What is Your Fondest Holiday Memory?

Albert Diehl
Quakertown
Getting together with my family Christmas Day after hearing that my uncle’s disease was cured!

Stephanie DeMatteo
Quakertown
Living in Haycock as a child and having big snow storms!

Salvatore Marsala
Quakertown
Having family reunions with my family in Sicily.

Scott Bradshaw
Telford
Getting a toboggan as a child and seeing my sisters so excited.

Interviews and photos by Frank DiRenzo
Upper Bucks Community Events

DECEMBER 1 TO 5

Holiday Craft Show at Pearl Buck Historic Landmark, 520 Dublin Road, Perkasie, pearlscopy.org

DECEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 2

Winter Wonderland: Holiday Decorations at Fonthill Museum, East Court St & rte 313, Doylestown, Call for reservations and fees 215-348-9461 ext. 10

Holiday Festival of Trees Display at Pearl S Buck House, guided tours: Tues-Sat at 10,11,1,2, and 3pm, Sun. at 12,1,2, and 3pm. 520 Dublin Rd, Perkasie 215-249-0100

Christmas at the Alpaca Farm, 11am-4pm every weekend until Christmas, Harley Hill Farm, feed alpacas, pick a tree, and holiday music, miniature “snow village” in barn, decorate a wreath, free hot cocoa. No charge, requests for non-perishable food for the Qwnn Food Pantry. 215-536-2841

DECEMBER 2

Grand Menorah Lighting in Doylestown, 6:30pm, Bucks County Courthouse, 55 East Court St, Doylestown, 215-340-1303

Free Workshop at Upper Bucks Community College, 8:30am-10:30am, “Loan Programs to Fit Your Business”, 1 Hillendale Dr, Perkasie, tkline@ubcc.org

DECEMBER 3 TO 5

Haycock Historical Society’s Kringle Christmas Shop, Fri. 1pm-8pm, Sat. 10am-4:30pm, Sun. 12:30pm-4:30pm, Lavarn Baptist Church, Applebachsville, www.haycockhistoricalsociety.org

DECEMBER 3

Quakertown Tree Lighting Festival, 6pm-8pm, Triangle Park, Quakertown, visit participating stores for complimentary treats, www.quakertownalive.com

DECEMBER 4 TO 18

Share the Love Days for Bucks County SCPCA at A&T Subaru in Sellersville, collecting SCPCA wish list items and photos with Santa Paws, 215-794-7425

DECEMBER 4

Breakfast with Santa, 8am-11am, Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School.

Christmas Craft Show sponsored by Woman’s Club of Quakertown, 9am-6pm at Qwnn Train Station, 15 Front St. Homemade arts & crafts by local artisans. Profits go to local food pantry, Kickoff event for 100th birthday in 2011. sandy.mercury18@gmail.com

Craft Fair & Pictures with Santa. (also on Dec. 12), 11am-4pm, Children and leashed pets welcome, Milky Township Fire Dept, 2185 Milford Square Pike, Milford Square, 267-446-2651

Upper Bucks YMCA Holiday Open House, 10am-1pm, 401 Fairview Ave, Qwnn, 215-536-8841

Annual Holiday Bazaar presented by Marlborough Elem. School’s P.T.F.S., Route 29, Green Lane.

DECEMBER 5

“Spirit of Grace” concert, 3pm at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 733 Ridge Rd, Sellersville, free concert with refreshments following, All are invited, 215-579-2432


Upper Perk Hometown Christmas, Santa Land and the Christmas Parade, www.upperperk.org

Basket Bingo at Qwnn Fire Co #1, 505 W. Broad St, Qwnn, doors open noon, $20 tickets. Raffles, games, food. 267-374-0156

Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble, 4pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5th&Cheösturn Sts, Perkasie, Seven octaves of Schulmerich Handbells, free-will donation, 215-257-9423

Annual Christmas Cookie Sale at Finland Mennonite Church, 9am-Noon, 1750 Ziegler Rd, Pennsburg

Annual Cookie Sale at Eastern Upper Bucks Senior Ctr, 9am-3pm, 8050 East Rd, Ottsville, crafts and refreshments, 610-847-8178

Annual Holiday Bazaar, 9:30am-2:30pm at Mountainview Moravian Church, 331 Constitution Ave, Hellertown, lunch, crafts, baked goods

DECEMBER 7

Pearl Buck Business After Hours Holiday Mixer, 5pm-7pm, Pearl S. Buck Intl, 520 Dublin Rd, Perkasie, Tour this historic farmhouse festively decorated with holiday themes by master designers, www.indianvalleychamber.com

Christmas Senior Meeting at Men-O-Lan Christian Camp, begins 10:30am, lunch 11:30am. Christmas story drawn out with chalk, fellowship, singing, & food. Special offering after meal. All seniors invited, bring a grandchild (optional), RSVP by Dec. 6 at 215-679-5144, 1415 Doerr Rd, Qwnn

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First United Church of Christ
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Hobo’s Bar & Grill
James Michener Library
John’s Plain & Fancy
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QNB Bank
Quaker Bakery
Redner’s Market
Sal’s Pizza Randia
Sine’s 5 & 10
Wawa
Spankley’s Deli
Suebel’s Roadstand
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SELLERSVILLE
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Silver Shears
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COOPERSBURG
Giant Food Markets
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Moyer’s Copy & Printing Center
QNB Bank
Wells Markets
and lots of other high traffic locations between here and there.
December 10

Bucks County SPCA Holiday Open House, Tour the shelter, meet photographic artist Melissa McDaniel, visit the “Giving Tree” to support Santa Paws. Refreshments, gifts, and home baked goodies. Lahaska, PA, 215-794-7425

December 11

QMPO Holiday Craft Fair, 9am-3pm at Strayer Middle School, 1200 Ronald Reagan Dr, Qtwn, Crafts, food, music by students throughout the day, craftfair@qmpo.org 215-538-1215

Christmas Cookie Sale at Christ UCC, 9am until sold out, North Main St., Trumbauersville

December 12

Craft Fair & Pictures w/Santa, 11am-4pm at Milford Twp Fire Dept, 2185 Milford Sq Pike, Milford Square, 267-446-2651

“Longest Night Service” 7pm at Jerusalem Lutheran Church, 733 Ridge Rd, Sellersville, All are invited!

Worldwide Candle Lighting, 6:30pm at St. Isidore’s RC Church, Candles will be lit around the world in each time zone at 7PM to honor those who have died too soon. 2545 West Pumping Station Rd, Qtwn. Register now with number of people attending. Register online tcfquakertownpa.org or 215-536-0173


December 13

Pennridge Women’s Network Business Meeting at First Savings Bank, 7pm, 601 W. Market St, Perkasie, established in 1992, community based civic group formed by mothers, for mothers and their children,

December 14

Qtwn Business & Women’s Club annual Christmas Party w/Upper Perk & Souderton-Telford clubs. 6-8pm, Spinnerstown Hotel. Women’s Choir & Strings, ornament exchange, $17 includes dinner, reservations must be made before Dec. 7. 215-536-8526, Interested parties invited to attend.

Thanks to donations collected at its inaugural Golf Outing in May 2010, the Quakertown Education Foundation recently purchased 25 mimio interactive white boards for Quakertown Community School District Schools. This technology will enhance instruction.

Dr. Suzanne Laverick-Stone, Education Program Director, Curriculum & Staff Development, said a committee determined where the boards would be placed. “In an effort to make a decision based on needs across the district, the technology department completed an audit of current need. Based on the amount of smart boards and projectors schools currently have, we determined the distribution allotment. The concentration was on middle schools because they have the most need currently. We were able to provide a bit of support to our elementary schools as well. The Freshman Center and high school students will benefit from the 1:1 initiative, so they were not included in this distribution. The distribution decisions were difficult to say the least. Everyone who has worked on this has tried to be as fair as possible with a focus on district-wide student benefit.”

Did you know that the number of dimples on a typical golf ball is generally 336 but, the number of dimples on a golf ball can range anywhere from 300 to 500 depending upon the golf ball manufacturer and dimple design?
Community Gets ‘Schooled’ on Internet Safety

By Michelle Buono

There’s no argument the Internet has transformed our daily lives. By going online, we can keep in touch with family and friends, pay our bills, or listen to music all with a few keystrokes. It’s a world of helpful information literally at our fingertips and lately, even through our cell phones. This technology didn’t exist even as little as twenty years ago. Today’s children and teenagers are growing up in a world that’s very different from previous generations. This is a generation that has never used a rotary phone or typewriter and will never search a Rolodex for contact information. For the most part, they use the Worldwide Web for research rather than crack open the Encyclopedia Britannica. “Texting” and chatting online are the preferred methods of communication. We are in a Digital Age and the Internet is the centerpiece.

Unfortunately, not everyone who uses the Internet does so with good intentions. Scammers, hackers, sexual predators have all learned to use the Internet for their own unsavory purposes. This is a new challenge for parents – keeping our children safe online. Fortunately, parents are not alone in recognizing this challenge. As the quote goes “It takes a village to raise a child” and there is a new local community partnership to inform parents and caregivers about the potential pitfalls and dangers of the Internet to children and teens.

Chris Harrington, Director of Technology and Assessment for the Quakertown Community School District, recognized the need for a resource to help raise digital awareness in this Internet age. He has pooled together a partnership to help raise awareness of Internet safety. The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Quakertown Police Department, Bucks County Free Library (Michener Branch), the Bucks County District Attorney’s office and the Verizon Foundation have joined this community effort with the school district.

Mr. Harrington stresses that a comprehensive approach is needed to develop good digital citizens. Part of this approach included the Internet safety begins at home and that is why my legislation will require the Federal Trade Commission to design and publish a unique website to serve as a clearinghouse and resource for parents, teachers and children for information on the dangers of surfing the Internet. - CONGRESSMAN-ELECT MIKE FITZPATRICK (R-8)
Health care is the hot button issue for 2010. Nationwide debates argue about public options, mandatory insurance, and the place of government in ensuring medical coverage. Yet these debates fail to focus on the most important aspect of health care.

While growing up in the San Francisco Bay Area, my family was enrolled in the first Health Maintenance Organization program. The Kaiser Permanente HMO was a new idea to give families reasonably priced health care. This program was the template for all the HMO’s that we know today.

I never saw the same doctor twice in this program. Patients would show up to a large clinic and take a number. Prior medical histories were rarely taken into account, even with repeat visits for the same ailment. Every visit was like a first appointment. I grew up with the idea that medical care was impersonal and to be avoided at all costs. When I moved to the Quakertown area in 1987, I started looking for a doctor for my little girl. After visiting several doctors in the area, I found one who was just starting up his private practice as a general practitioner. He was able to take care of not only my child, but my husband and myself. For the first time in my life, I developed a personal relationship with a doctor. His kindness and humor put us all at ease. He was never in a rush, nor dismissive of complaints. He always made time to not only find out why we were there, he also asked about life in general with a genuine interest.

In short, he was a doctor I learned to trust and respect. He now treats three generations of my family, as all three of my grandchildren have him as their primary physician. I never thought I could find such a doctor outside of old movies. I’ve had a recent health concern. For over a year I’ve had a nagging dry cough at night. It was no big deal; a little cough syrup and it went away. Last June, Dr. Bob suggested I get a chest x-ray and a lung function test to try to determine the origins of my cough. I’ve had a recent health concern. For over a year I’ve had a nagging dry cough at night. It was no big deal; a little cough syrup and it went away. Last June, Dr. Bob suggested I get a chest x-ray and a lung function test to try to determine the origins of my cough. Since the heat and humidity last summer made it difficult to breathe (it was like there was a hot, wet towel over my face), I put off the test until October 5.

The test was surprisingly good in normal breathing, considering I smoke. But in the forced breathing, I tested very poorly. The technician said it was indicative of an obstruction in my lungs. I then had the chest x-ray and went home. Within an hour, my phone rang. It was Dr. Bob, saying it looked like there was a problem with the x-ray. A “wissy, speculated mass” had shown up in my right upper lobe of my lung. An MRI would be the next step. After I reminded him that I was highly allergic to the contrast dye, he made some calls to pulmonary experts. He called me back to let me know that we would just jump to the third step in diagnosing; a nuclear PET scan. He called as soon as he got the results. The mass in my lung had lit up, which was a bad sign. He referred me to a pulmonary specialist, who would help me decide on the next step.

The final verdict is that I have lung cancer, caught incredibly early. The doctors want to remove the upper lobe of my right lung. I have a very good chance of getting rid of the cancer with no need of chemotherapy or radiation. This is very good as I believe that poisoning and burning the body is a gross violation. It is also a minimally invasive surgery.

If it had not been for Dr. Bob, who takes the time to listen, I could be in much worse shape. This is the aspect of health care that is not being discussed in the nationwide debate. Too many doctors don’t take the time to really know their patients, and wait until the complaints are serious before ordering diagnostic testing. Videos on my thoughts on cancer and life can be found on Youtube at youtube.com/betheqt.

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Upper Bucks Tech School
Quakertown Student First Quarter Honor Roll

Adkins, Jordan
Alexander, Ryan
Blowars, Alexa
Blowars, Brianna
Bryant, Danielle
Campbell, Brianne
Carpenter, Grayce
Cramp, Justin
Crossan, Andrew
Derossi, Brianna
Drosnock, Emily
Fischer, Dominique
Frable, Vanessa
Gol, Daniel
Hall, Brian
Hetrick, Brittany
Hoke, Amanda
Janney, Heather
Kerver, Samantha
Kinnon, Tammy
Kobrynski, Amanda
Langdon, Vincent
Legette, Briana
Lott, James
Marlin, Justin
Matchett, Summer
Michael, Alexa
Morales, Stephanie
Neubert, Christopher
Pappaterra, Michael
Richards, Thomas
Rodriguez, Chistian
Schrey, Kyle
Schuler, Kurt
Smalley, Amanda
Smith, Tyler
Weisel, Ryan
Williams, Deanna

Milford & Strayer Students Inducted into National Junior Honor Society

Milford and Strayer Middle School students were recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Some students qualified for a second year in a row.

At Milford, students inducted last year currently serve as officers. They are Amanda Pursel, President; Taylor Bednar, Vice President; Amanda Hafler, Secretary; Lauren McKinley, Treasurer; Shannon Bergan, 5th executive; Kerry Vanyo, Historian; Meagan Calhoun and Matthew Cornelius.

Eighth graders who joined them this year are Elaina Abramson, Victoria Bright, Abigail Clark, Blair Detweiler, Madalyn Lenahan, Keely Londino, Katie Moyer, Colin Smith, Katelyn Spieler, Jennifer Sterner and Coulton Terry.

At Strayer, students inducted last year and maintaining their presence: Marissa Cubbage, Devon Dean, Emma Dean, Melissa DeCicco, Chandler Gottshall, Jessica Keller, Evan Koch, Torin Martutatus, Madison McCandless, Julie Mermom, Michaela Muir, Hosanna Mullen, Laura Post, Simone Rumph, Brianna Shevlin, Thomas Silvestri, Megan Thompson and Miranda Yeakel.

Eighth graders inducted at Strayer are Kyle Baskin, Jessica Berkezchuk, Brooke Blair, Jacob Bovard, Ronald Cubbage, Kiersten Floyd, Chet Friday, Dominic Giqunto, Vivian Ha, Rebecca Haywood, Travis Jackson, Meghan Keele, Emily Marshall, Olivia Maselof, Madeline Ocabm, Lauren Ridgeway, Gabrielle Scherff, Sarah Townsend, Alyssa Wilkinson.

Quakertown High School Freshman Center Distinguished Honor Roll


Quakertown High School Freshman Center Honor Roll


Got some pictures or a story to share? Share it with us!
An Italian Vacation in Quakertown

BY KIMBERLY KRATZ

I was getting hungry after a long day of studying and needed a break. It was an odd hour somewhere between lunch and dinner time, but I was hungry, so off I went to an eatery nearby. A few days prior, I remembered passing a hospitable place. Its façade bore a welcoming banner that said “Grand Apertura.” “Grand…something,” I thought. Consulting my English-Italian dictionary, I found the words mean “Grand Opening”. “Perfect,” I thought.

Greeted by a lovely American waitress named Jenny, I was immediately made to feel at home. I was seated at a comfortable table and given a menu with a multitude of selections. As Jenny disappeared to get my drink, I noticed that my seat was the perfect vantage point from which to watch the pizza chef work. A delightful aroma of garlic and oregano wafted past me making my stomach growl in anticipation.

A sense of déjà vu immediately struck me though the surroundings were obviously new and expensive. I’m always a little paranoid about food safety but the shiny granite tabletops, sparkling clean surroundings and spotless floor gave me an added sense of comfort.

An apparently captivating game of football, as the locals called it, was being played on the television. If there’s one thing I learned, it’s that Italians are passionate about their football. They are particularly particular about that. “Nothing”, she said, “ever sits around.” I wondered who it was that owned the place, so I asked.

It’s the Michael Dagostino family. They just opened Roma Pizza and Grill in Quakertown. They have a few other locations and are a family run business for over 25 years. An Italian vacation right here in Quakertown. I planned to keep this place as my own little secret, but it won’t be for long. They are friendly, and the food is wonderful. Please tell Luigi I am only sorry I didn’t order his pizza but I’ll be back. Judging from the way the little boy at the table next to me scarfed up two slices in no time flat, I’m sure it will be worth it.

The Reverend Linda Lennon was installed as the minister of St. John’s United Church of Christ in Richlandtown on Sunday, November 7. She is the first woman pastor to be called to St. John’s. The installation was conducted by The Reverend Ryan W. Henderson, Representative for the Committee on Ministry of the North Penn Association of the United Church of Christ. The Reverend Harry W. Keppley, Jr., her mentor during her Associate Pastorate at St. Paul’s in Trexlertown, delivered the sermon. Representing the Penn Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ was The Reverend Nancy Light Gottshall, Associate Conference Minister. Following the installation a reception was held in the church Social Hall. Reverend Lennon grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and was graduated from Drew University with a B.A. degree in Home Economics. She taught Jr. and Sr. High School Home Economics in New York before moving to Bethlehem. The family became active in the First United Church of Christ in Hellertown and Linda became the Director of Christian Education. While serving in this position, she felt a call to become a pastor and enrolled in the Moravian Theological Seminary. Upon graduation she was ordained and served as Associate Pastor for eleven years at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Trexlertown. She began her ministry in Richlandtown in June of 2010. She is married to Dr. Gerard Lennon, Deputy Provost at Lehigh University. They have three grown children.
It appears to be that time of year again. The days are shorter, the nights are colder. And it would seem that all talk has turned to dinners and drinks and gifts and goodie bags. The holidays are upon us. My parents spent the better portion of last Sunday putting up the lights. I can’t get near my mother in-law without an inquiry about a list of things my husband and I want for Christmas. The emails are coming fast and furious from my sister-in-law about what her four, yeah I said four, children would like for their aunt and uncle to wrap up and put under their tree. When I married my husband I married into a rather large extended family and the holidays have never been the same. I love this time of year and yet it can be fraught with headaches. Shopping, planning, prepping...it all needs to be done. So, I thought this might be a good time to discuss not one; but a few of the great local businesses that can help you provide a happy holiday for everyone on your list.

Even Christmas isn’t the holiday you partake in here. Everyone on your list. Even if Christmas is all you provide a happy holiday for everyone on your list. Even Quakertown is full of what women want. Jewelry of all kinds. Located in the heart of downtown Quakertown Tana Kaya is full of what women want. Jewelry of all sorts. Comfy and fashionable Naot shoes. Contemporary and unique clothing. Even gifts and handbags. And my favorite, handbags. As well as handmade accessories by local artisans. I would be remiss to allow you to think this is all Tana Kaya has to offer but in the interest of space and time just consider this the greatest hits. Stop in and let one of the wonderfully helpful and friendly staff members help you pick out the perfect gift for the mother in your life.

Only slightly more difficult to shop for than my mother would be my father and father-in-law. What I know about fathers the world over is this: they all like to eat. And mine is no exception. So, a gift certificate to any number of the great restaurants in the area is always a welcome gift. There is McCooles’ which is always a winner and which I told you all about a few issues ago. And in the same vein there is the perennial favorite, Bubba’s Pot Belly Stove, located north of Quakertown on Route 309, just past the Shelly fire company. Bubba’s boasts the biggest and best burgers in the area. They also serve up the greatest three egg omelets going. Their sandwiches tower above your plate and the salads and wraps aren’t slouches either. The restaurant is cozy and the wait staff and bartenders are fantastic.

I have significantly less trouble shopping for my sister-in-laws; because we all hover around the same age and enjoy the same things. And if I am shopping for someone who likes the same things I do the first thing I am going for is a gift certificate for a massage. And my go-to massage practice is run by the wonderful Kelli Frable. She is located in the Penny Power building on Route 309 in Coopersburg, PA; but it is only a 15 minute drive from Q-town and totally worth the minimal effort to get there. She is small but mighty and will instantly put you at ease. Kelli offers half and full hour appointments as well as specials throughout the year. Or if a massage isn’t what my sisters need or want they can always use a hair cut or color. And really what 30-something woman with kids can’t use a hair cut and color? So, for that I send them to my favorite salon, Shear Perfection located on Front Street, Quakertown. Not only do they do a fantastic job with hair care garnet, they offer special scalp treatments, manucures, pedicures, and waxing.

And with all that crossed off my list I am left with my brother and brother-in-law. Some years I am ready for my brother with a gift to end all gifts and some years I am left with an empty spot in my brain where his gift should be. But no more. My brother loves sushi and there is only one place I will send him for that, Tai Show sushi and hibachi restaurant located on Rt. 309 in Quakertown. I have told you all before how delicious the sushi is to even a non-fish eater like me and how much fun it is to sit at the hibachi and watch your whole meal cook in front of you. And what better gift than a gift certificate or a dinner with your little brother who you don’t see nearly enough for Christmas? Or if raw fish isn’t his thing, perhaps beer. Neither my brother nor brother in-law are big drinkers but when they do have a drink only the best is acceptable. Which means a quick trip to Beer City, in the Quaker Village Shopping Center, will help quench even the pickiest of thirsts. They have all the usual domestics and imports; but also stock a really interesting variety of craft and specialty beers. You can go in and buy a case or two for the brother in-law or grab a gift card at the counter and let him make the decision himself. Either way you choose to gift him, a great brew this season will be appreciated.

Just like that your shopping is done. And when your particular holiday rolls around and the gifts are opened by their happy recipients you are a hero. The holidays don’t need to be a hassle. A list of people to shop for and few gift ideas go a long way to ease the holiday anxiety that can accompany this time of year. And a whole list of great shopping opportunities should help take the edge off too.

And on a personal note, if you have read this column once or twice or in it’s entirety since it’s inception I want to thank you and I wish you and yours a happy holiday season and hope that the New Year brings you nothing but peace and contentment.

Quakertown High School Senior Tyler Coleman Signs with West Chester University

QCHS senior Tyler Coleman signed a letter of intent to play baseball at West Chester University. The affable third baseman said his goal is to start on the varsity squad as a freshman. He also considered attending Lafayette, Mora- vian, Elizabethtown and Mansfield. West Chester coach Mark Jackson offered him a partial scholarship and Tyler decided to accept it.

"Coach Jackson is a cool guy. We share the same beliefs about baseball and working hard," Tyler said.

As a junior, Tyler batted .421 with three homeruns, five doubles, one triple and 15 RBI. He also stole three bases. He said he likes to play third base, where “you have to knock the ball down and you have time to make the plays.” Last year the NCAA Division II WCU Rams went 39-14 overall, 15-5 at home and 11-4 away. They posted a 17-7 record in the PSAC East. Tyler said he wants to continue to play baseball as long as he can.
First Annual Men-o-Lan Harvestfest a Success

By Kelli Smith and David Smith

On October 30, Men-O-Lan hosted their first annual Harvestfest. Families from many surrounding communities filed Men-O-Lan for a spectacular afternoon including a candy treasure hunt, rock wall climbing, boating, a magic show, delicious foods, a pig roast, hay rides, horseride rides and much more. Admission and all the activities were free to anyone who chose to attend! The day was a wildly popular especially the hot freshly made apple dumpings smothered in caramel sauce, hot cocoa and cider, and bonfire with marshmallow roast. It was a fun afternoon that families would not have wanted to miss.

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For more information about Men-O-Lan and their community events check them out on the web at www.menolan.org

By Sylvia Halewich

Black Friday madness has come and gone for at least another year; but what is so exciting about this one day?

Black Friday makes people do crazy things like sit outside all night long in front of a certain store. People will wait in the rain, wind and cold temperatures just to get that one special item that they have waited for all year. So, is it really all that crazy? Maybe not.

Last week my daughter decided to set up camp in a line in front of Target. She arrived at 9 p.m. Thanksgiving night and was the seventh person in line. She wanted to set up camp in a line in front of Target. She arrived at 9 p.m. Thanksgiving night and was the seventh person in line. She wanted to camp out until 5 a.m., no matter what. She was determined to stay out all the night long in front of a certain store. Other stores like Wal-Mart stayed open all night, so those who chose to camp out until 5 a.m. could do so inside the warmth of the store.

What amazed me about this whole Black Friday mania was that people had really set out on a mission to be somewhere at a certain time, to spend many hours weathering any obstacle to get what they wanted. But beyond that, people made new friends while waiting in line a shared a friendly conversation. I even saw some people who were playing cards huddled under a pile of blankets. There was laughter and sharing of hot chocolate, even a sort of camaraderie, which developed.

At the end of it all I asked my daughter if it was all worth it. She quickly replied that it was ans that not only was she able to purchase her television set but that she had not only was she able to purchase her television set but that she had met and made new friends, people were kind and friendly and took care of each other while spending many hours in the cold.

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The Quakertown Business and Professional Women’s Club decorated a tree at St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital as part of the annual Holiday House Tour. This year’s tree-decorating committee (Judy Guise, Sheryl Nierenberg, and Melissa Wieand) developed a theme of “Quakertown Hospital as part of the annual Holiday House Tour.” This year’s tree-decorating project displaying items represent the accomplishments of women of Pennsylvania and displayed photos of 15 women of achievement in the Commonwealth. Last year’s tree-decorating project displaying items representing pay equity, scholarships, and the PBPW emblem was recognized by BPW/PA at the State Convention as being the best example of public relations through the use of non-traditional media. This year’s tree can be seen in the main lobby of St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital through Christmas.
Quakertown High School student Geena Close kicks off at the school’s recent Powder Puff Football game. Proceeds raised from the event go to benefit breast cancer research. (above) The ribbon is cut at Richland Elementary to celebrate the completion of major renovations at the school. (below) Area cub scouts participate in Fun Day at Memorial Park. (Photos by Frank Direnzo)
Biomass stoves burn biomass fuel to heat a home or heat water. Biomass fuel includes agricultural crops and trees, wood and wood waste and residues (including wood pellets), plants (including aquatic plants), grasses, residues, and fibers.
For eight years, I have been writing on hearing and hearing related topics. In this one instance, I will write about Health Care in 2010.

Health Care has been one of the most hotly discussed subjects this year. Two pieces of Federal legislation were signed into law by President Obama. The first was the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) on March 23, 2010. The second was the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (HCERA) of 2010 on March 30.

It seems as though every talking head on television and radio, columnist in print, and, politician held an expert opinion on the two new laws and health care in general. They espoused complete knowledge on the subject and pretty much did the thinking for the public and swayed sentiment in the direction of their choosing.

However, a few things come to mind. First, I doubt if the aforementioned media and political experts took the time to read all 1,989 pages of both Acts. Secondly, their opinions are just that — opinions. Third, people that had a position one way or the other would make their points publicly while centering upon little verbiage in the text of the Acts. Fourth, none of the media and political experts produced a license in any associated medical field or had any experience in health care. Neither did they look like they were hurting with the health coverage they had. Finally, you knew which side they were on based upon what they had. It has been said that people do not want government-controlled health insurance. Health insurance is and has been controlled by the State and Federal governments for many years. Some of these controls include licensing, continuing education requirements, insurance billing, referral requirements, responsibilities of medical professionals and facilities, patient rights, research and validation for drug releases, patient care, choice of insurance with each State, etc.

These two Acts may not be the panacea as hoped. However, they are a first step in the process that has been long overdue. There will be problems, glitches, and hurdles to overcome. Changes can be made. Updates will be required as demand warrants.

I am a proponent for Freedom of Speech. In the realm of health care and the ongoing debate on health care in 2010, it is critical that people do the required research to understand the topic to formulate whatever opinion they choose. Some may feel that Wikipedia, the internet encyclopedia, may not be 100% reliable. However, you can do a search there for the two Acts and discover a consumer-friendly summary with a multitude of links to other sources. If you have a strong constitution, please read the documents for yourself. Do your own research and formulate your own opinion. Don’t take the word of another as gospel.

Please Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year for 2011!

PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (MARCH 23, 2010) 906 PAGES


HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2010 (MARCH 30, 2010) 1083 PAGES


Patrick Murphy, M.Ed., CCC-A, FAHA has been in private practice since 1987 and wears binaural digital completely-in-the-canal hearing aids.
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The public is invited to view the progress of the new display on Saturday & Sunday December 4th and 5th and December 11th and 12th from Noon till 5:00 PM. Admission is free. The address is 15 North Main St. Coopersburg, Pa. For additional information www.casme.org

Cooperburg Model Engineers Show Off their Big Miniature Train Set

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A second model R.R. Club from Quakertown, which had also been seeking a new club headquarters, merged with the Emmaus group.

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Casey Jones is the Illinois folk hero is associated with the Cannonball Express?
States from England in the late 1800s. Barnum's circus-like boxes were designed with a string handle so that they could be hung on a Christmas tree.

Facebook? Meet Alicebook.

Recently, Alice Bishop, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, helped connect a QCHS alumnus (class of 1959) and a total stranger in New Jersey, who recently found his class ring!

“It’s amazing what kind of detective work you can do with the internet,” Alice said.

In mid-October, Alice received an email from Lette Magrini from Oakland, N.J. Lette did her own share of detective work to get the ring rolling, so to speak.

“I was going through a small box of things from my father, who passed away in 1989, and I came across a Quakertown Community High School, Class of 1959 school ring,” she wrote Alice. “Gold, about a size 9, with onyx face, and a ‘Quaker’ in the middle. Inside are the initials in script H A. I have had this little box for years...even before he passed away. Never noticed the ring until today.”

Lette said she had no idea how her father wound up with the ring. She guessed she found it while looking for rocks, a lifelong hobby.

“He lived almost his whole life in north Jersey. Not sure if he was ever in Quakertown,” Lette wrote. “Anyway, I found your name and e-mail on the QCSD website. In mid-October, Alice received an email from Lette Magrini from Oakland, N.J. Lette did her own share of detective work to get the ring rolling, so to speak.

“Before he passed away, Lette’s father gave her a little plastic box with faceted gemstones in it. She liked jewelry. “Most are synthetic, but pretty enough that if I wanted to, I could have had set into rings or something,” she wrote. “That little box has been in a dresser drawer for probably 30 years! My brother mentioned something about a gemstone-quality piece of Prehnite that my father found, and faceted himself. The first place I thought to look for it was that little box. Although it wasn’t in there (and I have looked at those stones a number of times) I only noticed the ring in there yesterday! With the wonder of the Internet, I googled the high school, found Alice’s e-mail address and in less than 24 hours the rightful owner is found! [And in Horst’s hands in the picture at right!] What a great human interest story!”

Horst explained his upbringing as an immigrant. Born in Poland in 1941, he lived in Germany and later moved to the United States with his mother and sister.

“We settled in a little Latvian Village called Applebachsville, six miles from Quakertown,” he said. “After graduating from high school, we relocated to Philadelphia so that I could attend Drexel. It was in Philly that I met Valda [the steady girlfriend], and that was the beginning of the ring story. Flashbacks and memories are indeed joyous.”

Lette did not want Horst to pay for the postage, even though he offered. “Consider it 50 years of interest! LOL!” she wrote.

Alice concluded, “This has been quite a journey. It’s given me a few laughs as well. I remember ‘going steady,’ LOL, you don’t hear that expression these days!”

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Thus began a series of emails between Horst and Lette, Horst and Alice, and Alice and Lette. Stories of love, immigration and culture emerged.

Horst, pictured in 1959, at left, explained that he gave his ring to a girlfriend when they went “steady” in 1960-61 in Philadelphia. When they broke up, she never returned the ring. He lost contact with her. Meanwhile, Horst asked Lette about her name. Her response led to an interesting story about her mother’s immigration from Paris, her grandparents’ immigration from Hungary and Horst’s immigration from Poland and Germany.

Lette’s father collected rocks. He acquired a tremendous rock collection in his lifetime, much of it with hammer and chisel at quarries in New Jersey. He traded with collectors all over the world.

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scalp acts differently when it is covered all day and exposed to hair-damaging factors such as exhaust, dirt, sweat, etc.

Geo: What other things do you ask? Nic: I ask how often they go out, do they use product such as gels, pomades, hair fibers, etc.

Geo: I like products. What can a product
do?

Nic: Some products are for hair health, some change a look from a work look to a night life look. For instance, I had one guy who washed his hair with soap.

Geo: You mean a bar of soap? Like Dial or Irish Spring?

Nic: Yes, exactly. He washed his hair with a bar of soap for years and it dried out his hair and scalp and then he would use a stuff shampoo to treat the dryness. He would go back to the soap. I showed him how to choose a shampoo for his particular scalp and hair and to use it properly.

Geo: Did he take your advice?

Nic: Yes. At first he thought that was too much fussing. It was something that only women did. It wasn’t long before he changed his mind. He is a true believer in using a quality shampoo and a conditioner made for his hair and scalp type.

Geo: Is this an older guy?

Nic: No. It was a guy about 35 who had dry hair for most of his adult life and only used a drying gel to control his hair. He looks like a completely different person now and his hair is one of his most attractive qualities. It’s never too late to learn some new tricks.

Geo: Do you sound like a believer in product.

Nic: Absolutely. A good product can show off your haircut, change the look, mask the style, simplify the morning routine, keep your scalp and hair healthy, and improve scalp health. Remember, hair grows from the scalp. Healthy hair can only come from a healthy scalp.

Geo: I don’t know how you still use straight razors.

Nic: I use disposable razors that I also throw away. I don’t have any instances of anyone catching a disease from your sink and skin hard like your scalp and all through the hair. That means a good shave. Other things I do is to give them a hot steamed towel. It is different than the steam from your sink and use that to make hair shinier, healthier, and make hair cut easier.

Geo: Act more mature after he gets his haircut.

Nic: Even though my Dad is a barber, I love for my Dad, my son, and my grandson to get a haircut that is a “national chain assembly line haircut”. They act more mature after he gets his haircut by a barber.

Geo: I get my haircut differently now. I go to see a different barber.

Nic: I always ask when was the last time they got their haircut. I want to find out why. I also ask them what they do for a living.

Geo: Why is that important?

Nic: If the guy is a lawyer and present-
Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce
56th Anniversary and Annual Awards

The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 56th Anniversary and Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, November 12, 2010 at PineCrest Country Club in Lansdale, PA. This annual event is designed to recognize the contributions of those who best exemplify the spirit of the Upper Bucks Community and also an evening in which the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to its members and volunteers. At this year’s event, two awards were given out to businesses/individuals from the Upper Bucks area.

This year’s recipient of the Corporate Citizen of the Year was awarded to QNB Bank. The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is honored to recognize QNB Bank as an outstanding member organization that has demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in the Upper Bucks region through financial support and leadership and by being actively engaged in community issues. QNB Bank operates at a level that inspires others and exhibits vision that goes beyond “business as usual” demonstrating success and exceptional performance in business practices, customer service and community involvement.

QNB takes pride in serving the local area as an independent community bank for over 133 years. Founded in 1877 as The Quakertown National Bank, the company was formed by a group of local merchants who wanted Quakertown to have its own local bank. Over the years, the bank grew along with the community. QNB’s exceptional longevity is due in no small measure to its capable and enduring leadership. Just seven executives have served as president since 1877. In 2007, the bank converted from a National Bank Charter to a State Bank Charter and rebranded itself simply as QNB. Today, QNB serves families and businesses with a broad range of financial services through its nine branch offices located in portions of Bucks, Montgomery and Lehigh counties. QNB, by design, serves a defined geographic area. This enables the staff, including its executives, to become very involved in local sponsorships and causes and to truly understand the needs of the communities it serves. Annually, the bank’s 170+ employees tally more than 8,000 volunteer hours with local organizations and community events. The bank fulfills over 400 community support requests per year. QNB is a relatively small bank, with assets of just over $130 million; however, its impact on the local economy is significant. Last year, QNB originated over $130 million in loans to businesses and consumers and paid deposits nearly $12 million in interest on their accounts.

The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is honored to recognize Cheri Freeth, CPA, and Partner at Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh, PC, as the award winner for Volunteer of the Year. The recipient of this award goes to an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in helping to serve our community, who has exhibited strong involvement with the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce and a high degree of community involvement. Cheri has served on the Board of Directors of Lehigh Valley as well as the Brookline Labradore Rescuerie. The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is continually striving to move forward in creating significant working relationships among the many excellent organizations in the business community to create a healthy and sustainable economic environment for everyone in Upper Bucks and this year’s award recipients are perfect examples of how to accomplish that task, especially during challenging times! A special thank you to Servpro of Upper Bucks and Verizon for sponsoring this year’s Awards Banquet.

Local Homeschoolers Celebrate International Day

Local homeschool families gathered to celebrate their 5th Annual International Day at the James A. Michener Branch Library in Quakertown. Students of all ages created displays (usually with a sampling of that country’s food) showcasing different countries from around the world. This year there were 30 displays depicting everything from the differences between North and South Korea to the animal species found in Antarctica.

“It is worth taking the time out of our usual homeschool curriculum to complete a project on another country because our country is coming so diversified that I want my children to grow up appreciating the differences of other nations, recognizing the similarities to our own, and respecting all people,” said Kristy Wharfe, whose two children, Julianna and Jude, participated in the fair. Julianna came dressed in her Irish Dance attire. She likes International Day because “I get to dress up and pretend I am traveling on a tour of the world.”

Student Evan Acker, 7, pointing to Denmark on his globe. (PHOTO BY MICHELE BUONO)
Memorable Moments in December History

December is “3D Month”
National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

December 1 - World AIDS Day (since 1988)
December 1, 1955 - Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat
December 1-9, 2010 - Hanukkah
December 2, 1980 - Eight National Parks established in Alaska
December 2, 1982 - Anniversary of Artificial Heart Transplant
December 4, 1941 - Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japan
December 5, 1980 - John Lennon was murdered in NY
December 6, 1958 - Computer Mouse was developed
December 10, 2010 - “Human Rights Day”
December 13, 2010 - Geminis’ Meteor Shower
December 15, 1791 - Bill of Rights anniversary
December 16, 1773 - Boston Tea Party
December 17, 1903 - Wright Brothers first flight
December 18, 1865 - Slavery Abolished by 13th Amendment
December 20, 1956 - Supreme Court rules segregated bus seating illegal
December 20, 1803 - France transfers Louisiana Territory to U.S.
December 21, 1913 - Anniversary of First Crossword Puzzle
December 21, 1620 - Anniversary of Pilgrim Landing
December 21, 2010 - First Day of Winter (winter solstice)
December 22, 2010 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
December 28, 1973 - “Endangered Species Act” enacted

Ongoing Community Activities

“December Job Search Workshops”, held on most Thursdays at PA CareerLink Bucks Co. 1 Hillendale Drive, Perkasie. No costs. For a complete list of workshops call 215-258-7755 and www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us

Bingo at Richland Twp Fire & Rescue every Tues. 5:30pm, 64 Shelly Rd, Qwtn. 215-536-7226

American Cancer Society’s “Santa Calls” Program, Santa will call or write to your child. Calls will be evenings Dec. 6 to Dec. 9. Proceeds from 800-ACS-2345 benefit cancer research. www.cancer.org

Upper Bucks Kiwanis meets for lunch 2nd & 4th Wednesday every month at John’s Plain & Fancy, Qtwn, 12:30pm. Meet new friends and join our Kiwanis Family. upperbuckskiwanis@hotmail.com

Bedminster Nar-Anon meets every Tuesday 7pm at Deep Run West Mennonite Church, 1008 Deep Run Rd, Perkasie. Support group for family & friends with a loved one struggling with an addiction. Adults only. bedminster.naranon@yahoo.com or 267-897-0695

Quakertown Library ages 4+, 1st & 4th Friday each month, 10:30am, fun and activities. Just drop in! www.buckslib.org

Quakertown Library all ages, 3rd Tuesday each month, 7pm, Wear pjs and listen to bedtime stories. Just drop in! www.buckslib.org

Bingo every Tuesday night (doors open at 5:30pm) Richland Twp Fire & Rescue Fire Co, 64 Shelly Rd, Qwtn. 215-536-7226

Community Meal-every third Thursday of the month, First UCC, 4th & Park, Qwtn. 215-536-4447

Quakertown Neighborhood Association – meets 3rd Tuesday each month, 6:30pm, quakertownma.org 267-424-0479

“Singles Drop In”, every Wednesday, 5-7:30pm, Revivals Restaurant, Perkasie, 215-258-3463

A Woman’s Place (support for domestic abuse & violence) 24-hour Hotline – 1-800-220-8116 www.awomansplace.org

All You Can Eat Breakfast, 1st Sunday each month October thru April (except Jan.), Springtown Fire Company, 3010 Route 212, Springtown

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Great Things are Happening at First UCC

December 4
Christmas in Quakertown Concert
7:30 PM Public Invited!
(Pre-Concert Music begins at 7:00 PM)

December 19
4:30 PM Living Nativity
6:45 PM Children’s Candlelight Service

December 21
7:00 PM Longest Night Healing Service with Holy Communion

December 24
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service
11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 26
9:15 Worship Service including vignette: “A Day After Christmas”

COMMUNITY MEALS
(Served third Thursday of each month)
Thursday, December 16...5:30 - 6:30 pm
This meal is free for Quakertown Community. Please come. Volunteers are invited to help with food preparation and serving. If able to help, contact church office.

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The following programs are offered by the James A. Michener Branch, BCFL. The library is located at 401 W. Mill St. in Quakertown. For more information, or to register for the programs, please call 215-536-5306 or online at www.buckslib.org. Please note that the library will be closed on December 24th, 25th and 31st.

**December 3 Friday Favorites**  
10:30am – 11:15am Ages 4 and up. Come share our favorite stories, songs, and other activities.

**December 4 Reading Goes to the Dogs** 2pm – 3:30pm. For children of all ages and reading skills. Come read to local certified therapy dogs like Charlie, Fiona, and Shadow. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.


**December 7 & 14 Bouncing Baby** 10:15am – 10:45am. A gentle storytime for you and your little one featuring simple stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays. Registration is required.

**December 7 & 14 Toddler Time** 10:15am – 10:45am. A gentle storytime for you and your little one featuring simple stories, songs, rhymes, and fingerplays. Registration is required.

**December 11 Gingerbread Goodies** 11am – 12noon Grades Kindergarten and up. Join us for stories, games, and activities about your favorite gingerbread characters! (Drop-in).

**December 18 Winter Wonderland** 2pm – 3pm. Find out what happens when a snowman has too much fun and sneezes everywhere! Enjoy other stories, games, and activities to get you in the spirit of the season! (Drop-in).

**December 28 Zombie New Year Party** 6:30pm – 8:30pm Teens in grades 6-12. Come dressed in your best zombie garb for a drop dead time! Just drop in!

**December 30 Boredom Busters** 1pm – 4pm Grades kindergarten and up. Join us for stories, games, and activities for even the best couch potatoes to enjoy! (Drop-in).

**Consider our troops this Holiday Season!** Below is a list of stuff they can really use while away serving our country.  
- Calling Cards  
- Snack bars/Granola bars  
- Packaged nuts  
- Crackers & cookies  
- Candies & Gum  
- Beef jerky & sticks  
- Hot chocolate mix  
- Tea or Cider mix  
- Gatorade mix  
- Fruit snacks  
- Paperback book  
- Frisbee & Nerf balls  
- Handwarmers  
- White or drab boot socks  
- Lightweight gloves & caps  
- Batteries, AAA, AA, 9 volt  
- Toothpaste/brush  
- Eye drops  
- Cough drops & Tylenol  
- Lip balm  
- Nail clippers & Razors  
- Disposable camera  
- Puzzle books  
- Magazines  
- DVDs & CDs

Call 215-230-7895 or email operationsanta@comcast.net to find your nearest drop off location.

**Greg Shannon of the American Legion and the Upper Bucks Kiwanis Club presents a check for $100.00 to Lisa Green for the Quakertown Cares program. Emily Yerkes was on hand to certify the transaction.**

[PHOTO BY FRANK DIRENZO]
In Victorian England, turkeys were popular for Christmas dinners. Some of the birds were raised in Norfolk, and taken to market in London. To get them to London, the turkeys were supplied with boots made of sacking or leather. The turkeys were walked to market. The boots protected their feet from the frozen mud of the road. Boots were not used for geese: instead, their feet were protected with a covering of tar.
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