

CIVIC BRIEFS

Gardening program offered on Tuesdays

Luzerne County's Penn State Extension Master Gardener Ron Petro will present an organic gardening program, "From Seed to Kitchen," from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, March 22 to April 12 at the Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., Shavertown. Penn State Extension Educator and Registered Dietitian Mary Ehret will join the last class with an introduction to freezing and the basics of canning your produce. Pre-registration and a fee of \$30 per person is required by March 17. For more informa-

tion and/or a registration form, contact Penn State Cooperative Extension Luzerne County at 825-1701.

Spaghetti dinner set

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23 in the Dallas Middle School cafeteria as a fundraiser to help Zachary Holthaus pay for his trip to play soccer in Portugal. Tickets are \$7 and walk-ins and take-outs are welcome. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Sue Holthaus at 675-0537.

Ham dinner set

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a ham dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

on Saturday, March 26. Take-outs will be available at 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children between the ages of 6 and 11. Children under 6 years of age are free. For more information, call 477-5121.

'Pinochio' comes to Music Box

"Pinochio," an original musical for children, will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 and 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 at the Music Box Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. All tickets are \$10 and include a McDonald's Fun Meal. For more information and reservations, 283-2195.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword Answers
Solution time: 21 mins.

PLEA	ECHO	BOB
HEMS	NOEL	ODE
DASH	BOARD	AIM
CAST	LORNE	
URBAN	WARD	
SOON	HOEDOWNS	
ETA	DIARY	AAH
DERRI	ERE	OLIO
DIGS	ANKLE	
HORDE	MALI	
ABO	SNOWBOARD	
NEO	TUNA	NICE
GYM	STAY	SLAW

Go Figure! answers

6	-	4	x	8	16
+		÷		x	
9	-	4	x	2	10
÷		+		-	
3	x	1	x	7	21
5		2		9	

Super Crossword Answers

ELSE	EJECT	MAR	FATAL
LEONA	VILLA	EGO	ERIKKA
SHOWME	AGOOD	ANTARCTIC	
TINRED	SIO	PLEAD	HATE
ASIS	SPA	STEM	WAY
LEAP	NIGH	OTT	OLEO
ALL	MARIA	LOSER	ANDILL
SALSA	TISSUES	SONIA	
STEER	TART	SALARIES	
ENESCO	DOME	ESE	TUT
SHOWYOU	AMAN	WHOS	
SHE	RIO	TOAD	ARAMIS
TIMBURLITU	LIVAN	SONAR	
ELMAN	MOGALES	TIGLOO	
PLAYING	GOLF	RIGGS	ANA
STAY	HUR	BALI	GWEN
RAIF	SIMS	COW	OGRE
FRIE	SNACK	ROO	LORICA
HUNT	HALL	WITHHIS	BOSS
ABATE	SOO	ESTEE	SITKA
BALED	TINT	STORY	LEST

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SCHEME

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sky was ordered to repay was placed into an escrow account, and that any unclaimed money as a result of the recovery endeavor will be used to cover test costs for financially-strapped students.

Also at the meeting, the board voted to retain the services of attorney John Dean from the Elliott Greenleaf law firm based in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area for an upcoming Dallas Township zoning board hearing.

Dean was utilized in the Feb. 9 hearing against a natural gas compressor station proposed by Chief Gathering LLC to be built about 1,100 feet away from the Dallas campus.

Dean will be present, in place of district solicitor Benjamin Jones, at the upcoming April 4 hearing to be held at the Dallas Middle School to represent the district's opposition of a metering facility to be built off Hildebrandt Road near the schools.

Galicki also told parents that an automated phone call will be made to parents prior to the zoning hearing to remind them of the date.

The board also heard a presentation from Chris Gillis, a Dallas High School graduate of the class of 1977, for a request to hold an all-class reunion, beginning with the class of 1962, to commemorate the tearing down of the high school this summer.

Gillis told the board that a committee has been formed to schedule the events, and as many as 300 people have confirmed interest in attending the Memorial Day weekend fete called "Tearin' It Up for the Teardown."

Ideas for events include a music festival, a tour of the new and old high school buildings, an auction of Dallas memorabilia, a bonfire and other celebratory functions. Gillis asked the board for tentative approval in order for the committee to continue planning the event.

Galicki told Gillis how much he appreciated the work involved in organizing such a reunion, but said the district had many liability concerns.

Buildings and grounds manager Mark Krainack listed several complications to the proposed event, including proposed outside asbestos removal scheduled for May 16, which will be conducted during evenings and weekends to avoid contact with students.

Krainack also said things will begin to be moved from the old building to the new building during that time, and the district employees required to be present at such an event would need to be paid triple time due to the holiday and weekend rates.

Board member Gary Mathers also said discussions with the general contractor resulted in a negative answer for Gillis' request as it pertained to tours of the new and old buildings.

"The contractors just said no way, and I'm sorry but I have to support them," said Mathers. "I'm getting a lot of static at home about this because I have a wife and daughter who graduated from Dallas, but the needs of the school district have to come first."

While board member Dennis Gochol Jr. said he did not see a problem with presenting small, scheduled tours to the public, Gillis asked to withdraw his request to utilize school grounds for the event due to the rest of the board's response.

An update of the high school

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School Board member on declining 'Tearin' It Up for the Teardown'

construction project also hindered Gillis' plans - Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh and Associates said the project is tracking about three weeks, or 15 days, behind schedule.

Nesbit told the board that the project was just one week behind at last month's board meeting.

"Truthfully, I don't think the general contractor was being totally honest with us," said Nesbit.

He said the biggest setback was glazing involved with the windows, and that a subcontractor was not cooperating.

Four change orders were approved by the board, totaling \$10,251. Board member Russell Bigus assured the public that change orders involving errors and omissions will be reimbursed to the district at a later date.

In other news...

- Four longtime employees of the district were approved for retirement. Kathleen McCarthy, principal of Wycallis Elementary, will leave the district in July after 16 years of service. Allyson Lord, middle school secretary, will retire in June after 39 years of employment; Mary Yankowski, high school secretary, will retire in June after 38 years of service; and John Payavis, Dallas Elementary custodian, will retire in May after nine years of employment.
- The high school band was approved to attend the Luzerne County Band Festival on March 7 at Misericordia University at a cost of \$132.
- A resolution was passed making a student financially liable for the costs of advanced placement exams if the student misses a test without a legitimate excuse.
- The board approved the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Performing Arts Scholarship Program, which will provide two \$500 scholarships for artistic students to attend the Performing Arts Institute Summer Program at Wyoming Seminary.
- The board approved the LIU 18 budget for the 2011-12 school year.
- Jaime Fostock, Wycallis Elementary fifth-grade teacher, was approved for a leave of absence from May 2 through June 3.
- Sarah Kashatus, high school English teacher, was approved for a leave of absence from Feb. 28 through June 3.
- Crys Jennings' appointment approval was revised. She was appointed as a long-term substitute English teacher to replace Kashatus at the high school at a salary of \$39,074, effective Feb. 25 through June 3.
- John Pugliese was appointed as the head tennis coach for the 2010-11 spring season with a stipend of \$2,217.
- The following volunteer coaches were approved: Jason Rushmer and Cody Friedel as track coaches at the high school, Candice Russ as head girls lacrosse coach at the high school, Mary Beth Zardus as the assistant girls lacrosse coach at the high school and Cody Patton as the softball coach at the middle school.

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