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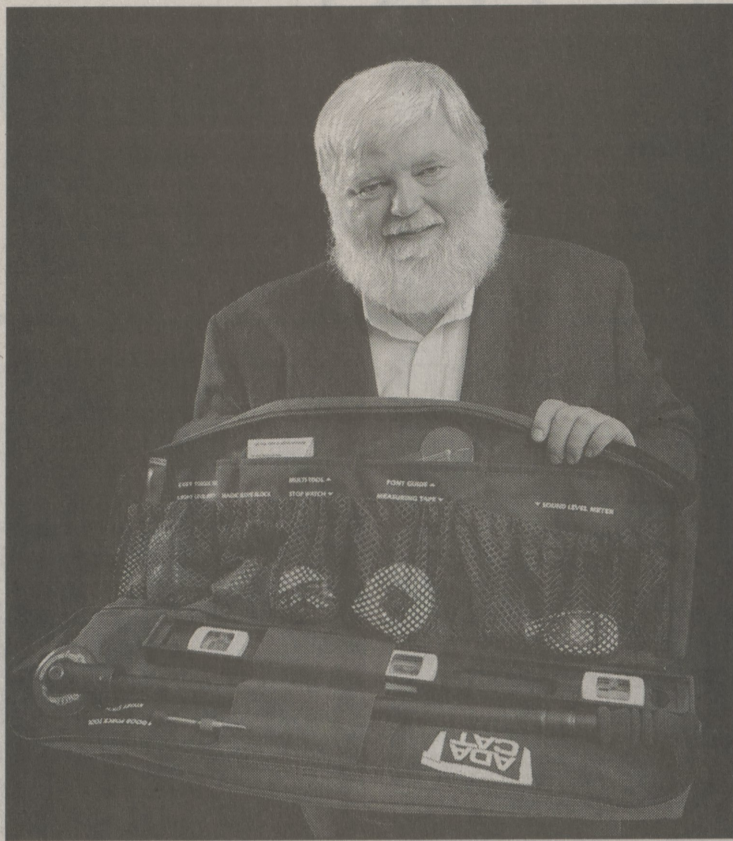
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pus in a traditional wheelchair. Upon entering one of the university buildings that afternoon, I took notice to the ramps, elevators and handrails that seemed to be everywhere, but I soon learned that a ramp itself does not make a building accessible.

One ramp was so steep, I could barely maneuver the wheelchair to the top of it and, once I reached the top, a door stared me in the face. The opened toward me and was not wide enough for the chair to fit through.

I needed Anson to open the adjoining door from the inside while I held onto the railing to keep from rolling backwards down the steep ramp.

People with disabilities are often faced with these kinds of problems. Anson explained that ADA standards are written by what he calls "a combination of lawyer, engineer and architect," and are difficult for most people to read and understand. This leads to misinterpretations and building errors. The Toolkit Anson designed eliminates guess work and makes building accessibility as simple as pass/fail.



Denis Anson, director of research and development for the Assistive Technology Research Institute at Misericordia University displays the ADA-CAT, the first comprehensive kit of its kind, designed to make meeting accessibility requirements set forth by the ADA fool-proof.

Accompanied by an online database component, Anson's system is easy for assessment, recording and sharing with clients. His hope is that the kit will

make compliance with ADA regulations something any contractor, nurse or occupational therapist can determine in no time with no in-depth training.

Tunkhannock resident among MU cheerleaders raising funds for Komen for the Cure Foundation

Misericordia University cheerleaders are raising money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation by selling pink, "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," T-shirts on campus during the month of

October.

Cheerleaders have sold more than 100 T-shirts so far on campus and have encouraged students, faculty and staff to wear their shirts to the home football game on Saturday, Oct. 27

against MAC opponent, FDU-Florham.

Desiree Goble, an elementary education major from Tunkhannock, is a member of the Misericordia University cheerleading squad.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Dallas Baptist offers study program

Dallas Baptist Church has started a six-week study called "Faith in Motion" that meets at 9:15 and 11 a.m. every Sunday at the church, corner of route 415 and Briarcrest Road in Dallas.

The program includes teaching by pastor Dr. Jerry Branch. The video screenplay was written by Kristi Weed, church member.

For more information, call the church office at 639-5099.

Spanish Bible Study every Sunday

Back Mountain Harvest Assembly offers a Spanish Bible Study from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. every Sunday at the church, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville.

For more information, call the church office at 696-1128 or Luis/Stefano Rosario at 706-1005.

'Trunk or Treat' at SMC

Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 N Pioneer Ave., will hold its annual Trunk

or Treat from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today, Oct. 21 in the church parking lot.

Church members will decorate their cars and the children are invited to come dressed in their costumes and "trick or treat" at the trunks of the cars.

MU prof will discuss Alzheimer's

The "Modernization of Alzheimer's" seminar will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgway Drive, Dallas.

Professor James Siberski, assistant professor of gerontology at Misericordia University, will explain the aspects of Alzheimer's disease which have evolved throughout the past year, including new treatments, tests and definitions.

For more information, visit www.masonicvillagespa.org.

Ham dinner slated

A ham dinner will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Alderson United Methodist Church, Pole 108, Lakeside Drive, Harveys Lake. Takeouts will be available.

The menu consists of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, rolls and

butterpie and beverage.

Tickets, available at the door are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

For more information, call Nancy at 639-5688 or Barb at 639-5496.

Family Halloween Party canceled

A Family Halloween Party scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 28 at the Outlet Free Methodist Church in Harveys Lake has been canceled.

For more information, call Sandra Serhan at 639-3299.

'Trunk or Treat' at LUMC

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will hold a "Trunk or Treat" from noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28 in the church parking lot, Mountain View Drive, Lehman.

The event is open to the public and offers safe trick or treating for kids and fun for the whole family.

Chicken dinner set

A baked chicken breast dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Noxen United Methodist Church, Route 29.

Cost is \$8 for a full dinner

consisting of chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, vegetables, cabbage salad, rolls and butter, beverages and homemade pie.

Takeouts and seating are available.

Election Day Café set for Nov. 6

Members of Trucksville United Methodist Church will once again open an Election Day Café from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville.

The menu will include hot and cold beverages; donuts, sticky buns, brownies and cookies; sandwiches, homemade soups and chili; hot dogs and wimpies. A freshly-prepared Lunch-to-Go can be ready in just minutes any time during the day.

The café, which is completely handicap accessible, has plenty of seating with table service if preferred.

Proceeds will benefit Mother Teresa's Haven, previously known as V.I.S.I.O.N.

Craft show at Trucksville Methodist

A Curiosity, Antiques & Crafts Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 10 at the Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, off Route 309 at Carverton Road.

The event will feature a Christmas market, collectibles, fine antiques, crafts, lunch and a bake sale. Proceeds will benefit the church's mission project.

Vendors are asked to call Noreen at 239-2348.

Men's club plans chicken dinner

The Men's Club of Trinity Presbyterian Church will sponsor a chicken and biscuit dinner including homemade desserts and beverages from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas.

Takeouts will be available at 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 675-3131 or at the door.



Members of the Metz family pose for a picture after the John and Mary Metz Field House was officially dedicated by Misericordia University on Sept. 29. From left, first row, are Susan Metz, Kaitlyn Metz, Ashley Metz, Marie Lauck. Second row, Jeff Metz Jr., Jeff Metz, Mary Metz, John Metz, Maureen Gallagher, John Metz Jr. and Roberta Nemo.

Metz family joins groundbreaking

The Misericordia University community officially dedicated the John and Mary Metz Field House, the newest addition to Misericordia's growing campus, on Saturday, Sept. 29 to acknowledge the significant leadership and philanthropy of the couple and their family.

The new 21,750-square-foot field house is being named in honor of John C. Metz, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and his wife, Mary, who have both been long-time supporters of the university and who supplied the leadership gift in the Pursuit for Acclamation Campaign that was undertaken to fund improvements and additions to athletics facilities and resi-

dence hall space on campus.

Metz Field House is a \$4.1 million state-of-the-art facility that includes athletic training rooms, expanded locker facilities for men's and women's field sports, team meeting rooms, a weight room, showers rooms and public restrooms. A \$3 million state grant helped to partially fund the new construction, which is located between Mangelsdorf Field and the newly-constructed baseball diamond, which will be named in honor of the Robert Tambur family.

The Pursuit for Acclamation Campaign supported more than \$14 million of investments in campus infrastructure, including Tambur Field, Metz Field House, Mi-

chael and Tina MacDowell Hall, Mary Ellen "Mac" McGeehan Field and an expanded fitness center in the Anderson Sports and Health Center.

Mr. Metz is the executive chairman of Metz Culinary Management in Dallas, which manages food services for school districts, colleges and universities, corporate clients and major hospitals. In addition, his company, Northeast Restaurant Group, Inc., operates many franchise locations for national brands such as Ruth's Chris Steak House, Wolfgang Puck Express and T.G.I. Friday's.

He has been a member of the Misericordia University Board of Trustees since 198



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Students take part in design contest

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The competition was held at the Pennsylvania Art Education Association's annual conference on Oct. 6 in Harrisburg.

Judges included former Project Runway contestant Pamela Ptak, whom Litchman and DeFranco had the opportunity to meet and ask questions of regarding what it takes to pursue a ca-

reer in fashion.

The Lake-Lehman girls designed a dress using a black tablecloth and old CDs. Accessories included wine cork shoes and a handbag made of wallpaper, soda tabs and duct tape were designed by elementary students at Lehman-Jackson.

The girls recruited Lindsey Robin, an art student from Kutztown University, to be their model.

The project was completed under the supervision of art teachers Jenna Casaldi and Selena Mazzella.

CONCERN

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council why the Luzerne County Council had granted permission to have the issue of the police station placed on the November ballot and then rescinded that decision. Council members explained that state officials no longer allow matters of public opinion on a ballot.

Dwyer also expressed concern over a special meeting held last week, indicating that 5 p.m. was not the proper time to hold a public meeting, since many residents are working at that time. She also asked council to provide more than 24 hours notice when calling a special meeting.

Council member Francis Kopko responded, saying there were two resignations in the police department and the meeting was held so council could fill those positions as quickly as possible.

Finally, residents Dave and Dora Abod expressed their concerns on zoning code enforcements at the lake. The Abods provided photos of a neighbor's dock construction and expressed they feel the borough zoning office is practicing targeted enforcement of the codes. The Abods claim their neighbor's dock is not being built according to the proposal and is not respecting an ordinance that requires the dock to be 10 feet from their property line.

Council informed the Abods that this is a zoning matter over which it has no jurisdiction. Council member Thomas Kehler, however, promised to discuss the issue with the borough zoning officer. Dave Abod said he had tried to reach the zoning office but no one has returned calls.

Kehler had no report for his newly-appointed position as liaison to the zoning office but said he will have one prepared for next month. He did clarify that his position is meant as a bridge between offices to ensure commu-

nication, but that zoning matters should still be taken to the zoning office.

Councilmember Boyd Barber reported that the road equipment is being repaired and prepped for the coming winter months.

Councilmember Amy Williams informed council that the Lake-Noxen Elementary School practiced a fire drill last week with a total evacuation time of 1 minute, 44 seconds. The drill included intentionally blocking the escape route for the third and fourth-graders, forcing them to practice taking an alternate route.

Mayor Clarence Hogan reminded everyone that the borough's Halloween party will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27. Participants should bring their own pumpkins and carving tools. Judging will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The next Harveys Lake Borough council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 20 in the borough building.

Seven years old

Michael Cumbo, son of Mike and Debbie Cumbo, of Dallas, celebrated his seventh birthday on Oct. 18. He is a grandson of Leonard and Linda Kozick, of Dallas; Florence Cumbo, of West Pittston; and the late Leonard Cumbo.

