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John Fleschut serves up the perfect square pizza at Pizza Perfect.

PERFECT

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jobs. The restaurant had only 10 tables and 40 chairs, and the menu was scant, too — the only offering was pizza, with or without onions.

Adamchick says those first few years were a struggle, but thanks to a wise friend, he knew it was only a matter of time before success rolled in.

"An old gentleman by the name of Ben said it would take five years," he said. "He was right."

Now the eatery's menu features its standard Sicilian-style pizza with onions but offers 12 toppings and six specialty pizzas, as well. Pizza Perfect also carries chicken wings, hamburgers, sandwiches and other "munchies."

Adamchick maintains the recipe hasn't changed since 1975 and has remained a treasured secret within the family. He said the recipe was influenced by his tenure as a worker at Victory Pig in Wyoming as well as his nephew's recipe, which is the defining characteristic of Pizza Loven in Exeter.

"There weren't any places that had this pizza in the Back Mountain," said Adamchick. "They all

had flat pizza or New York-style pizza."

It didn't take long for the unique recipe to catch on. Pizza Perfect's special flavor is so one-of-a-kind, people travel from all over the world to get a taste. Sometimes the pizza travels, too.

Hudak says she gets an order for out-of-state delivery almost every week. She has shipped the pizza, frozen, of course, all over the United States, from the California deserts to the Florida coastline.

One fan of the pizza delivers himself to the Back Mountain shop — literally. Longtime customer Leo (whose last name was not shared) flies his personal airplane from Maryland to the Wyoming Valley Airport in Forty Fort just to pick up some local flavor.

"He takes orders for his neighbors," said Adamchick. "Sometimes he leaves with 10, 12, 13 boxes of pizza."

Even with cross-country success, Pizza Perfect remains true to its beginnings — it is and has always been a family-run restaurant. This doesn't only apply to the operation of the eatery, though. Mickiewicz, Adamchick and his daughters feel as though the customers and other staff members are part of their families, too.

Tina Richards, of Truckville, has been working at Pizza Per-

fect for 17 years and doesn't feel like she's worked a day in her life.

"I love the people and the atmosphere," she said. "It's not a like a job."

Richards lived nearby and said she could always smell the pizza from the moment the establishment opened in 1975. After her son was born, she turned the place where she spent time with her friends as a teenager into her profession and hasn't looked back.

"They're like my family," she said.

Some families even got their start because of the decades-old eatery. Hudak, Lemelin, Richards and 18-year employee and now-manager John Fleschut all met their spouses at the restaurant.

Adamchick believes the restaurant's loyal customers and unchanged eats are the reasons Pizza Perfect has been so successful, and he hopes it will continue in the future.

"I hope to see 50 years," he said.

There is one aspect of the business that remains a mystery, however. Neither Adamchick nor Mickiewicz can figure out how they named the parlor where they've worked for many years.

"I guess we wanted to make the pizza perfect," said Adamchick.

HODNE

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the natural surroundings at the camp to teach about God.

During the fourth year of Hodne's tenure, four families wanted to start a Bible study at the camp and asked the camp director to lead the group. In 1981, the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church was formed with Hodne as pastor. The congregation grew quickly to 25 people who had met at the camp lodge. Once the summer retreat season went into full swing, the church was forced to move. The small congregation shared facilities with the Truckville Free Methodist Church until the camp group grew too large and moved again to College Misericordia. The congregation continued to grow and built its own church on Hildebrandt Road in Dallas in 1988. By 1991, Hodne's flock numbered more than 450 people.

Hodne continued as pastor of the church until 1995 when he left to pastor a church near Princeton, New Jersey, feeling it was time to move on and give someone else a chance.

"You have certain gifts, but

you don't have all the gifts," he says, attempting to explain why he felt the need to move on. "You reach a point where you've done all you can do, a time for someone else with different gifts to step in."

After 11 years in New Jersey, Hodne returned to Dallas and the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church he had founded. The church was struggling and the congregation had dwindled to just 180 parishioners.

Throughout his two stints as pastor in the Back Mountain, Hodne has touched the lives of countless people. According to Atty. Lee Piatt, a long-time parishioner and friend of Hodne, the dedicated pastor has impacted many people.

"Dwight is very welcoming and he is strong on building fellowship within the church," Piatt explained. "He demonstrated what he preached by his humble, obedient living and he set the tone for this church, to make it a loving community where people can feel welcome. The church members have become an extended family."

Like his many followers at the church, Hodne's own family was not immune to his teachings and each of his children forging their own ministry. Oldest son, Greg, serves as a part-time pastor of a

Hispanic church in New Jersey. Daughter Heather Yatsko is a worship leader at her Philadelphia-area church and Derek, the youngest, is now the program director at Camp Orchard Hill.

After a couple of weeks off to enjoy some water sports on Lake Wallenpaupak and some time on his motorcycle, the tireless 65-year-old will resume his ministry. His eagerness to introduce Christianity into developing communities keeps him energized. He is currently the credentialing chairman of the Eastern District Association, a group that licenses pastors, and plans to spend his "retirement" training minority pastors to teach Christianity to people of different ethnic backgrounds — all in a quest to help people change their lives and make it to heaven.

His overall goal is to teach people to trust in God so that they can be content and peaceful and have hope for an eternal life.

"I want to go to heaven and I want to take as many people with me as possible," he said. "That will be my greatest reward — to look around heaven and see all of the people who wouldn't have been there. It's my passion; it's what I live for and it's not about me, it's about Him."

BATS

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"Many insects eat the foliage of trees and bushes," Wenner said. "Without bats, these insects are left unchecked."

The fungus also deters bats from having pups. Wenner said a healthy brown bat would have one pup a season.

"Bats have a very low reproduction rate but a long life span," he said. "On average, they can live 20 to 30 years."

This makes recovering the lost population a long process, he said.

"Bats have a bad reputation," Banta said. "But they are very beneficial."

To the sounds of hammers and electric drills, the Scouts diligently worked, building 18 inch by 24 inch bat boxes that could house about 50 bats each.

After construction, the boys painted the boxes black to absorb the sunlight, making the inside of the box warm.

Banta got the design for the single chamber bat boxes from a bat conservation website. He pre-cut the boards in his driveway and the Scouts assembled the parts. The wood was donated by Luzerne Lumber Co.

Their donation saved us about \$100," Banta said, indicating the Scouts had great fun working on the project.

Eight-year-old Matthew Cheskiewicz, of Dallas, worked with his cousin, Eagle Scout John

Bath, 15, of Truckville who thoroughly enjoyed helping. He said it is a good experience being a mentor and teaching wood working skills to his young cousin.

Decorating a black bat box by using caulking to attach colorful leaves, Chris Zaboski, of Lehman Township, laughed, saying that's what happens when mothers help.

Wenner said the boxes will be placed in areas of high bat population areas and hopes that, as the bats come out of hibernation and migrate back to the area, they will find the bat boxes.

REQUEST

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"It's not that we're not welcoming new developers in the Back Mountain; it's just not a

precedent we want to set," said Brennan. "If you do that for one person, it's hard not to do that for everyone else."

The board announced that DAMA will increase the sewer rate for 2011 by approximately 2.5 percent. This will raise the current annual residential bill

from \$322 to \$330 next year. Solid waste and recycling fees will be increased in 2011 to \$260, which is an increase of \$30 per year.

This is the final year of the J.P. Mascaro & Sons contract. Bids will be accepted early next year for solid waste and recycling services for the years 2012 and beyond.

The board reminded residents that leaf pickup will be held Nov. 15-19.

The next supervisors meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, Nov. 1 due to Election Day on Nov. 2.

STUDENTS

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Shavertown, Nicholas Podolak of Pringle, Jessica Rittinger of Swoyersville, Mikki Shalata of Dallas, Lauren Seelye of Shavertown and Jennifer Williams of Tunkhannock.

John Connolly of Swoyersville was appointed as a volunteer speech and debate coach for the 2010-11 school year.

Catherine Becker was appointed as a mentor teacher for Kerianne Nafus, long-term substitute reading teacher.

Kimberly Trapani, of Dallas, and AnnMarie Zimmerman, of Hunlock Creek, were appointed as substitute nurses.

Tracey Stanley, Ross Elementary School kindergarten teacher, and Marjorie Case, teacher associate, were granted leaves of absence in accordance with the Family Medical Leave

Act.

The following employees were granted tenure status within the district: Erin Cooper, Janina Elston, Jennifer Loftus and Elizabeth Tenenbaum.

The board appointed the following winter sports coaches: Brian Cutter as head junior varsity boys' basketball coach, Jason Blazosek as varsity assistant boys' basketball coach, Ted Sadowski as volunteer varsity assistant boys' basketball coach, Jeffrey Shook as varsity assistant of ninth grade boy's basketball, Anthony Cibello and Thomas Chepego as junior high assistant boys' basketball coaches, James Spencer as head girls' basketball coach, Barry Horvath and Charles Levan as varsity assistant girls' basketball coaches, Janine Kasarda as junior high assistant ninth grade girls' basketball coach, Sherry Metz as junior high assistant seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball coach and Maureen Devine as head co-ed swim coach.

Carrie Olshefski, of Hunlock Creek, was appointed as a part-time food service worker at a rate of \$9.50 an hour.

Tina Judge, of Hunlock Creek, was appointed as a food service substitute and as a teacher aide and clerical substitute.

Molly Company, of Shavertown, was appointed as a part-time aide at an hourly rate of \$9.75.

Donna Motavidlak, of Harveys Lake, was appointed as a teacher aide and clerical substitute.

Remittance was approved for Michael Vasicak in the amount of \$1,400 for 56 vacation days accrued at the time of retirement at a rate of \$25 per day.

Vicky Bennett was dismissed due to abandonment of employment and authorization was granted to advertise for the position of food service worker.

The board authorized a \$6,000 donation to the Back Mountain Library Association for the 2010-11 school year.

A refund of paid taxes in the amount of \$203.36 was authorized to Jeffrey and Laurie B. Marcin for a property in Jackson Township as determined by the Court Order of the Luzerne County Board of Assessment Appeals.

Curtis Scharding-Taras was exonerated from payment of 2010 per capita taxes.

The next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8, and the next regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, both in the junior/senior high school library.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

SRO	FER	LOKJ	SLOWJ
LIME	APLE	SIREO	SEABEI
ADAMS	RIB	PORGY	ANDRES
VERDI	GAMUT	SLUE	SEI
EVER	ERTE	STAGGER	
PANAMA	CIANALE	GOOT	
TOM	EMO	ALAS	LAWP
NUMBER	CHANNEL	AFFAIT	
TROLL	DOERS	WORDS	OLLI
ALLEE	ROWS	HAL	BRAL
ANIMAL	FARM	WHATTIS	LIFFI
SOLE	VON	AREA	OBOE
OBI	GEESE	HAYDN	DAMOI
FLAMES	ENDORSE	PATIN	
EDEN	CLIO	AWA	SUI
ROTH	DOUGLAS	ROSS	
BAVARIA	OSLO	SOAK	
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