



Col. William J. Hartman, R.N., M.S.N., A.N.P., a native of Hunlock Creek and a 1979 graduate of Misericordia University, reviews with a civilian engineer plans for field testing the Medical Reengineering Initiative that was designed to develop a better, more versatile combat support hospital. The field test occurred at Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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when he was deployed to Somalia as a member of the 86th Evacuation Hospital.

The Misericordia University graduate's heroism was recognized when he was awarded the Combat Medical Badge for rendering medical aid while being under direct enemy fire in Iraq. More importantly, though, he was a member of the Forward Area Surgical Team (FST) that revolutionized the way wounded soldiers are treated in battle today. At the onset of Desert Shield, Hartman was assigned to the nine-member FST that was embedded with "gunfighters" to provide advanced trauma life support and life-saving surgery at the forward edge of battle.

"Our entire operating room, trauma room, recovery room and supplies fit into two sling load pallets that were hooked under a Blackhawk or Chinook," says Hartman, who was joined on the team by a general surgeon, orthopedic surgeon, two nurse anesthetists, two LPN-level medics and two operating room technicians.

"At the site of battle, the sling loads would be dropped to the ground and we would jump out of the helicopter and set up to provide care," he said. The concept was to stabilize soldiers at the site of injury because they were so unstable they would not survive the medevac flight to the hospital. It worked so well in Iraq that the Army instituted FST units into other infantry units throughout the Army system.

In between the seemingly exciting tours of duty, Hartman also held both clinical and administrative duties throughout the United States, including being the chief nurse of the national Army ROTC program.

"I developed programs to assist students so that they could be part of the many facets of ROTC while maintaining academic excellence," says Hartman, who was also actively involved in recruitment and retention. "Our focus was on nursing

excellence with compassion and caring tightly woven into confidence and leadership so that each would be outstanding nurse officers upon graduation."

Today, Hartman and his wife, Marilyn, live in the rural village of Baileys Harbor in Door County, Wis. Together, they built their home and barn and remain very active in their local community. He continues to work as a nurse and is the director of nursing support at Door County Memorial Hospital.

"MU instilled in me from day one the sense of duty to my fellow mankind," says Hartman, whose father also served in the Army. "To this day, my guide to providing nursing care is compassion."

and money for the Lake-Lehman senior lock-in. Also, when two families lost their homes earlier this year to fire, the club chipped in to help.

The community has come to depend on the help of the women's club.

This year, the club will sell prints by Bonnie Covelski of Harveys Lake to help raise funds.

Taryn Barrall, club president, marvels at the older women for their boundless energy, good humor and their vivid memories. She often joins them for lunch.

"These ladies started the ball rolling and still have a lot of impact on the club and the Harveys Lake community."

The Harveys Lake Federated Women's Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall, next to the Harveys Lake Borough Building. Anyone interested in joining is asked to call Linda Schuler at 639-2541.

## RECYCLING

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residents at no charge.

"Those are above and beyond the required Act 101 items," Spaciano said.

The Department of Environmental Protection, which administers the Recycling Fund, has already modified its recycling grant programs to operate at reduced funding levels in order to extend financial support to municipal recycling efforts for as long as possible.

Even at these reduced levels, however, funding will no longer be available after Dec. 31, 2010 unless the fee is extended.

"This program has experienced tremendous growth over the past 20 years and continues to support

our local municipalities," said Governor Rendell in a press release. "I intend to work with the General Assembly to amend current statute to extend the recycling fee. Without an extension, the funding for these grants will no longer be available and the program will effectively shut down."

Spaciano would also like the recycling fee to be extended so DEMA can continue to thrive.

"We hope that it doesn't expire because the money that's received from the tipping fees goes into reinvesting our existing program and to expand our future programs," Spaciano said.

## LAKE

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block roads.

Township attorney Mark McNealis added that supervisors are not responsible for deciding which public roads the gas company can and cannot use.

Also, residents within a mile radius of the site are being asked to have their well water tested. This will provide a base line for residents to compare future well water testing after drilling begins, Salansky said.

For more assistance, residents can visit Penn State Cooperative Extension's Web site at water.cas.psu.edu and click on the Water link to find a listing by county of accredited water testing laboratories.

Tax bills

Tax collector Donna Kocher said issues regarding her bond will not affect the taxpayers. Kocher said tax bills will be sent out by the end of March.

Luzerne County Controller Walter Griffith served a subpoena to Kocher on March 8. Kocher has failed to balance her tax collection books from 2009, Griffith previously said.

She is also the only elected tax collector who has failed to provide proof of bond coverage for 2010.

Bonds protect taxing bodies if property tax payments are lost or stolen. The county won't issue taxes in the township unless the township has a bonded tax collector and Kocher closes out last year's books, Griffith said. The county obtained a letter indicating that Kocher's bond had not been renewed because she had a bad credit report.

### Spring cleanup

Supervisors announced the annual spring cleanup is scheduled for May 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items can be brought to the municipal building. Proof of residency must be provided. Cost is \$15 per pickup truck load, \$20 for large pickup trucks, and \$6 per car trunk load.

The following items will be accepted for a \$6 fee: washers, dryers, carpets, overstuffed chairs, couches, dressers, television sets, hot water heaters, boilers, furnaces, stoves and large appliances.

Items not acceptable include: tires, hazardous wastes, chemicals, brush, tree stumps, cinder blocks, animal or human waste, shingles and sheet rock or other building materials, leaves, grass, garbage, freezers, refrigerators containing freon and air conditioners.

## MEETING

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for certain municipal transactions and services such as copies of police reports and zoning permits.

Reino said the township is required annually to examine the fees they charge and determine which costs have increased.

### Police vehicles

Supervisors approved the purchase of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle.

The vehicle will be purchased through the COSTARS program for an amount not to exceed \$24,000 with all needed accessories not to exceed \$4,000.

The supervisors also voted to dispose of black and white police cruiser No. 7 at the Jackson Township municipal auction in April.

### Traffic light loop sensors

Approval was granted for maintenance and replacement of traffic light loop sensors at the intersection of East Center Street and state Route 309. The project is expected to cost approximately \$2,000.

Township manager Kathleen Sebastian said the work was quoted at \$1,847 but additional

costs may be incurred, depending on the work that needs to be done.

### Public comment

Richard Harrison, of Staub Road, commented to the board regarding a benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society that was scheduled to be held in February at the municipal building. The event was postponed due to snow.

Harrison said he is not opposed to the benefit, but was denied a donation to the Back Mountain Food Pantry by the board in 2008. Harrison is a volunteer at the pantry located in Trucksville.

Harrison noted that supervisor John Solinsky said in 2008 that he doesn't believe he should be generous with other people's money.

Solinsky said he still feels the same way and that it is a whole different story to use a building for a charity benefit versus giving away taxpayer funds.

### Eagle Scout congratulated

Tyler Steven Evans was presented with a letter of congratulations from the supervisors on his achievement for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Reino said Evans refurbished entrance benches outside of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

## FEDERATED

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The latest lake gossip gets funneled through this group's multi-generational associations, too. Grandchildren tell all, according to Vi Artsma.

But in addition to recreation and information, the club serves an additional purpose. The club contributes approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 each year to groups in Pikes Creek, Lake Township, Noxen and Harveys Lake communities.

"Cheer baskets" are provided for senior citizens at Christmas; Easter hams are given to Head Start; and two \$500 scholarships are provided to the two top Lake-Lehman seniors.

The club also provides prizes for the Harveys Lake fishing derby, donations to the fire station,

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