

· \$15,001 to \$18,000, maximum \$300 rebate (Homeowners only)

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program is one of many initiatives supported by the Pennsylvania Lottery, which dedicates its proceeds to support programs for older Pennsylvanians. Since the program began in 1971, \$4.8 billion has been paid to qualified applicants.

Residents are reminded to provide all the necessary income, property tax, or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30.

**State Senator Matt Smith** announced his appointment to several key Senate committees, including the Senate Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee oversees matters relating to taxation and will likely take up several key legislative issues in the coming months, including potential changes to the Small Games of Chance Law (Act 2 of 2011), lottery privatization, and pension issues.

"As we consider legislation on important issues, my priority is to make sure that lottery supported programs for seniors are protected," Senator Smith said. "I look forward to reviewing all proposals on these important issues, but remain committed to protecting our seniors, children, and local charitable organizations."

During his tenure in the House of Representatives, Senator Smith served as the Democratic Vice Chair of the House Finance Committee.

He was also named to the Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee; the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee; and the Game and Fisheries Committees. He will serve as the Democratic Chair of the State Government Committee.



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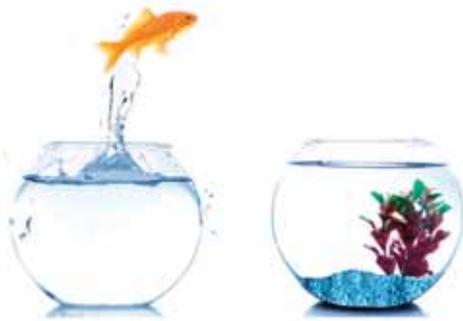
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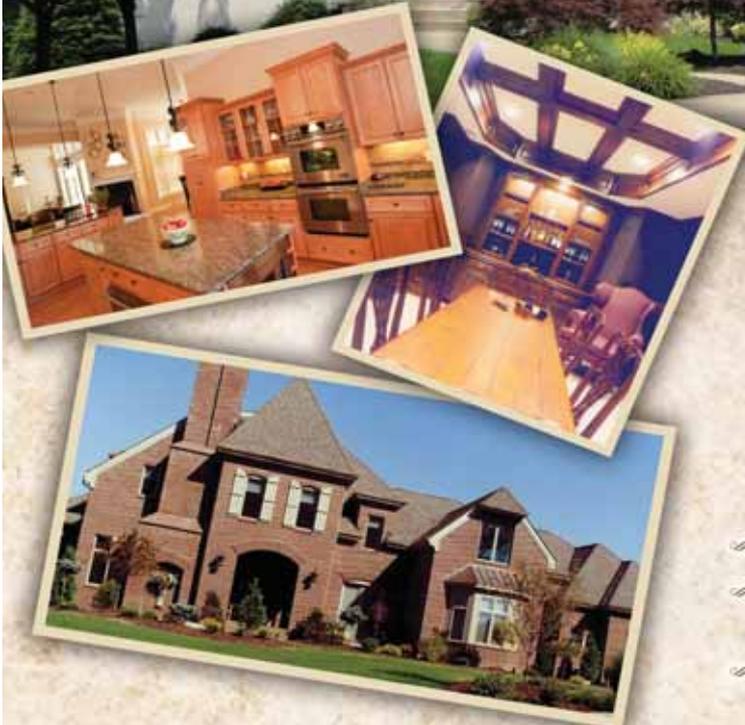
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