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## LIGHTS AND SIGHTS OF THE HOLIDAYS

### **2004 Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The Special Events Committee will keep children of all ages warm and toasty with marshmallow roasting on an open fire, music being sung by a choir and rides in a horsedrawn carriage.

Our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Friday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Our Community Tree will again be decorated in red, white and blue in honor of our troops and with ornaments donated by groups and organizations.

### **Best Holiday Display** Contest

For our more creative residents, we will, for the first time, be holding a Best Holiday Display Contest with one winner for each of the voting districts in Hanover. A panel of Special Events

Committee Judges will tour the township in search of the best holiday displays. The six lucky winners will receive a gift certificate and be featured in the Hanoverview newsletter. For more information or to donate an ornament, contact Margaret Giordano at 610-866-1140.



# **New Community Relations Director**

Margaret Giordano has been hired as the new Community Relation Director for the Township. Margaret replaces Natalie Miller who resigned to pursue other opportunities.

Margaret is a graduate of Moravian College and has done coursework towards a Masters in Pharmacy at the University of Rome. Margaret resides in Hanover with her husband Adriano Tesone and their daughter Victoria.

Margaret was previously employed in the pharmaceutical industry as a sales representative with Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals and Schering Sales Corporation where she received the 2002 Representative of the Year Award.

Margaret previously served the Township as a member of the Special Events Committee and is currently the president of the Hanover Cheerleading Volunteers. In 2003 she served as the Campaign Coordinator for her brother's (Emil Giordano) candidacy for the Court of Common Pleas in Northampton County.





**EMAIL SIGN UP & NOTIFICATION –** There is a link on the Township Website that will allow residents to register for Email Notifications from the Township. When an important issue exists emails are forwarded to residents. Please visit the township website: www.hanovertwp-nc.org to sign up for this service.

# Drug and Alcohol Awareness Session

Thursday October 21st the Community Center in conjunction with Lehigh Valley Hospital held a Drug & Alcohol Awareness Session geared towards identifying signs and symptoms of Drug & Alcohol use in children. Also participating was the Colonial Regional Police – Sgt. Mike Melinsky, District Justice Barbara Schlegal, State Representative Craig A. Dally and representatives of the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA). The sad part of the evening was that five residents attended!

Sgt. Melinsky brought examples of drugs and drug paraphernalia that have been seized in Hanover Township recently. The displays were impressive and highlighted a serious problem. While we are fortunate to live in one of the premier townships in the Lehigh Valley, we can't be blind to what's happening within our boundaries. Families are being affected by both Alcohol and Drugs by both children and adults.

Plans are underway to hold another session in the Spring and it's imperative that the Community Center be packed so parents can view items that they should be concerned are in the child's possession or signs and symptoms of use. We owe it to our children and it's our responsibility.

#### SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF DRUG USE

It is important to keep in mind that if a child shows any of the following symptoms, it does not necessarily mean he or she is doing drugs. The presence of some of these behaviors could be the product of adolescent stress. Others may be symptoms of depression or a host of other problems. Whatever the cause, they warrant attention, especially if they persist or if they occur in a cluster. A mental health professional or a caring and concerned adult may help a youngster successfully overcome a crisis and develop more coping skills, often preventing further problems. The key is change; it is important to watch for any significant changes in your child's physical appearance, personality, attitude or behavior.

#### PHYSICAL SIGNS

- Loss of appetite, increase in appetite, any changes in eating habits, unexplained weight loss or gain;
- Slowed or staggering walk, poor physical coordination;
- Inability to sleep, awake at unusual times, unusual laziness;
- Red watery eyes, pupils larger or smaller than usual, blank stare;
- Cold and sweaty palms, shaky hands;
- Puffy face, blushing or paleness;
- Smell of substance on breath, body or clothes;
- Extreme hyperactivity and excessive talkativeness;
- Runny nose & hacking cough;
- Needle marks on lower leg or bottom of feet;
- · Nausea, vomiting or excessive sweating
- Tremors or shakes of hands, feet or head; and
- Irregular heartbeat

#### **BEHAVIORAL SIGNS**

- Change in overall attitude/personality with no other identifiable cause;
- Change in friends, new hang-outs, sudden avoidance of old crowd, doesn't want to talk about new friends & friends are known drug users;
- Change in activities or hobbies;
- Drop in grades at school or performance at work, skips or is late for school;
- Change in habits at home, loss of interest in family or family activities; and
- Difficulty in paying attention & forgetfulness.

#### **34 WARNING SIGN OF DRUG USE**

- Neglected appearance/hygiene
- Stealing/borrowing money
- Poor self image
- Change in friends
- Grades dropping
- Depression
- Violent outbursts at home
- Withdrawal
- Frequent use of Eye Wash
- Apathy
- Unexplained weight drop
- Reckless Behavior

- Drug Paraphernalia
- No concern about future
- Slurred Speech
- Defies Family Values
- Curfew violations
- Disrespectful to parents
- Running away
- Lying/Deception
- Skin abrasions
- Sneaky behavior
- Hostility towards family members
- Disregards Consequences

- Chemical breath
- Loss of interest in healthy activities
- Glassy eyes
- Verbally abusive
- Red Eyes
- Manipulative/Self-Centered
- Valuable Missing
- Lack of Motivation
- Possessing unexplained valuables
- Truancy

### WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN TO BE AWARE AND ASK QUESTIONS!

## **TOWNSHIP BRIEFS**

#### **LEAF COLLECTION**

Leaf Collection began in Mid-October and will continue to the end of November or the first week of December depending on weather conditions.

Please place your leaves along the front of your property, in a windrow. (see picture below)

Please try to keep any rocks or bricks out of the piles. Keep cars clear of all piles.

Please be aware that leaves are picked up as soon as possible. Due to the amount of leaves and weather conditions we sometimes get behind, please be patient and do not call the office. Thank-you for your cooperation!



"The Perfect Leaf Pile"

#### PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS

Please, please, please when SNOW is in the forecast please make every effort to keep all your vehicles in your driveway. This is a problem in the following areas: All Cul-de-Sacs, plus Grace Avenue, Jaclyn Lane, Overlook Drive, Briarstone Road and Rosewood Drive.

With everyone cooperating, we can all have cleaner and safer streets after a snow storm. Please be aware that the township usually needs to plow each street at least 2 times and sometimes even more depending on the severity of the storm.

#### **SNOW & SIDEWALKS**

Please remember if you have sidewalk adjoining your property all snow must be removed within 36 hours after a storm. Please do not shovel snow into the streets!

#### **PROPERTY OWNERS**

Please note that the when time permits the Township trim's trees overhanging the roadway, to provide proper clearance for vehicles. If you do not want your trees trimmed by the Township please have your trees trimmed regularly. Property owners who live on corner properties should also be aware that you should not plant anything in the "Clear Site Triangle".

Shrubs and pine trees overhanging the road have also become a problem. Please keep all trees and shrubs behind the rear face of curb.

Proper clearance for pedestrians walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you.

Dumping grass clippings or ANY debris on empty lots is against the Township Ordinance 71-5. Violators will be fined up to \$300.00.

#### ALARM SYSTEM OWNER'S

Please remember if you have a Monitored Alarm System or Automatic Protection Device it must be registered with the Township. (Ordinance 96-1)

### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Late fall is a perfect time to plant new trees. If you would like to beautify your property, do it now. After planting, water your new tree well and be sure to spread mulch 2-3 inches thick in a wide diameter around the tree, without piling it up around the trunk. Studies have shown that trees enhance property values and, when properly placed, reduce heating and cooling costs.

Three reminders:

You may not cut down a live tree in the Township right-ofway without permission from the Shade Tree Commission.

If a tree dies in the Township right-of-way, you must replace it with one from the Approved Tree list.

Call the Township Office with any questions or to get a permit and tree list. Also available is a free Tree Care brochure from the Shade Tree Commission.

### THANKS AND BEST WISHES!!!

In August, Natalie J. Miller, Community Relations Director for the Township, resigned to pursue other opportunities. Her energy and dedication to the Township will be missed but will serve her well in her new venture.

Natalie and her husband Paul recently opened a restaurant on Bethlehem's Southside. Looper's Grille & Bar is located on 3rd Street and Natalie and Paul are looking forward to seeing friends from the Township stop in for lunch or dinner.

Prior to being appointed Community relations Director, Natalie was the Chairman of the Township's Special Events Committee.

Good Luck!



## **IMPRESSIONS**

by State Senator Charles W. Dent 16th Senatorial District

s computers and the Internet have become more integrated with our daily lives, a whole new array of fraudulent activities has arisen. That's why this October government was working with private industry and organizations to promote Internet security through National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2004.

Using the Internet, scam artists and disreputable businesses are hoping to trick people into disclosing personal information through official-looking e-mails or pop-up messages.

They may ask for your Social Security number, your bank account information, your credit card numbers, your passwords or other personal information. The problem is slowly becoming an epidemic and people must be extremely careful about who they're dealing with online.

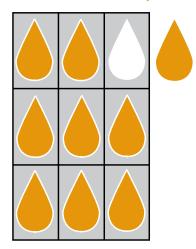
According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), scam artists typically send an e-mail message that falsely claims to be from a business or group with which consumers may have a relationship. The message usually asks recipients to "validate" or "update" account information, and may threaten to terminate an account if the consumer does not respond. The message may direct recipients to update their information on a Web site that looks real, but is not.

To avoid getting hooked by a scam, consumers should do the following:

- If you get an e-mail or pop-up message that asks for personal or financial information, do not reply or click on the link in the message. Legitimate companies will not ask for this information via email.
- If you are concerned about the status of your account, contact the organization in the e-mail using a telephone number you know to be legitimate.
- Do not send personal or financial information via email; it is not a secure method of transmitting such information.
- Be cautious about opening any attachment or downloading any files from e-mails, regardless of who sent them.
- Use and update your computer's anti-virus software and install a firewall. E-mails may contain unseen attachments that can harm your computer, but installing appropriate security measures can protect you from accepting such unwanted files.
- Review bank account and credit card statements to look for any unauthorized charges.

The Internet is a great resource for information and an excellent way to stay in touch with family and friends, but the increasing number of online scams should be a warning. Consumers who wish to report suspicious activity to the FTC can visit the agency's website at www.ftc.gov or call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP.

# Miller-Keystone Blood Center Participating In National Ad Campaign



Miller-Keystone Blood Center is part of a joint initiative of The Advertising Council (New York), the Amer-Association of ican Blood Banks (AABB), America's Blood Centers (ABC) and the American Red Cross to launch а national. unbranded public education and awareness campaign. Miller-Keystone Blood Center

is a member of both AABB and ABC.

The campaign, created by Euro RSCG Worldwide in New York includes TV, radio, outdoor and Internet promotions designed to raise awareness about the importance of and need for blood donation among today's younger generations.

Titled "Save the World," the campaign features young adults discussing the lengths they have gone to try to make a difference in the world in an effort to show "how donating blood is an easy way to positively and significantly make an impact." The ads have been distributed to more than 20,000 media outlets in the United States.

"One of the most common reasons that people give for not donating is that they weren't aware of the need," says Joseph Yelo, Vice President of Administration, MKBC. "This creative campaign is designed to build awareness of the importance of donating blood and offer young adults a safe and easy way to make a difference in the life of someone else."

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call the Blood Center at 610-691-5850.

### **Property Tax Reform: Step One**

by Rep. Craig A. Dally (138th Legislative District)

t is time for homeowners to take the first step toward securing future property tax reductions. You should have received property tax reduction, applications from

the Bethlehem Area School District. For homeowners to receive a property tax reduction they must complete and return applications to the county tax assessment office by March 1, 2005.

This certifies their property is owner-occupied and entitles them to the reduction if the school district opts into the property tax relief plan. Homeowners are also reminded applications must be on file with the county assessment office in order for them to receive tax relief.

The tax relief plan is based on the amount of funding available in the Property Tax Relief Fund. Reductions will vary for property owners in each school district.

Revenue for the fund will come from profits derived from slot machines.

In July Gov. Ed Rendell signed legislation to allow up to 61,000 slot machines at 14 sites -- seven of which are race-tracks -- across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. When promoting the slots legislation the \$1 billion figure in tax

HANOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a great start to another school year. With our increased enrollment we welcomed a new teacher, Mrs. Diane Peters in Kindergarten.

Plans for our Book Fair, GreatPerson's Day and American Education Week are all underway and are always met with great enthusiasm.

We are working on a project organized by a Liberty High School student to help make sure that all students in the BASD have warm winter outerwear. It's called the Winter Warmth Campaign and we will be collecting coats, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves.

We are once again participating in Reflections, a National PTA-sponsored Arts Competition. Last year our students who participated were very creative and did outstanding work. Several Hanover students advanced to District level and one to State level.

On October 29th, the students participated in their annual "Halloween Parade" through some of the neighboring streets in the Township. Class Halloween parties to follow! We were also excited to be part of the Hanover Township Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 30.

Everyone added pastry decisions to their presidential one during our bake sale held on Tuesday, November 2nd.

relief was touted by the bill's supporters. Thirty-four percent of the profits from slots go to the state for property tax reductions.

> The amount of relief distributed to each school district is based on a formula using the state funding ratio and tax levels of a school district.

> Although contingent upon sufficient funds in the Property Tax Relief Fund, the first reductions could be delivered as early as 2006. From what I can tell, it may be several months until the first coin is legally dropped into a Pennsylvania slot machine so 2006 may be optimistic, too.

> The law also gives voters the option of offsetting property taxes by up to 50 percent of the median assessed value by substituting an earned income tax. At the same time, future

school tax increases above the cost of living would have to be approved by the voters as well.

The bottom line is homeowners will have to act to complete this application to obtain property tax relief no matter the timing or the amount of the relief

### **TOYS FOR TOTS – 2004**



Train Time is once again hosting a huge train display this holiday season to collect needed toys for the 2004 Toys for Tots

campaign run by the US Marine Corps Reserves.

This year's display is located at **1530 Valley Center Parkway**, north of Rt. 22 on Schoenersville Road. Included in this year's display are over 14 different layouts, featuring an indoor garden with pond, a very large circus display, and several surprises.

Please help by visiting the **Train Display**. The requested entrance fee is either a new unwrapped toy or a \$5.00 minimum donation.

Hanover Township will again be collecting toys. A **TOY COLLECTION BIN** will be placed near the reception area of the Community Center. Join in the holiday spirit by bringing your new unwrapped toys down to the Community Center. Fore more

information, contact Margaret Giordano at 610-866-1140.



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## **Community Center Programs**

**Hanover Township Community Center** 

### Santa Bucks for the Holidays!

Get your Santa Bucks!!! Hanover Township Community Center will be offering an incentive to work out over the holidays. Each week will be a different promotion, from November 15th thru December 15th. When you renew or purchase a **full 1-year membership** you will be able to redeem your Santa Bucks.

\*November 15th– 21st– Receive \$15 off a Family/ Or Adult Fitness Membership.

\*November 22nd– 28th– Receive \$10 off a Basic Family Membership.

\*November 29th– December 5th– Receive \$5 off a Student/Senior Fitness Membership. \*December 6th-15th- "The Winter Chill SPECIAL" Get a 3- month Adult membership for 25% off. \$63.75 Residents, \$99.00 Non-Residents.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to join HTCC. Stop by the front desk for more information! \*No coupon required- pay in full only.



Parents do not forget gift certificates for the holidays– makes the perfect present!

### **HTCC Membership Rates**

HTCC offers 2 types of membership to fit your needs!

#### Annual Basic Membership

This includes use of the gymnasium, game room, locker room, and lounge areas. Also, discounted rates of HTCC programs. Fitness room use is \$5 per visit, aerobic classes are \$3 per class, and babysitting is \$2 per hour per child. Membership paid in full.

	Resident	Non Resident
Family	\$114	\$178
Adult	\$66	\$103
Student/Senior	\$54	\$85

#### Annual Fitness Membership

This includes all Basic Membership Privileges, plus free us of the fitness room, free aerobic classes, free babysitting, and discounted rates on HTCC programs. Membership paid in full. \*One year monthly payment plan also available-service fees apply to all monthly payments.

	Resident	Non Resident		
Family	\$435	\$682		
Adult	\$225	\$353		
Student/Senior	\$105	\$163		

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#### Special Interests:

- Unique Hanoveropoly game on sale at HTCC. \$20 per game, makes a great gift for the holidays. Buy them before there gone!!!
- Entertainment books on sale for \$20- also makes a great gift for the holidays!

TGIF, Friday December 3rd from 7-9pm \$4 members/ \$8 nonmembers. Come join the fun!



### **Yoga for Everyone**

New Yoga fees have created a wave this fall at HTCC. Come unlimited for the month or pay as you go. Choose what classes you want to come too or come to them all.

#### Your choices:

Wednesdays, 9:30-11am Thursdays, 6-7:15pm Saturdays, 8:30-9:15am Pay by the class: \$3 members/ \$10 non members Pay by the month: \$20 members/ \$50 non members



### **Nutritional Services**

In order to round out your "healthy" lifestyle efforts, HTCC with cooperation of Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network now offer the following services:

Nutrition Assessment and Counseling	\$40
Body Composition Analysis	\$13.50
Metabolism Measurement	\$25
Recipe Analysis and Modification	\$15
Diet Record Analysis	\$22.50

Call HTCC today to set up your appointment with our Registered Nutritionist.



### Another Resident Contributes—Dreaming of a Makeover?

Hanover Township Community Center could not continue to grow and develop more programming ideas with out our talented and devoted neighbors. Starting after the new year, we will be offering a "Makeover Your Home", taught by Denise Arnold. Denise has lived in Hanover Township for nine years. She started her own interior decorating business eight years ago called Interior Enhancement. She has worked as a Design and Sales Manager for a custom window treatment business. The homes she has worked with range from condominiums to over 10,000 square feet. Design style from eclectic, European, contemporary, traditional and anything in-between, She has designed a home for the Kemerer Museum Home Tour. She loves working with people to provide them a beautiful home that mirrors their personal lifestyle. Denise resides with her husband Dave and their three children Dave, Patrick, Nikki and Maggie (their dog).

#### Makeover Your Home!

Dreaming of a makeover? This class will give you the opportunity to enhance and create the home you have been dreaming of on a show string budget. Each week we will be taking a specific room in your home and we'll make a plan to recreate a whole new look that not only will enhance your home but also will lift your spirits. Your home will become one that you'll love to spend your time in.

Tuesdays, 9:30am-12:30pm

Six weeks starting February 7, 2005.

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Fee: \$180 Members/ \$190 Non-Members

Thank you Denise for adding another quality program to our beautiful facility. If you or someone you know has a talent that needs to be displayed or demonstrated please contact us at 610-317-8701. We are always looking for new ideas for our growing community.

### Have your Birthday Party Here!

Enjoy your special day while we provide the location and activity for you child's birthday. Two hour party includes one hour of organized games and activities designed for your individual child's age and party theme. Activities will be held in either the gymnasium or aerobic studio. Second hour, the family will have access to a meeting room for cake and presents (cake to be provided by the family).

For those families who would like to expand their party and include adults, family, and or friends, additional time in the meeting room is available at \$50 an hour.

Members of HTCC/ Non-Members				
1-10 children	\$70/ \$95			
11-20 children	\$85/ \$115			
21-30 children	\$100/ \$135			
inda, our party planne	r will contact you to			
personalize your child's special day!				

## Introducing Women's Self Defense

Come join other women and learn valuable self defense techniques against grabs, punches, knife attacks, guns, and multiple attackers. Learn what to do and especially what not to do using physical as well as mental techniques. Lots of hands on with partners. Each class will begin with beneficial stretching as well.

Benefits include gaining self confidence, self awareness, physical strength, and as well as mental ability. Come ready to work hard and you will benefit tremendously.

Treat yourself for the holidays!

10 week session, Wednesday evenings

Starting December 1, 2004

7:30-9pm

\$49 Member/ \$59 Non Member

For ages 15+

Instructor: Sensei Tim Heinsinger

4th Degree Black Belt

Teaches: Shotokan, Aikido, and Judo. 30 years of experience in the martial arts.



### Preschool Programs for the New Year

#### Today's Special

Wednesdays, 9-11:30am

3-5 years old

This program offers children the opportunity to extend their week with creative, thematic, and fun time to explore creative arts, play games, sing songs and interact with other children. A gym time and snack are also included. Come join the fun!

Session I - Week of 1/3/05-3/7/05

Fee: \$129 Member/ \$139 Non Member

#### Afternoon Special

Wednesdays, 11:45-2:15pm

This class is similar to Today's Special only held in the afternoon.

Session I-Week of 1/3/05-3/7/05

Fee: \$129 Member/ \$139 Non Member

#### Fairy Tales & Fingerplays

Fridays, 11:45-1:15pm

3 years only

Bring your tiny treasure in to a enjoy a morning of educational activities and fun. This program will include dramatic play, music, storytelling, creative movement, and arts and crafts. All geared to the 3-year old level. Must be 3 by January 1, 2005.

Session I—Week of 1/3/05-3/7/05

Fee: \$79 Members/ \$89 Non Member

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#### Book Ends

Thursdays, 11:45-2:15pm

4&5 years old

This literature based preschool program for 4's and 5's will enjoy the wonderful world of books. Class includes storytelling, dramatic play, music, crafts and creative movement— All revolving around a particular book theme. A gym time and snack are also included.

Session I-Week of 1/3/05-3/7/05

Fee: \$129 Member/ \$139 Non Member

#### Kinder Enrichment— "New"

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Noon -1:45pm

This academic program is offered to those children already enrolled in a Kindergarten program. It is designed to enrich their day with activities that build upon the curriculum taught in kindergarten. The class consists of up to 6 children and 1 teacher and revolves on a 10-week semester course. Children are welcome to bring their lunch to enjoy with their classmates at the beginning of class time.

Session I—Week of 1/3/05-3/7/05

Please call Susan Lavelle, Preschool Director at 610-317-8701 for more information on this wonderful program.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30-8:30am		Ask about the 30-minute work- out program available at the front desk!				Spinning *Stretching Yoga 8:30-9:15am
8:30-9:30am	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart Aerobics	8:30-10am Super Saturday Workout
9:30-10:30am ìnewî spinning start time-9:15	9:30am- Step Interval 10:45 am- Total Body Toning	Spinning 9:15 Floor Aerobics 9:30	45 minute Toning *Yoga 9:30-11am	Spinning 9:15 Instructorís Choice 9:30	Instructor's choice: Interval Training	
6-7 pm	Step Aerobics	Power ball toning 6:45-7:30	Aero- bics/awesome abs	Yoga 6-7:15pm 6:30- 7:30pm Power Cardio Mix		
7-8pm		Spin and Tone 7:30-8:30pm	Step Interval	Spin and Tone 7:30-8:30pm		

Hanover Township Community Center Aerobics Schedule

HTCC reserves the right to cancel or replace scheduled classes when necessary!

## Mighty Mite Playtime

For those "yucky" outdoor days HTCC offers a play group for children ages 6 months-4 years old. Supervised by parents. Come meet other parents with toddlers and infants. Make new friends!!! There is a \$3 drop in fee for nonmembers, free for members of HTCC.

10 visit punch card available for \$25. Play area will be set up by HTCC staff- parents self supervise.



### Spin & Tone- "New"

Get in shape and stay in shape for the holidays. Full body workout with cardio and resistance training combination. All levels are encouraged to try this workout designed just for you!

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30pm

Fee: Free to all fitness members/ \$3 basic members/ \$8 non members







The Main Library, 11 W. Church St., is open Monday thorough Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The South Side Branch, 4th & Webster streets, is open Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Book drops are available at both locations.

The library is closed for the observances of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Presidents' Day.

Phone the Youth Services Department (610 867-3761 x206) or the South Side Branch (610 867-7852) or check for information on the library's web site for the following programs:

• **BOOK DISCUSSIONS:** Three separate groups of students (4th & 5th grade, middle school and high school) meet once a month at the Main Library to share opinions of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. Pick up the books in the Youth Services Department.

• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:** Join teens from area middle and high schools (public, private & charter schools) to plan activities of interest to your peers. The group meets once a month.

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES:** Enroll your preschooler in one of eight classes offered a week at the Main Library. The South Side Branch offers two classes a week. Registration begins early January.

• **TEDDY BEAR STORY TIMES:** This evening program is offered once a month at both the Main Library and the South Side Branch. The whole family is invited to come. Register at the beginning of each month.

• FAMILY PLACE PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS: Toddlers, ages 1 – 3, play while parents share child-rearing tips and get a chance to talk to child development experts who visit each week. Siblings welcome, too. Register for a five week session. Available at both the Main Library and the South Side Branch.

The Winter Blahs Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday, January 20 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, January 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 10,000 + books, videos, Dvds, Cds, and audio books are available. Call 610 867-3761 x259 for more information. The March Madness Book Sale is scheduled for March 17 & 19. The library accepts donations in good condition at the circulation desk anytime the library is open. All proceeds benefit the library.

The Main Library is offering *free computer classes* for adults. Choose from *Beginner/Using the Mouse, Searching the Library Catalog, Using Word* (creating, editing & saving documents), and *Basic Internet Searching*. Call for class times and to register: 610 867-3761 x259.

Bookmobile Schedule for HANOVER TOWNSHIP - Mondays (except for Southland & Toni)TWNSHP BLDG - JACKSONVILLE RDScheduleA&B3:00 - 4:00MERRIVALE AT CLEARVIEWScheduleA&B4:00 - 4:55

STONEWOOD DRIVE & BELAIRE RD	Schedule	A&B	5:00 - 5:45
LORD BYRON DR	Schedule	A&B	6:45 - 8:15
SOUTHLAND DR & GRACE AVE - Thursday	Schedule	А	4:45 - 5:45
TONI LANE AT CRAWFORD DR - Thursday	Schedule	В	4:45 - 5:45

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Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10
Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	CLOSED	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24
Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10
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### **Notre Dame School**

Each of us remembers the "letters of the alphabet" we earned in our early school years. We were very proud of them and recall fondly the school spirit and good memories they reflect. At Notre Dame, we are creating school pride and spirit – and future fond memories – every day as we reflect on our "letters of the alphabet".

<u>A+ for Notre Dame Academics!</u> Congratulations to students and faculty! Of all the Diocese of Allentown Elementary Schools, Notre Dame achieved the highest score in the 2003 PSSA writing assessment.

<u>Buddy Program</u> – Our older students share their time and talents as buddies and mentors to their younger classmates. For example: the 8th grade students travel to the Pumpkin Patch with their Kindergarten buddies in October. (The Kindergarten students are happy to have someone to help them carry the HUGE pumpkins they buy.) At Christmas they work together making wonderful!?!? gingerbread houses.

<u>Coins – and LOTS of them</u>! The Home and School Association has been working diligently on our "Million Coin Collection". This is a project they began last year and are continuing throughout this year to collect one million coins for items needed for school.

<u>Dynamos in sports!</u> Our students enthusiastically participate in our Fall sports program: basketball, volleyball, cross-country, and cheerleading.

Excellence in education is one of our primary goals as we instill in our students that education can be FUN! As part of our writing program, the lower grade students write their own books and have an autograph signing at the end of the year. The upper grades take writing their Narrative Procedure to a new level. For example, if the title of the procedure is *"How to Make an Ice Cream Sundae"*, they share the makings with their classmates. Mmmm good!!

**Faith in Every Student** is our Catholic Schools Week theme for the 2004-2005 school year. As educators, it is our privilege to share our message of hope and faith in every child's future.

<u>GIVE – Get Involved Volunteer Everyday</u>. This is a new student organization at ND this year. Its purpose is to tap into the strengths of all students. Volunteerism is essential in building a caring community. The students will be involved in publicity, serving as tour guides for prospective parents who are considering sending their children to ND, and much more.

<u>Home and School Association!</u> Our HSA helps fund many special programs for the students that would otherwise not be possible. We are able to hold school assemblies, such as *Touchstone Theatre*, which introduces the students to the performing arts. Because of the generosity of the HSA, we began an intensive Art Program last year. They also give so much of their time and talent to the school. On any given day, you can find several HSA members assisting in school.

<u>Imagining</u> the loss felt by the families of the people who died in the 9/11 tragedy, the faculty and students prepare a special prayer service each year to commemorate this tragic event and to honor our local police and firefighters.

Jesus – It is our firm belief that "Academics with Jesus" is the way to teach. We try to "teach as Jesus taught" by bringing Him to the children and the children to Him.

<u>Know-how</u> – Webster's definition is: *Knowledge of how to do something smoothly and efficiently.* We are proud of our students for their ingenuity, enthusiasm and resourcefulness as they prepare for Math Night and Academic Bowls.

<u>Liturgies</u> are held the first Friday of each month. Each class takes its turn to prepare the liturgy. The students take an active role in the liturgies by reading, being an altar server, taking up the gifts of bread and wine and serving as song leaders.

Marathon 2004 – This year's theme, in keeping with the Olympics: "Go for the Gold"! The HSA Marathon Committee and students reached their goal of \$25,000 to fund special programs throughout the year for the students. For the past three years, these monies helped fund the new air conditioning system for all the classrooms in the school.

This semester has caused great excitement for **A-M**, including a special "**A**" for **A**nniversary. This year Notre Dame is celebrating its Golden Anniversary – that's right! We are 50 years old! As you walk past the Music Room, there is joyful singing and dancing as the students share their talents and are busy preparing for our 50th Anniversary Musical Extravaganza, to be held in December.

With such a great start to the school year, excitement and anticipation is already building for an equally challenging and rewarding second semester.

Keep an eye out for  ${f N-Z!}$ 



Colonial Regional Police Association Scholarship Winner Colleen Stehlin with (L to R) Beth Wallace - HTVFC, Sgt. George Cuchran -Colonial Regional Police and Pat Murphy, Chairman CRP Commission.

### **EX-COP'S AFFECTION FOR RIDE UNBRIDLED**

By PRECIOUS PETTY of The Express-Times

Back in his native New York City, Keith Levine was just another working stiff — one of roughly 100 police horses in the department's mounted unit. But in Keith's adopted Lehigh Valley home, his gentle nature made him an instant celebrity, said Joe Perno, who patrolled The Big Apple atop the horse for a decade before retiring to Bethlehem Township in 2002.

When Keith followed suit and retired to Koehler's Stables in Hanover Township last year, he and Perno, 45, began giving talks at area schools, senior centers and churches, and walking in holiday parades. And Keith became the East Hills Middle School band's unofficial mascot.

While Perno described their work together, people would marvel at his equine partner's obedience and good temper, he says. "He was just delightful." Even folks who were frightened by big animals warmed to Keith, Perno said. "He was so gentle that they were able to hold apples in their hands and he would eat them."

On Sept. 25, shortly after he and Perno made a public appearance, Keith died, probably from complications of equine West Nile virus, Perno said. He was between 20 and 22 years old. Named for an NYPD sergeant shot trying to stop a robbery in 1991, Keith struggled to beat the swift-moving illness. His partner was there with him at the end. "He was laying on my knees and I was petting his neck," Perno said.

Keith also suffered from a chronic upper respiratory infection and navicular syndrome, a hoof disease. Perno moved Keith from Manhattan because he thought it would improve the horse's health and because he missed him, he said.

Keith's death was unexpected and tough to deal with for

Keith Levine and retired NYC mounted officer Joe Perno appeared at the 2003 Hanover Township Fire, Police and Public Works Appreciation Day

Perno, his wife, Catherine, and their three children, who considered the horse a member of the family. Perno had Keith's remains cremated, and now his ashes are displayed in the family's living room with photos and other reminders of the horse, he said.

"Now, I get to see him every morning and I get to see him every night," Perno said. Even though Keith is gone, Perno plans to keep on telling Lehigh Valley residents about what it's like to be a mounted police officer, he said. "I've gotten so many cards from people saying they want me to continue to talk even though I don't have him any more. They've been very supportive."

Without Keith, Perno won't be able to do much in the way of demonstration, but he can still share anecdotes about all the times he and his horse worked crowd control at parades and demonstrations.

Or the times he and Keith escorted past U.S. presidents or patrolled New Year's Eve celebrations in Time Square. Or the time they guarded the perimeter of ground zero after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Perno cherishes every memory of his time with Keith, but it's the little things that he misses most, like riding the horse on local streets or feeding him treats at the stable.

"He'd eat carrots out of my mouth. It looked like he was giving me a kiss," Perno said. "He put a smile on my face all the time."

(the above article appeared in the October 24, 2004 Express-Times)

### Fire Company News By Mindy George First Vice President

It's that time of the year when the kids are back at school and we're all preparing for the upcoming holidays in our own special way. The fire company members are also preparing for the holidays. As the year draws to an end we ask the residents of Hanover Township on behalf of the fire company to remember the yearly contribution to the fund drive. We have not yet met our goal of \$60,000 and much like Jerry Lewis and his telethon we would like to make \$1 more then we did last year and we can't do that without the support of you, the township residents. We will be happy to receive your donations to Santa and his elves on December 11 or you can mail your donation to the fire company. As always the fire company does appreciate any and all donations you the residents of Hanover Township are able to give the fire company.

Yes, Santa will be making his annual ride through

Hanover Township on the fire trucks on December 11. He will leave the fire company promptly at 9 a.m. and plans to visit every street in Hanover Township. This year it might take him a little longer with the new developments in the township. We ask that you do not call the fire house that day asking when Santa will visit their street because as in the past the answer will be "We're sorry but we don't know, however Santa will visit each street". You may see Santa on one fire engine in Westgate Hills or on the ladder truck in Stafore Estates or on a rescue truck in Village View, Santa is a kid at heart and likes to ride every fire truck that we have.

The officers and members of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 would like to wish all residents of Hanover Township a most blessed and wonderful holiday season.

### MEETING OF BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards and Commissions for 2004. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road. All meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. except where noted. Residents are urged to attend these meetings. Don't let one of these boards decision effect you without your input!

- **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Regular meetings are held the SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAY of each month. Workshop sessions are held the THIRD TUESDAY of each month.
- **PLANNING COMMISSION:** Meetings are held the FIRST MONDAY of each month, however, the July, August and September meetings will be held on the second Monday.
- SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Meetings are held the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month starting at 8:00 p.m.
- **RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:** Meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month starting at 8:00 p.m.
- **ZONING HEARING BOARD:** Meetings are held the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month whenever required. Time(s) of the hearing will be announced when scheduled.
- SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION: Meetings are held the LAST MONDAY of each month, except May which is held the 1st Monday in June. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH: Meetings are held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of every other month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Remaining meeting for 2004 is December.

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