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Buchanan Valley firefighter injured



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Firefighters prepare to load Walter Wagaman into a Life Lion helicopter, following an incident where he was ejected from a Buchanan Valley fire truck as it was responding to a call from Bendersville's station on Friday about 9:15 p.m.



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Emergency responders from Heidlersburg and Arendtsville look on as in the background Pennsylvania State Police Trooper David Bittinger collects information about the incident at the intersection of Bendersville-Aspers and Carlisle roads Friday night. Buchanan Valley Firefighter Walter Wagaman was ejected from a truck as it made a left-hand turn to go north to a vehicle crash, according to state police. A firefighter's turnout gear and first aid debris is on the ground in the area where Wagaman landed on the eastern berm of the highway.

By Vanessa Pellechio Times Staff Writer

A Buchanan Valley firefighter injured on the way to a call Friday night was airlifted to York Hospital after suffering "severe injuries," according to officials.

Pennsylvania State Police identified the firefighter as Walter Wagaman, 48, of Fayetteville. Wagaman is listed as assistant chief on the fire

department's website. Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department, standing in for Bendersville Community Fire Company during its annual carnival, was responding to a vehicle crash in the 3600 block of Carlisle Pike with a crew of five Friday around 9:16 p.m., according to the fire department's press release issued Saturday.

When the 2017 Pierce truck turned left onto state Route 34 from Bendersville-Aspers (See INJURED on Page A5)

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Yianni George Barakos

Age: 33 Lives: Gettysburg

From: I was born in Hanover, lived there a short time, and eventually ended up in Lancaster County for most of

Educated at: Washington and Jefferson College Family: Wife, Nicole. Dog, Mash

Job: A very hands-on president at Mason Dixon

Job's reward: Helping and, in turn, watching those around me grow and become better versions of themselves. Job's frustrations: I love my job almost every minute of every day. Anything frustrating gets dealt with immedi-

ately and then its gets crumpled up and thrown away.

Very first job was: Dishwasher at Silk City Diner in Denver, Pa.

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USS Gettysburg sailor promoted on battlefield

By Michael Cooper-White For the Gettysburg Times

A USS Gettysburg officer opted for a local promotion cer-

"I'm proud of my uncle," said 8-year-old Eliese Bortz of Reading, Pa., after fastening lieutenant's epaulets on Jeffrey Bortz's pristine Navy dress uniform.

Bortz chose the Pennsylvania Monument on the Gettysburg battlefield as the site for his promotion ceremony Saturday morning.

The sailor, who has been the USS Gettysburg's navigation officer, explained his choice saying, "It means a lot to be here in my home state on this battlefield that had a huge impact on our nation."

The guided missile cruiser's commanding officer, Cpt. Corey Keniston, said Bortz's responsibilities will greatly expand following now. Bortz will serve as a departmental chief aboard the ship, with about 80 of the vessel's 300 crew members under his command.

With current and former military members standing at attention, Keniston led Bortz in

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Eliese Bortz, niece of Jeffrey Bortz, pins the new stripes on his shoulder during the promotion ceremony. Standing, Jonell Rape, is command master chief of the USS Gettysburg.



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Road, Wagaman, who was the front passenger, "was ejected" from the rescue truck, state police said.

cials indicated "a firefighter was ejected" from Rescue said state police. Engine 27 when responding to the incident "for unknown apparatus sustained injuries, reasons," according to the fire according to state police.

company's release.

The driver of the rescue engine was Zachary Jumper, replaced with another emer-49, of Orrtanna, with passengers Vickie Wagaman, 54, of Fayetteville; James Arter, 52, Buchanan Valley Fire offi- of Orrtanna; and a 17-year-old injured firefighter before he was female juvenile of Orrtanna,

No other firefighters on the not identify the injured member.

placed out of service and the hospital's policy prevented gency apparatus on the original incident," the release read.

Crew members assisted the flown to York Hospital, according to the release. The release did

A York Hospital official said they "have no information on

condition was unknown as of press time Sunday night.

Buchanan Valley Volunteer Fire Department and the injured lives in risk daily," the release member in your thoughts and said. prayers," the release read. "Additionally, we ask that thanked agencies for their assis-

Rescue Engine 27 "was a patient by that name," and you respect the injured mem- tance Friday night as well as ber and his family and refrain them from clarifying the infor- from starting and/or spreading mation any further. Wagaman's rumors or false information on social media."

"As first responders, they "We ask that you keep the selflessly act when you need them the most and put their

Buchanan Valley officials

those who have shown support since.

"We will continue to update you when the time is appropriate," the release read. Buchanan Valley President Timothy Baldwin and Fire Chief Michael Spielman signed the press

A phone call to Spielman was not returned Sunday.

Blackjewel's coal assets sold at auction; hearing Monday

By John Raby

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - Contura Energy has made a successful bid at an auction for the assets of three Blackjewel LLC coal mines, including two of the top producers in the country.

The results are subject to a federal bankruptcy judge's approval Monday in Charleston. The judge ordered the parties to post the outcome by a Sunday morning deadline after he had heard nothing when the auction went into a third day Saturday.

Contura Energy's \$33.75 million bid was an increase from

lion as the stalking horse bidder transactions generate the maxifor the Eagle Butte and Belle mum value possible for each of Ayr mines in Wyoming and Pax Surface Mine in Scarbro, West path to reestablishing safe, sus-Virginia. They've been closed tainable operations and, imporsince Blackjewel filed for tantly get the majority of our Chapter 11 bankruptcy protec- employees back to work." tion July 1.

Successful bids totaling \$59.44 million also were made for Milton, West Virginia-based Blackjewel's other eastern U.S. assets.

how many mines would reopen and potentially enable hundreds of idled miners to return to for the Black Mountain propwork. Contura Energy did not Bristol, Tennessee-based immediately reply to an email along with Blackjewel's Lone seeking comment.

In a statement, Blackjewel Virginia-Kentucky line.

its original offer of \$20.6 mil- said it "believes the proposed Blackjewel's assets, provide a

The auction came after miners who said they hadn't been paid by Blackjewel recently blocked the transport of coal along train tracks near Cumberland, Ken-The results did not indicate tucky. Knoxville-based Kopper Glo Mining LLC was the highest bidder at \$7.55 million erty where those miners worked Mountain complex along the

Bids also were made for Blackjewel's other Virginia and ee retirement plan would be Kentucky properties.

Blackjewel's statement said be acquired by proven opera- immediate access to their contors with experience in the Appalachian region.

new owners will provide additional information about their go-forward plans at each property after the sales are complete.

\$8.1 million deposit toward the purchase to be applied to cashstrapped Blackjewel's expenses. Contura would acquire the assets without assuming Black- ming mines to Blackjewel in

Blackjewel's 401(k) employterminated under the proposal, allowing workers whose paytributions

Blackjewel holds the license in October and Gillette, Wyo-"Blackjewel expects the to mine coal in Wyoming while Contura, a company created out of the 2015 bankruptcy of Alpha Natural Resources, holds the state mine permits. Blackjewel recently missed a nearly \$400 million in out-Contura's offer included an \$1 million tax payment owed to Campbell County, Wyoming one of Blackjewel's largest

> Contura had sold the Wyo-2017. They were among the top- Alpha emerged in 2016.

producing coal mines in the U.S. Blackiewel follows other major U.S. coal producers that have filed for bankruptcy promost of its eastern mines "will checks have bounced to have tection in recent years, including Englewood, Colorado-

based Westmoreland Coal Co.

ming-based Cloud Peak Energy

in May. An auction for Cloud Peak is set for Thursday. The company is selling its assets to cover standing debt.

St. Louis-based Peabody Energy Corp. emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2017. Both St. Louis-based Arch Coal and Bristol, Virginia-based

Rural churches search for their place in a changing world

By Madeline Heim Winona Daily News

WINONA, Minn. (AP) -After a few days of sweltering heat broke with an afternoon storm, the bells rang at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Rollingstone as parishioners passed through its doors for Saturday mass.

Formed by immigrants of Luxembourg who settled in the area, the church recently celebrated its 150th birthday in June. The roughly 400-member congregation



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gray-haired old guard. The congregation cracked their hymnals inside the sanctuary and fixed their attention on Tammy Schmit, who opened her mouth and began

to lead them in song. "I don't sing karaoke, I don't go to the bar and sing," said Schmit, who has been a er, many of whom have concantor at Holy Trinity since she was 17. "But when I look out to the people and they're worship with friends, to show all singing with me . . . it makes me feel good."

Like many who attend Holy

of which about 100 show up ried, where she received her ing. Family farms are less littlest squirming child to the were baptized.

It's a family. "I can't imagine going anywhere else," she told Winona Daily News

The sentiment is true at so many of the rural churches that dot the bluffs, valleys and rolling farmland around this stretch of the Mississippi Rivgregations even smaller than Holy Trinity. People like to up to a place that misses them when they're gone.

As much as the churches Trinity, Schmit has a long serve as a cornerstone of their history with the church. It's community, however, the where her parents were mar- world around them is chang-

for the weekend service and a First Communion, where she viable, people leave the rural on my mind," said 89-year-old quarter of that for daily mass and her husband, Mark, held town they grew up in for an Steve Rader, who was born is proud of the community their wedding and where her urban center and attitudes and raised in Rollingstone. "If that fills the pews, from the two sons, now 19 and 25, toward religion have shifted, presenting churches with never see another one new challenges as they define themselves and their futures.

In Rollingstone, the population has dropped from close to 800 in 2000 to 664 in 2017, according to U.S. census data. Their community school closed last year, they lost a local bar and they'll soon be losing a bank. Though fewer are Catholic today than when she was growing up, Schmit said, the church still acts as a gathering place for a little town that doesn't have a lot.

Still, always lurking is the specter of "oratory status," a classification meaning the church is locked up during more funerals," Pothireddy the week and has no regular

"The fear of that is always we ever lose this church, we'll

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester conducts a sweep of its parishes every five to 10 vears to assess whether oratory status is needed, according to Father Chinnappa Pothireddy, who has presided over the Rollingstone congregation for the past two years after moving to the U.S. from India.

Holy Trinity will stay open, he said, but the two other parishes for which he preaches -St. Mary Church in Minneiska and St. Paul Church in Minnesota City — will enter into oratory status in a few years.

We have less baptisms and said. "It's not a decrease in faith. People have faith.'

If not a decrease in faith, then perhaps the role faith plays in society that is changing, said Pastor Greg Ferriss, who leads St. John's United Church of Christ in Fountain City, Wisconsin

Ferriss's congregation is about 200 members that he has led for the past decade. though the church itself was founded in the late 1800s. It's a mix of older folks and younger families, and many have returned to church as a different season in their life begins: a retirement, a child being born or one going off to college, for example.

"A lot of people used to go to church because everyone did," Ferriss said. "Most people sitting in my pews now, generally speaking, have some real faith questions that they want to play with, as opposed to, 'I can get on the PTA if I'm here."

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Buchanan Valley announces death of assistant chief

Times Staff Report

death of Walter Wagaman, a firefighter injured almost two to an emergency call.

The brief statement posted family and department's privacy at this time."

Wagaman, 46, of Orrtanna, had been in the trauma unit at WellSpan York Hospital. Wagaman was "ejected" to the release.

from the front passenger area of a fire engine Aug. 2 on The Buchanan Valley Fire Carlisle Road (Pa. Route 34), Department announced the state police said. The engine was turning left from Aspers-Bendersville Road onto Carlweeks ago while responding isle Road at 9:23 p.m., police said.

Buchanan Valley firefight-Tuesday on the fire depart- ers, standing in for the Bendment's website read: "It is ersville Community Fire with deep regret that we Company during its annual announce the LODD (line-of- carnival, were responding to duty death) of Assistant Chief a vehicle crash in the 3600 Wagaman. Additional details block of Carlisle Pike, accordwill follow! Please respect the ing to a fire company news release. A Penn State Life Lion helicopter transported Wagaman to the hospital.

Wagaman was ejected "for unknown reasons," according



Delone grad Noah Russell created a fire-breathing dragon for Littlestown's Good Ole Days parade Thursday.

Butterfield named to G'burg council

By Jim Hale Times Staff Writer

Judith Butterfield was named to fill a vacancy on the Gettysburg Borough Council.

By a 5-0 vote Monday, members appointed the longtime community activist to the Ward 3 seat formerly held by Charles

Strauss resigned effective July 15 after he and his family purchase a house in Ward 2.

Butterfield's appointment, hich took effect immedia runs through the first Monday in January.

After that, the two remaining years of Strauss's fouryear term are to be filled by the winner of Nov. 5's regular

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A dragon approacheth Littlestown Russell. It will be part of the dragon looks like. I've always By Charles Stangor Littlestown Good Ole Days been decent at drawing," Rus-For the Gettysburg Times

fire-breathing dragon is ready to roll down the streets of Littlestown.

The dragon, made out of tires, wood, brake line, drywall screws, lug nuts, and angle iron, was created and built by go bigger.

Delone grad and Breighner's Tire Center employee Noah ning with a drawing of what a

parade on Thursday.

to create a float for last year's parade. The result was a tire-art lion that "was well-received," said Russell.

This year Russell decided to

"I drew up the plans, begin-

sell said. He used graph paper able."

Russell said he was inspired to create the piece, in part, by his brother Micah who had made other tire-art pieces. I chose a dragon because it was 'big and bold," said Russell. "It's a show stopper, and everybody said I couldn't do it."

Russell, who now works full-An 8-foot tall, 700-pound, Tire shop owner Randy re-breathing dragon is ready

Breighner challenged Russell

Sen said. He used graph paper to "find the scale," and then "used the resources I had availtime at UTZ Quality Foods in few hours a week, but waited until the last minute to finish it.

Russell used lawn-andgarden and some bicycle tires, both of which can be cut with a knife because they don't have

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School District set to open classes on schedule Fairfield

By Michael Cooper-White For the Gettysburg Times

The Fairfield Area School pleted on schedule, he said. Board received assurances at its Monday meeting the schools will be ready for students on opening day, Sept. 3.

Last year's opening was delayed two weeks due to mold infestation resulting from the summer's heavy rains.

To avoid future such interruptions and ensure facilities are healthy environments, the board authorized a \$10.5 million upgrade of the schools' climate control systems. The first half of the project will be completed this month with the remainder of the work to occur next summer.

The district's long-time building and grounds manager, Howie Kessel, told the board "the project is coming along very well." While there have been a few snags, as happens during major construction the first phase of the heating, tenance crew and expressed line to complete the work, ventilating and air conditioning confidence they will have he told the board members, will also be pushed to fill two

(HVAC) overhaul will be com- all school facilities in tip-Kessel praised his main- month. Given the short time- glad to have you pitch in."

The school administration "We'll be pushed, so if any of teacher vacancies by the time top shape by the end of the you have free time, we'll be school begins and hire personal care attendants and teachers'

assistants for its special education programs.

Fairfield's new director of special education, Dan Watkins, was hired over the summer from a similar position in Chambersburg.

Watkins told the board four positions remain open and the district may need to rely upon temporary staffing provided by the Education Staffing and Management Solutions (ESS) organization that helps provide school districts with substitute teachers and other transitional

employees. À local ESS representative, Holly Abunassar of Gettysburg, assured the board her organization stands ready to help the district staff its special education programs if Watkins' recruitment efforts fail to fill all the open spots.

Watkins also said Lincoln Intermediate Unit (LIU), which provides special education and

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projects, "the project managers As it has throughout the summer while school facilities have undergone the first phase of a climate systems overhaul, the Fairfield have done an excellent job" and Area School Board met Monday evening at the Fairfield Borough Hall. Board meetings will resume at the school on Aug. 26.





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County focuses on Human Services Plan

By Michael Cooper-White For the Gettysburg Times

After receiving a comprehensive overview of a proposal for human services during the coming year, the Adams endorse the plan.

"It is the goal of the Adams Pennsylvania's state governtimely and cost-effective man- ily, drug and alcohol services, ner," reads the Human Services as well as support for senior County commissioners voted to Plan that will be submitted to citizens and people with develthe commonwealth for funding. opmental disabilities.

County commissioners to proment is instituting a major shift at the outset of the commissionvide equal access to services whereby counties will assume ers' meeting on Wednesday, for the safety and well-being a much larger role in providing of all eligible residents, in a mental health, youth and fam-

Sharon Harlacher, director of early intervention services for a joint York and Adams county program, provided an overview

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New turf for Colonials' athletic field



DARRYL WHEELER/GETTYSBURG TIMES

NEW TURF — Kevin Flynn operators a tractor on Wednesday as Jared Frey helps him roll out a layer of rubber that will cover the field at New Oxford's stadium. Workers from A-Turf are busy getting the new turf field ready for the upcoming sports season. They should be starting to put the new turf on top of the rubber later this week. The first football game against Bermudian Springs scheduled for Aug. 23 has been moved to the Mustang Corral at South Western High School.



Fallen firefighter honored as hero

Times Staff Report

Veteran firefighter Water Wagaman's "legacy of helping" continued early Wednesday when "his organs were donated to those in need," according to a Buchanan Valley Fire Department release.

"We thank those who lined the hallways of York Hospital in recognition of a true hero" prior to the donation, read the release posted Wednesday on the department's website.

Asst. Chief Wagaman, 46, of (See HERO on Page A5)

board tours schools



BY ANDREA GRABENSTEIN/TIMES STAFF WRITER

Littlestown Area School District Board of Directors visit the former district office at Maple Avenue Middle School during a facility's tour Monday.

By Andrea Grabenstein Times Staff Writer

Littlestown Area School District's board toured Alloway Elementary, Maple Avenue Middle and Littlestown High schools after a Monday workshop meeting.

"The school board tours every other year," said Superintendent Chris Bigger.

These tours give school board members the chance to see "the day-in and day-out happenings firsthand," he said.

"It's important for the board to see where the money goes," said board President Dolores Nester as Facility Manger Victor Trone led them to classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias showing off

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Berm preps for new academic year

By Adam Michael Times Assistant Editor

teaching vacancies were filled new school year at Tuesday's Bermudian Springs School Board meeting. Elementary school renovations are expected master's salary scale. to be finished just in the nick of time, as well.

school English language arts (ESL) teacher, and Daniella Hayes, a middle school emotional support aide turned in administrators to work quickly to fill the spots.

Jeffrey Eakins, a former Johns Hopkins University an orientation to the district, assistant basketball coach, will Hotchkiss said. A pair of eleventh-hour fill Bond's role, Kayla Caruso was approved as a middle position was recently posted, he just in time for the start of the school science teacher, replac- added. ing Danyelle Kaiser, who resigned in July. Both begin \$2,760 in additional spending with a salary on step one of the for steel needed to complete

approved two new hires," Ber- was needed to cover a conduit Nicole Bond, a middle mudian Springs Superintendent and wiring that was not previ-Shane Hotchkiss said. "To get ously exposed, Hotchkiss said. quality people at this time of A fresh coat of paint was also the year is always challenging, applied to the cafeteria at a cost but I feel we were able to do of \$5,620. resignations in August, forcing that. This insures that they'll be in classrooms when kids

The new teachers attended

The emotional support aide

The board also approved renovations of the elemen-"I'm excited that we tary school lobby. The steel

Construction at the

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Open house at cancer center

JOHN AMRSTRONG/GETTYSBURG TIMES

The Gettysburg Cancer Center welcomed patients, families and medical professionals to an open house at the Expedition Trail facility. A symposium featuring presentations by a slate of speakers reviewing the latest treatment, research and information on hematology and oncology topics was featured at the well attended event.





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of the multiple service areas that will be covered.

Housing for the homeless, including people with mental illness and those just released from incarceration, will be "the largest piece" during the coming year, Harlacher indicated.

The counties' intent, "is not to create segregated housing," but to rent or purchase facilities where people can be fully immersed in local communities, she said.

Particularly for ex-prisoners, it may be necessary for governmental agencies to own some landlords refuse to rent to indi-

Harlacher said.

Funding will also be made available when it is necessary to temporarily house people in hotels or motels until more permanent residential arrangements can be secured.

The provision of more creative transitional housing options will enable local governments to help people, whom tions. Harlacher described as "languishing in prison," reenter society more quickly.

The two commissioners present (Chairman Randy Phiel was away on vacation) responded favorably as Harlacher also apartment buildings since many described a plan whereby mental health practitioners favorable comments about a co-

viduals with criminal records, will accompany police officers responding to calls that appear to involve troubled people.

In their extensive round of interviews with community leaders, the public and police, Harlacher said, law enforcement officials have expressed high enthusiasm for the plan to field co-responders who can help de-escalate volatile situa-

Commissioner Marty Qually described an effort in the Pittsburgh area where people struggling with mental health issues have special stickers on their vehicles to alert an officer making a stop. Commissioner James Martin noted that he's heard

responder program in neighboring Franklin County.

As county staff move into new service areas, they are consulting with counterparts to learn from best practices around the state and "not have to reinvent the wheel," Harlacher said.

Following Harlacher's presentation, Megan Shreve, chief executive officer of South Central Community Action tive, undertaken by the Adams Programs (SCAAP), said she finds the prospect of expanded resources to offer emergency shelter "incredibly exciting. SCCAP has a 53-year track record of helping the disadvantaged and has been especially challenged of late to sustain its homeless shelter.

The Human Services Plan vice agreements were autho-Wednesday's hearing also offered an assessment of colocating several departments at Services building that was purchased and renovated in 2017.

"This co-location has already proven to be an invaluable and major cross-collaboration initia-County Commissioners," the report concludes. "The feedback gathered by community members has reassured the importance of this collaboration."

In other business at the commissioners' meeting, routine maintenance projects were approved, and purchase of ser-

document distributed at rized with several agencies that help meet the needs of resi-

Reflecting the continuing the new Adams County Human turnover of personnel at the Adams County Prison, six new employees were hired, and the posting of additional positions authorized.

> The commissioners also voted to conclude a financial security ("SWAP") transaction with Wells Fargo Bank that was initiated in 2005. After the meeting, Qually said recent favorable economic conditions made it prudent to take the step in terminating the \$129,000 SWAP, which he said, "made money for the county."

Hero-

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Orrtanna, was a 32-year member of the department according to the release.

Wagaman was "ejected" from the front passenger area of a fire engine Aug. 2, state police said. The engine was turning left from Aspers-Bendersville Road onto Carlisle Road about 9:23 p.m.,

Wagaman was ejected "for Hospital.

unknown reasons" while en Wagaman to WellSpan York

Wagaman's "family as route to a vehicle crash in the well as the membership of 3600 block of Carlisle Pike the Buchanan Valley Fire (Pa. Route 34), according to a Department appreciates all Bendersville Community Fire allow the family and depart-Company during the latter's ment time to mourn this loss. annual carnival, according to The details of his funeral the release. A Penn State Life arrangements will be posted Lion helicopter transported on the department's offi-

Wednesday's release. The department's website is

buchananvalleyfd.org. Gov. Tom Wolf Wednesday fire department release issued the prayers, condolences, and ordered the Pennsylvania flag earlier this month. Buchanan support during this difficult to fly at half-staff in Waga-Valley was standing in for the time. We ask that you please man's honor immediately at all commonwealth facilities, public buildings and grounds in Adams County.

'The commonwealth flag tribute," the release read. shall be lowered in Adams cial website as soon as they County to half-staff until sun-nounced at 2:03 a.m. at the morning," the coroner's office

well as on the day of Assistant Chief Wagaman's interment, which has not yet been announced. The United States flag is to remain at full-staff through this tribute," according to a release issued by

"All Pennsylvanians are invited to participate in this

Wolf's office.

Wagaman's death was proare finalized," according to set on Friday, August 16 as hospital, and an autopsy was wrote.

planned today at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, according to a post by the York County Coroner's office.

"Our prayers, condolences and support to the Wagaman family and the Buchanan Valley Fire Department during this difficult time. Our thanks to York Hospital staff and all who honored Asst. Chief Wagaman last night and this

Tours-

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recently-completed projects, and noting services. "The tour keeps the board in 2017.

motivated. It's a reminder of why we put money aside and budget every year for future projects," said Bigger.

Littlestown Area School District decides upon the types of educational programs needed for the future then builds the facility around it, he said.

"Educational programs first, facility second," said Bigger.

At Alloway Elementary, the able to work in the afternoons board saw the kindergarten and first grade wing for the first time since its renovation

Hanover Architectural will be constructing an outdoor ing built in 1932 classroom for the elementary school, Bigger said. They are donating materials and labor to build alfresco seating, tables and a reading circle, he said.

month during the fall to complete, he said.

"Hopefully, they will be

or weekends to less disrupt class activity," Bigger said. At Maple Avenue Middle

original sections of the build-Nester offered kudos to the staff who work throughout the board member Jenifer Clay. summer to keep everything

maintained. "They do a phenomenal The work will take about a job considering the age of the property. It's an old building, but clean," she said.

Before Alloway was built in

the early 2000s, the school disect money, according to nue, Trone said as he led the painted, platform steps were group through the old room. School, Trone showed off

The room stood in stark contrast to the school board's current spacious room.

At Littlestown High School, the board visited shop classrooms and heard about agriculture programs.

room received a summer it, said Trone. makeover using capital proj-

trict office was in Maple Ave- Trone. The room was really," he said. removed, and commercial grade tile-style carpet was infrastructures that still need installed.

"If one individual piece is "It's so cramped," remarked stained, it can be taken out and replaced," he said.

At the end of the year, faculty members fill out forms about what needs to be replaced or repaired and staff The high school's band work over the summer to fix

"They take pride in t<mark>heir</mark>

work. They take it person-

Trone informed the board about significantly outdated to be addressed.

The middle school's heating system coils freeze up in the winter and the high school's front office personal "need a sweater in the winter and roast in the summer," according to

Littlestown Area School Board will meet Aug. 19 at 7 p.m.

Berm

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elementary school began in May on the \$2.6 million project expected to enhance safety and security, as well as provide a climate-controlled environment. The school updated its opening corridor to meet the recommendations of Pennsylvania State Police after a begins. Custodians will be risk and vulnerability assessment, Hotchkiss said.

Friday is the completion room with expedience. deadline for the part of the project relative to the school's entrance, Hotchkiss said, add- approved as marching band ing that offices will still be

available next week to help teachers return to their class-In other business

· Douglas Conrad was assistant director and Kristen under construction when school Zehr as the Class of 2021 assis-

• Four teachers were granted professional contracts after six semesters of satisfactory service. They are: Ashleigh Groff, high school Spanish and ESL grade teacher; Jennifer Tarr, middle school art teacher; and

Kathy Weaver, middle school math teacher.

 The cafeteria budget and capital reserve fund budget were both approved for the following school year, as well as teacher; Carrie Gutshall, first non-public transportation con-

· The school district received

four blood pressure monitors from the American Heart Association.

• During Monday's caucus meeting, Elementary School Principal Shannon Myers shared classroom sizes with the board, while discussing potential accommodations for those with increased populations.

Rep. King suggests rapes, incest helped populate the world

By Scott Mcfetridge Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) Wednesday defended his call for just pulled those people out that a ban on all abortions by ques- were products of rape and incest? tioning whether there would be "any population of the world left" if not for births due to rape and incest.

Speaking before a conservative group in the Des Moines suburb of Urbandale, the Iowa congressman reviewed legislation he has sought that would outlaw abortions without exceptions for rape and incest. King justified the lack of exceptions by questioning how many people

"What if we went back ated Press. - U.S. Rep. Steve King on through all the family trees and Would there be any population of the world left if we did that?" King asked, according to video of the event, which was covered by The Des Moines Register. "Considering all the wars and all the rape and pillage that's taken place ... I know I can't certify that I'm not a part of a product of

> He added: "It's not the baby's fault for the sin of the father, or with business leaders, including of the mother.'

for comment from The Associ-

congressman, who represents a white supremacist, Western civi- again run for the seat. sprawling, largely rural 39-county district, has been criticized repeatedly for comments he's made over the years, especially and led the House to vote 424-1 on issues related to race and immigration.

Shortly before the November 2018 election, The Washington Post reported that King met in Austria with the far-right Freedom Party, a group with Nazi ties. King said the meeting was one person from the Freedom

would be alive if not for those conceived through rapes and immediately respond to a request its story.

A King spokesman didn't Party, but the newspaper stood by immediately respond to a request its story.

Soon after the election, King lization — how did that language After King's c become offensive?" The comments were denounced as racist to rebuke King. Republican leaders also stripped him of his committee assignments.

Although King has usually breezed to victories in the conservative 4th Congressional District, he narrowly won his last election

over Democrat J.D. Scholten.

have said they will challenge King for the Republican nomination, including conservative state was quoted in a New York Times Sen. Randy Feenstra. Scholten The nine-term Republican story saying, "White nationalist, also recently announced he'd

> Wednesday, Feenstra said in a statement, "I am 100% pro-life but Steve King's bizarre comments and behavior diminish our message & damage our cause." Scholten also criticized King.

'Yet again, Steve King puts his selfish, hateful ideology above the needs of the people of Iowa's 4th District. Excusing violence — in any way — is This year, several candidates entirely unacceptable," Scholten

said in a statement.

In a tweet, U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney, the No. 3 Republican in House leadership, called King's comments "appalling and bizarre" and added "it's time for

Several Democratic presidential candidates noted King's comments and urged people to contribute to Scholten's campaign.

You would think it would be pretty easy to come out against rape and incest," one of the presidential candidates, Pete Buttigieg, said in a statement. "Then again, you'd think it'd be pretty easy to come out against white nationalism."

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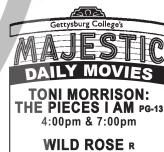
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Firefighters salute as the casket containing Walter Wagaman is carried to the Buchanan Valley firetruck following a service at the Gettysburg High School on Sunday.

Hundreds attend firefighter's service



The Buchanan Valley firetruck, carrying the casket of Walter Wagaman, passes under the large American Flag as it leaves the Gettysburg High School en route to the Buchanan Valley firehouse.



A Buchanan Valley firetruck carries Walter Wagaman's casket from the memorial service at Gettysburg High School on Sunday.

By Jim Hale imes Staff <mark>Writer</mark>

Hundreds gathered Sunday to celebrate the life of Buchanan Valley Fire Department Asst. Chief Walter Wagaman, who died Wednesday of injuries suffered Aug. 2 while responding to an emergency call.

Approximately 100 emer-

the region formed a procession after the funeral service at Gettysburg Area High School, passing under a huge U.S. flag supported by two ladder trucks.

As Wagaman's U.S. flag-draped casket was placed aboard a fire engine, a Penn State Life Lion emergency medical helicopter passed low

gency vehicles from across (See SERVICE on Page A2)

Borough accepts house donation

By Jim Hale Times Staff Writer

By accepting the donation of a house, the Gettysburg Borough Council laid the groundwork for a potential downtown visitors' center with public restrooms.

Last Monday's 5-0 vote also authorized Borough Manager Charles Gable "to explore with community partners funding for the construction and use of a community/visitor's center."

The borough would be the "lead agency" in redevelop-ment of the site, Gable said.

Tim Shields, president of and structure at 340 Baltimore St. at no charge, officials said.

"This is a big step for the borough" but the proposed facility will not "materialize

overnight," council President Susan Naugle said.

The site includes a dilapidated 1880's house that would be demolished, Gable said during the council's workshop meeting last month

FutureStake acquired the house in December 2017 and filed a request for a demolition permit in spring 2018. It withdrew the application in November last year, days before the expiration of a six-month review period set by the council, said Becky LaBarre, then the borough's planning and his-

toric preservation director. At a borough Historic FutureStake Inc., offered the lot Architectural Review Board (HARB) meeting in April 2018, FutureStake representatives introduced the concept of

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CLASS — Theresa Crawford, right, teaches ballet at her studio. Pictured from left, are Addyson Smith, Savannah Dugan and Madison Buckley.

Theresa Lee Crawford

Lives: McSherrystown

From: I was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Educated at: I was academically educated in Michigan schools and attended Western Michigan University, in Kalamazoo. I like to say that the education I use I received at "The Barn," from my Aunt Marcia Dale Weary in Carlisle Pennsylvania.

Family: My father, Charles Albert Crawford, passed away suddenly this April. He was a professional pilot. My mother, Rosemary Lyn, although suffering from leukemia, is adjusting and known for her award-winning gardening in Florida. I have a have a younger sister, Jennifer, in Michigan who is an RN with four children and five grandchildren. I have a younger brother, Dale who resides outside of Nashville and is an artist with two daughters. I have a talented son Philip who is an actor in the Harrisburg area. I also have two wonderful stepsons from my second marriage and a new granddaughter, Caroline! I have many 'ballet children" all over the world. I have been married to my husband Thomas Gill for thirteen years but met him at "The Barn" when I was 14 and he was a Dickinson student, an involved but storybook tale.

Job: I teach classical ballet and have for over forty-five

Job's reward: A high percentage of my students become professional dancers, but all learn appreciation for art, classical music, and beauty. My students learn time management, to work as a team, and an unparalleled work ethic. What makes my heart soar is when I see them apply this to their lives and become productive, kind, happy adults and parents.

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Adams County

TOPS PA 832, East Berlin Chapter, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets Tuesdays at Zwingli Reform Church. Weigh-ins from 5:30 to 6 p.m.; meeting to follow. TOPS is a weight loss support group for men and women of all ages. New members and guests are welcome. For information, call 528-4996.

Celebrate Recovery, freedom from hurts, habits and hang-ups, offers programs from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays at The Intersection Church, 1980 Baltimore Pike, Gettysdom Valley, 3185 York Road, Littlestown Chapel, 1144 Bolmore information, call Mark at 717-309-6066.

Adams County Lyme Group meets at WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital in the Community Room at 7 p.m the fourth Tuesday of every month.

To place an item in 'What's Happening,' email news@gettysburgtimes.com or call 717-334-1131. Deadline for entries is noon the previous day, noon on

Gettysburg

The Rotary Club of Gettysburg will meet today at noon at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel.

TOPS Club Inc. 0993, Gettysburg, meets every Tuesday at St. James Lutheran Church, York Street. Weigh-in begins burg; on Thursdays at Free- at 5:45 p.m. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. TOPS is a weight Gettysburg; and on Fridays at loss support group for men and women of all ages. For more linger Road, Littlestown. For information, call Ruthie Nolt at 717-334-0849

> week at the Adams County Library, 140 Baltimore St. Babies and Books, Tuesdays

Preschool Story Time, Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30 a.m. All story times are free and

The Gettysburg Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets ed at the corner of Stratton and

The Gettysburg Organized Referrals Network Inc. group will meet Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, York Road. Visitors welcome; gory is eligible. For information,

Cancer Community Care support group meets at First from 6 to 7 p.m.

An informal bridge group

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.; and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m. at group is open to anyone who the YMCA, 500 N. George St. understands the basic game and Everyone is welcome; there is wants to practice or improve no cost. For information, call their play. Call 968-4602 for Carol Keller 717-624-7351.

> Gettysburg High School Class of 1949 will meet at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at Hoss's Steak and Seahouse, U.S. 30 East.

welcome.

Male singers of all ages are invited to join the Hanover Barbershop Chorus which meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the main administration build- information, contact Scoutmasing of Homewood at Plum ter Doug Simms at 359-7549. Creek, 425 Westminster Ave.

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Littlestown

Boy Scout Troop 84 welcomes new and transferring Scouts in fifth through 12th grades to its meeting today, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Barts Centenary United Methodist Church, 50 E. King St. For

The Rotary Club of Littlestown, District 739, meets 7:15 a.m., Tuesday at the Lit-

Deaths

JoAnn Weikert Tressler

JoAnn Weikert Tressler, 81, of Camp Hill, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, in the Gardens of West Shore.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 11 am in the Mt. Holly Springs Cemetery, 2 Watts St., Mt. Holly Springs, PA 17065.

Visit www.HollingerFuneralHome.com for a full obituary.

House

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razing the house and replacing it with an architecturally similar welcome center including public restrooms. Then and in subsequent meetings, HARB members expressed reluctance to approve the demolition. In June 2018, they voted to recommend the council delay consideration to allow further review.

Gable last month outlined concepts under consideration, including a three-story handicapped-accessible building with an elevator, restroom access from both outside and inside the building, an information desk, display cases, a conference room, offices, a kitchenette, and rentable event spaces both indoors and in the backyard.

Accepting the donation makes sense, despite HARB's concerns, resident Kurt Kramer said Monday from the audience.

FutureStake owns the Gettysburg Heritage Center at 297 Steinwehr Ave.



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more information.

The Gettysburg High School Class of 1950 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Gettysburg Family Restaurant. All, including spouses and family, are

Hanover

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Some of the firefighters who attended the memorial service for Walter Wagaman walk by the firetrucks to the Gettysburg High School auditorium on Sunday.

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enough to stir up fallen leaves. As those attending the service entered the school auditorium. they passed between two columns of uniformed honor guard

Kilted bagpipers and drummers marched in to begin the

service. A recorded song, "Jealous of the Angels," played as photographs of Wagaman were displayed on a screen beside the stage. The casket was situated at the foot of the stage, flanked by

flags and wreaths. Wagaman earned many titles fill," Spielman said. in his life, fire department President Timothy Baldwin told the audience in the school auditorium: Not only son, husband, and father, but also Junior Firefighter of the Year at the beginning of his Buchanan Valley career and, later, assistant chief, Firefighter of the Year, and Member of the

But "Walter gave the ultimate sacrifice, and now the title he has

is hero," Baldwin said. Another title elicited chuckles from the audience. Wagaman the waters, I will be with thee ... was the "chicken-cooker" at

said. "We actually believe he was trying to put KFC out of business," Baldwin said.

Wagaman was "a humble man," and "it was important to him to encourage the youth," Baldwin said.

That so many people attended the service, "truly means a lot to us," especially because many traveled long distances, he said.

"I'm sure he's grinning ear to ear watching this" because the service brought so many people other side of the Jordan," Parr together, Buchanan Valley Fire Chief Michael Spielman said.

If the service were for some-

taken it upon himself to order flowers, send vehicles for a procession, and cook for the reception, Spielman said.

"He was always there" for whatever needed to be done, Spielman said.

Wagaman was moved when his fellow department members voted him Member of the Year this past year, but he said he wasn't in the fire service to win awards, Spielman said. Instead, Wagaman's goal was always to "serve the community," Spiel-

man said. "We've lost a good guy" who left behind "very big shoes to

Mountain Top Ministries Church Pastor Ron Parr said two biblical passages from Isaiah

speak especially to firefighters. In one, the divine voice asks, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and the answer is

"Here am I; send me." Parr, himself a past Buchanan Valley fire chief, said firefighters answer the call even though they know they might not come home.

The other passage is a promise: "When thou passest through when thou walkest through the department fundraisers, Baldwin fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle fighters carrying Wagaman's hel-

upon thee. is where you receive the courage to do what you do," Parr said.

The pastor raised his lighted cellphone and waved it slowly back and forth above his head. Many in the audience joined him in the gesture, creating an ocean of moving light as a recorded song played, "Go Rest High on

the Mountain." "Walt is waiting for us on the

Those in uniform were asked to leave the service first to create one else, Wagaman would have a "sea of blue" for the bereaved



DARRYL WHEELER/GETTYSBURG TIMES

Lion Lion hovered over the crowd of firefighters following the service in the Gettysburg High School auditorium on Sunday.



A process<mark>ion of firet</mark>rucks ma<mark>ke their way along</mark> Old Harrisb<mark>ur</mark>g Road en route to <mark>the</mark> Buchanan Valley firehouse following a memorial service for Walter Wagaman at Gettysburg High School on Sunday.

family to behold.

The honor guard marched out, two holding firefighter's axes instead of rifles or flags. Uniformed Buchanan Valley members pushed the gurney bearing

the coffin. The four pipers and three drummers played. Walking after them were uniformed junior firemet and coat, the fire company "This is encouragement. This number 27 visible on them. They were placed prominently in the windshield area of the fire engine

that bore Wagaman's casket. The procession traveled from the school through Gettysburg, then along U.S. Route 30 to the Buchanan Valley station about 10 miles northwest of Gettysburg,

where a reception was planned. Streets along the route were blocked in Gettysburg. Groups of people stood at the roadside saluting and others waving U.S. flags or placing their hands or

hats over their hearts. Many of the engines bore black bunting across their front ends or shrouding their rooftop

flashing lights. Some Buchanan Valley engines featured tributes to Wagaman affixed to their windows. "In loving memory," they read, and "died in the line of

Adams County Department of to the donation of his organs to Emergency Services issued a those in need.

final call for Wagaman, sounding a series of radio dispatch tones. When there was no response, a dispatcher announced Wagaalong the way, those in uniform man's line-of-duty death and, employing what is usually a routine phrase, said Wagaman was 'out of service."

"See you when the whistle blows," the dispatcher said with emotion in his voice.

Wagaman's injuries occurred when he was ejected from the passenger area of an engine as it turned from Aspers-Bendersville Road onto Carlisle Road. Many emergency personnel lined the hallways at WellSpan York Hos-At 6:50 p.m. Sunday, the pital for an "honor walk" prior





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GMA switching to renewable power

By Jim Hale Times Staff Writer

Aiming to save both money and the environment, the Gettysburg Municipal Authority (GMA) Board Monday approved a switch to electricity provided from renewable sources.

"There's more to business than the bottom line," board member Tim Good said.

Acting by consensus, the board undertook a four-year commitment to purchase only electricity derived from sources such as wind and solar power.

Offered by GMA's current provider, Constellation Energy, the rate will take effect in November next year and save roughly \$24,000 annually in electric costs, GMA Facilities Manager Mark Guise said.

"We're trying to do the right thing with the environment and not just with water," Good said.

In other matters, a meeting is planned Aug. 28 with Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection officials to learn more about potential changes in limits on how much water can be drawn from local streams, Guise said.

That information will help the board decide whether to withdraw or continue pursuing a request to connect to the York Water Company's system, he

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission has asked for a decision on the latter by Sept. 28, he said.

Flow has remained "pretty much normal" in Marsh Creek despite recent dry weather, Guise said.

In other business:

• Letters are being prepared to inform owners of requirements related to equipment to prevent water from flowing back into the GMA system from commercial properties, Guise said. In April, the board approved a contract with Pennsylvania Water Specialties Company to administer testing of equipment. The service carries no cost for GMA because the contractor makes its money from inspection fees, officials said. Letters are to be

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Annual Dinner, Dance & Shot Sat., Sept. 21, 2019 at The Gettysburg Fire Hall 35 North Stratton Street Gettysburg, PA 17325 \$50.00 for Dinner, Dance & Show \$30.00 for Dance & Show Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 6:30pm, Show at 7:30pm Tickets available on our website: http://www.arcadamspa.org OR MORE INFO, PLEASE CALL 717-677-848



IN MEMORY — Eric Staub, Vickie Wagaman and Timothy Baldwin stand with a picture of Buchanan Valley Fire Department Assistant Chief Walter Wagaman. Behind them is Wagaman's gear locker, draped in black bunting. Wagaman died Aug. 14 from injuries sustained while responding to an emergency call Aug. 2

Wagaman lived to help others

By Alex J. Hayes Times Managing Editor

Wagaman was conscious are a perfect snapshot of his entire life.

son, Henry, and Wagaman a vehicle crash. engaged in an "epic battle" with toy swords. Henry's it was like the world stood sword broke and before still. He stopped, looked Staub could tell his son they right at Henry and I and would fix it the next morning, Wagaman sprang into and took off running for the action.

"He had these sausage links for fingers, he was the hardest worker I have ever seen in my life. He

was standing there fumbling with this little piece of yarn to fix this 35 cent balloon

Staub, Wagaman and oth- his face painted. He and his er members of the Buchan- father hugged Wagaman an Valley Fire Department and said goodbye. Only were at the Bendersville Fire about three strokes of paint Department so its volunteers were on Henry's face before could work their annual car- emergency tones sounded to nival. Staub's 7-year-old alert volunteer responders of

"Even in all of that chaos, did that stupid little wink engine," Staub said.

Minutes later, the assistant

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CHICKEN MAN — Walter Wagaman wears a chicken hat while working a fundraiser for the Buchanan Valley Fire Department.

Proposed parking garage closer in Gettysburg

By Jim Hale Times Staff Writer

A parking garage proposed on South Washington Street in Gettysburg moved closer to reality Wednesday.

Borough Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB) members recommended the borough council approve demolition of four buildings between 688 and 712 S. Washington St. near WellSpan Gettysburg Hospital.

Owner Jacqueline White proposes building a deck for 192 vehicles to address parking needs in the vicinity of Steinwehr Avenue. White also owns the nearby Dobbin House Tav-

Members voted without dissent. Chair Gary Shaffer recused himself, saying his Shaffer Design Associates architectural firm has business dealings with White.

Demolition of three houses was approved in 2011, but in connection with plans to build new residences. HARB's recommendation is to redefine the project as a parking garage.

HARB also recommended approval for demolition of a structure at 712 S. Washington as part of the project. White said she uses the cinder block building, which formerly housed a dry-cleaning business, for office space.

HARB members agreed none of the structures are of significant architectural interest.

In May, White presented a concept including construction of a three-story parking structure, reconfiguration of Court and Dobbin alleys, and installation of a "bicycle station" consistent with the borough's continuing Gettysburg Inner Loop bike and pedestrian path project.

From the audience, Mary Miner urged HARB to facilitate White's proposal. She said she lives nearby, and her eyes are "nearly burned" every time she sees the deteriorating buildings. A parking garage would be "great," she said.

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Y Wee Care opens

DARRYL WHEELER/GETTYSBURG TIMES

PLAY TIME — Jackie Jenkins, left, morning provider at the Y Wee Care, watches as Ellis Rice, center, and Reid Felty play with toys on Friday. The Y Wee Care room at the YWCA Gettysburg & Adams County was recently remodeled. Beginning in September, the service will be provided free to members so parents can exercise while YW employees care for their children.

















Gettysburg Area School District staff recognized



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UNGER AWARD — Eric Wadel, a Gettysburg Area High School teacher, and Ashlee Kunkel, a teacher at Franklin Township Elementary School, were recently received The Unger Award, which is given once a year to two deserving teachers, one elementary and one secondary. Guinn Unger, Biglerville High School Class of 1943, and Phyllis Reaver, Gettysburg Area High School Class of 1945, began this award to honor outstanding teachers who are making a difference in the daily lives of those around them. Shown, from left, are Dr. Jason Perrin, superintendent; Eric Wadel; Ashlee Kunkel; and Dr. Chris Lay, assistant superintendent



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION — Chad Miller and Maria Myers were winners of the Gettysburg Area School District (GASD) Classified Employee Recognition Award for accomplishments. They were recognized during the Opening Day Program at GASD. Miller works on the grounds crew at Gettysburg Area High School. Myers is the athletics secretary at Gettysburg Area High School. The award recognizes two classified employees who, over a number of years, have demonstrated quality workmanship, dependability, leadership and dedication. A selection committee chooses the award recipients. From left are Dr. Jason Perrin, superintendent; Chad Miller; Maria Myers; and Brad Hunt, business manager.

Dementia info session set

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session will equip partici- the disease, and hear some also call Jennifer Holcomb pants with a set of tools with tips for communicating with at 717-624-5474 or email which they can support people living with dementia. her at j.holcomb@crossmembers of the greater com-

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Street Medical Center.

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On the other hand, HARB member Colleen Lingle said she was "having a hard time envisioning a parking garage in a historic town" and expressed concern it might not "fit" with

its surroundings. White replied that she took many pictures of nearby buildings, and plans include a very similar appearance.

The project's proposed look "fits very much in that neigh-



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Martin of PJ Martin Engineer- to replace the metal roof of her ing & Core Design Group, who building at 205 Buford Ave. is working with White.

The style "will blend in very well," agreed HARB member be 100 years old and said at Jim McCabe.

return to HARB next month the half visible from the street for consideration of the garage would have to be replaced in project itself. That meeting is kind. set for Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the borough hall, 59 E. High St.

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borhood's character," said Peter Shriner requested permission with shingles.

Officials said the roof may most they would recommend White said she intends to shingles for the back half, while

Shriner said she would prefer for the entire roof to be one or the other, so she would ness" are required for projects choose metal despite the greatin the borough's historic dis- er expense. HARB members voted without dissent to recom-

"I won't be happy," Shriought to grant such certificates. ner said, "but you've got to do what you've got to do."



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Wagaman

(Continued from Page A1) chief was ejected from the fire engine. He died 12 days later in York Hospital.

Wagaman's wife, Vickie Wagaman, said her husband died doing what he loved. because he knew it would give him the opportunity to help oth-

"He was a wonderful man. He would stop at the drop of a hat and do anything he could possibly do for anybody," Vickie Wagaman said. "He wanted the next run. He loved getting back from a call, backing in, starting cleanup and having the tones drop again. He would be right back out the door, no questions asked."

Walter Wagaman began serving the Buchanan Valley Fire Department at age 14. He would ride his bike to the station to make a call.

"He loved our slogan of Neighbors helping neighbors," Vickie Wagaman said.

He always put others first, she said, recalling a time when Walter Wagaman's truck crashed while he was responding to a call.

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"He got out of his truck and continued running to the fire house. Left his truck there and everything, flipped on its side," Vickie Wagaman said.

Walter Wagaman also loved to cook at fire department fun-He lived for the next fire call draisers. Buchanan Valley has a family-friendly environment and Walter Wagaman would make sure children were having Vickie Wagaman recalled

her husband often picked on young Landon Eiker for taking chicken legs from the kitchen. To show his appreciation for allowing the antics, Eiker gave Walter Wagaman a chicken hat.

"He would wear his chicken hat and dance around in the kitchen while cooking chicken," Vickie Wagaman said.

"Not just dance around, dance around like a chicken,' Fire Department President Timothy Baldwin said.

Å video on Eric's phone shows Walter Wagaman grilling sausages, dancing and singing the country song "If You're Gonna Play in Texas.'

"It's like 80 degrees, there's a 300 degree grill and he's singing and dancing," Baldwin said.

Walter Wagaman also enjoyed working with younger firefighters.

"He was one of the most awkward mentors I ever had in my life," Staub said. "He would let you run your path, but he would never let you fail. He would let you get up to the point where you are about to figure out you are wrong and he would step in and say 'this is where you screwed up.

Hundreds gathered at Gettysburg Area High School Sunday to celebrate Wagaman's life. Vickie Wagaman, Staub and Baldwin said the outpouring of support that day and every day since the accident was an incredible tribute to a man who lived to help others.









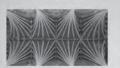
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