

## PEOPLE BRIEFS

**Pvt. Prokopchak graduates basic**

Army Pvt. Jonathan B. Prokopchak recently graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla. During the eight weeks of training, the son of John Prokopchak of Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming and Nancy Fremstad of Dallas received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, and core values and traditions.

**Metzger receives Mottola Award**

Lake-Lehman High School graduate Bill Metzger recently received the Tony Mottola Award at Five Towns College.

Mottola was a well-known musician who was active in all aspects of music – from large orchestras to children's records to radio and television.

Metzger is majoring in jazz guitar at Five Towns College in Long Island, N.Y. The son of William and Dorothy Metzger of Shavertown is also a graduate of the Armed Forces School of Music and the Musicians Institute in Hollywood.

**Welch inducted into honor society**

Dallas resident James Welch was one of 21 students who were recently inducted into the Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society at Wilkes University. Dr. Thomas Hamill, assistant professor of English, was the featured speaker. Welch is a sophomore history major with a mi-

nor in English. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Welch is a graduate of Dallas High School.

**Taroli receives faculty scholarship**

King's College recently announced that Dallas resident Alison Taroli is the recipient of the school's inaugural faculty scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Taroli is a junior chemistry major at Kings. She also has a minor in math. Taroli is the captain of the cross country team. The faculty scholarship is a new scholarship and voted on by the faculty members.

Taroli will spend her summer interning at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, in Kanab, Utah, shadowing veterinarians and care givers at the sanctuary. She also spent her spring break at the sanctuary.



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## Statewide inventory of older barns gets started

Owners of Pennsylvania barns built before 1960 are encouraged to participate in a statewide inventory being conducted by the state Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

To assist with the inventory, the Center for Rural Pennsylvania is asking owners of barns built before 1960 to contact the center and provide their name, address and county of residence. Barn owners should also include the style or architecture of the barn, if possible,

and indicate if the barn is being used for farming operations.

Last fall, the state Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed resolutions recognizing the importance of the state's historic barns and urging a statewide inventory of the historically significant structures.

House Resolution 463 and Senate Resolution 190 were spearheaded by the legislative board members of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania. These resolutions call for the Department of Agriculture and

PHMC to inventory and catalogue historic barns in Pennsylvania and to report their joint findings to the General Assembly no later than Nov. 30. The results of the inventory will be available to promote Pennsylvania's agriculture and tourism industries.

All information should be mailed to the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, 200 North Third St., Suite 600, Harrisburg, Pa. 17101 or e-mail [info@ruralpa.org](mailto:info@ruralpa.org). For more information about the program, call (717) 787-9555 or visit the Web site [www.ruralpa.org](http://www.ruralpa.org).

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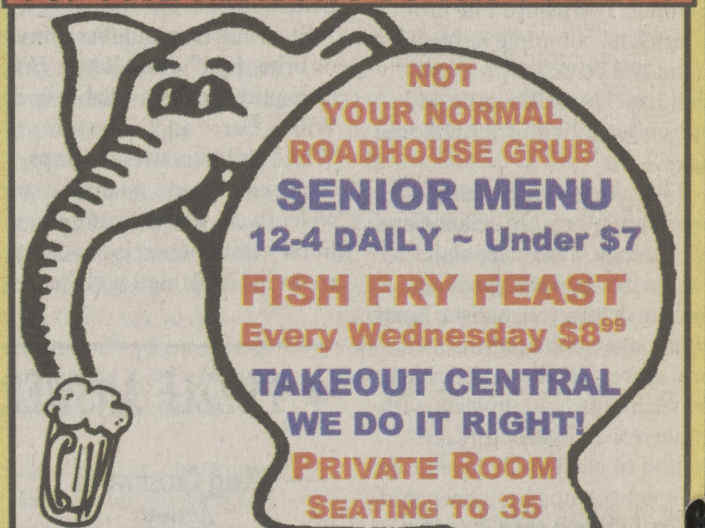
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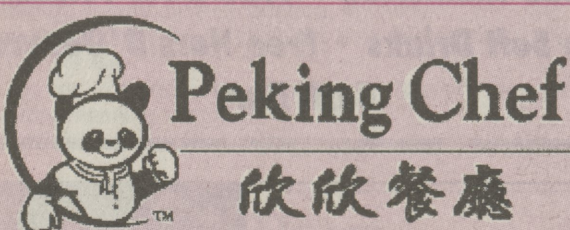
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