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124th YEAR, NO. 2 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2002 SINGLE COPY—50¢ 123rd YEAR, NO. 28 (USPS 277440)



PLANNING COMMITTEE: First row, left to right, Beth Watson, Mrs. Claus, and Shelby Szoke. Second row, Chief Gary Shupp, Santa, Officer Tom Szoke, Linda Szoke, Tara Fox and Cathy Fulk. Not show, Darren Gallagher, Richard and Barbara Moyer. Photo by Seth Isenberg



Weatherly's Borough Building is the site of evening carolling all this week leading up to Christmas in the Park. Photo by Ruth Isenberg.

Santa & Mrs. Claus visit White Haven

Santa and Mrs. Claus received a huge welcome when they landed by helicopter at White Haven's Lehigh Park on Saturday, December 7. White Haven Fire Company escorted them in Engine #1 to the Community Building, with the crowd following closely behind.

Guests were greeted by the harmonious singing of the White Haven United Methodist and Presbyterian carolers. As the

children made their way to visit with Santa in his sleigh, the churches' Bell Choir played an assortment of familiar Christmas melodies. A variety of craft-making activities, as well as plenty to eat and drink, was available to the children throughout the afternoon.

The occasion ended with a wonderful theatrical reading by Arlene Thomas of the White Haven Area Community Library. She even wore a costume that reinforced the theme of the story. Over all, 104 guests participated in this family-fun event.

The White Haven Crime Prevention Organization would like to extend its gratitude and many thanks to the following, for their help in making this event a success:

- Helicopter Flight
- White Haven Mayor Ray Ward
- Police Benevolent Association
- Country Junction
- White Haven Fire Company
- White Haven Police
- White Haven Ambulance and Paramedics

- White Haven Recreation Committee
- White Haven Borough Council
- White Haven Bakery
- White Haven Lions Club
- White Haven Area Community Library
- White Haven Boy Scout Troop 25
- White Haven United Methodist Church
- Presbyterian Church of White Haven
- Saint Patrick's R.C. Church
- Greater White Haven Chamber of Commerce
- White Haven Street Department Personnel

- White Haven Crime Watch
- Christmas Committee
- Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Friends and Family.

We would also like to say "thank you" to everyone who gave a donation. The money from this occasion will go towards our coming event, a New Year's Eve Teenage Dance for ages 12 to 17. It is scheduled to be held Friday, December 27 from 7 to 10 p.m.

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Plans in place for *Christmas in the Park* in Weatherly this weekend

This weekend Weatherly will welcome the Holiday Season with the annual Christmas in the Park celebration at Eurana Park, Third and Fell Streets. There will be something for everyone as the Cub Scouts will be singing Christmas Carols to greet Santa, who will arrive at the park by firetruck around 1 p.m. From 1:10 until 3 p.m. Santa will visit children inside the pavilion.

Refreshments will be provided by the Citizens' No. 1 Fire Company and the Weatherly Area Community Library volunteers will help kids write their letters to Santa. A craft table will be operated by the Girl Scouts and a train display will be available for viewing inside the pavilion. Outside there will be a holiday

display and throughout the afternoon Christmas music will be playing.

On Saturday evening, the annual Holiday Dinner for Senior Citizens will again be sponsored by the Weatherly Area Girl Scouts.

On Sunday the afternoon of entertainment begins at 2 p.m. with a Christmas reading by Mayor Joe D'Andrea. Mike Stevens will read the holiday favorite "Twas the Night Before Christmas," and at 2:15 students from the La Danse School of Classical Ballet will perform on stage. Students of Jayne Burns and the Joan Sacco Dance Studio will perform from 2:30 to 3 p.m. with piano selections offered by students of Michele Titus before the 3:15 intermission.

Following intermission, at 4 p.m. the Weatherly Area High School Drama Club will present "Christmas Cameo." The Eugene Felker Award for Community Service will be presented at 4:45, followed by choral music and a skit performed by members of St. Matthew's Union Church.

Just after 5 p.m. the WAHS Instrumental Ensemble and the Combined Choir will perform some Christmas music as everyone leaves the pavilion for the lighting of the Community Christmas tree. The Combined Choir and the Ministerium will offer their annual Holiday Cantata at 6 p.m. at Salem United Church of Christ, First and Fell Streets. The sanctuary is handicapped accessible.

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W.H. Council hears two telecom proposals

by Seth and Ruth Isenberg
Dan Simmons' verbal resignation of several weeks ago was accepted at the White Haven Borough Council meeting on

December 5. Council now has 30 days to fill the appointment, according to solicitor Don Karpowich. Council has only received one letter of interest in the post, so decided to advertise once again for applicants.

Council will also be advertising to hire more part-time police officers. After a ten minute executive session with Chief of Police Gary Shupp, part-time officers Leann Feissner and Brian Sullivan were dismissed and the positions opened again. Neither part-time officer has worked recently. They will be asked to return Borough owned uniforms and equipment.

Atty. Karpowich, in his report, noted that he had received Resolution #2 of 2002 from the White Haven Municipal Authority, asking the borough to accept its certificate of termination. Council voted to advertise an ordinance to that effect for adoption at the December 19 meeting.

Council member George Madigan reported that a letter had been sent to the state Fire Commissioner's office indicating that White Haven Borough would be donating \$40,000 for each of the next five years to the White Haven Volunteer Fire Company to help pay for the new fire engine, and that the money would be taken from cash reserves and not borrowed. The Fire Company has applied for a \$100,000 loan at 2% interest. In a related matter, the final inspection visit to KME in Nesquehoning is scheduled

for this Saturday. All council members were invited to attend.

Assistant Engineer Eric Bruzgulis, of Pennoni Associates presented council with the resume of Lawrence Fettish, who will be overseeing his engineering work for the borough while Ron Sturgeon is out for medical treatment. In his Engineer's report, Bruzgulis reported that paperwork is being resubmitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regarding the James Place project, and a revised site plan to deal with Department of Conservation and Natural Resources concerns about drainage is being prepared for the Lehigh Park restroom project. Survey work will be completed on the Towanda Street drainage project. It will be incorporated into the James Place project when bid.

Sturgeon is reported to be doing well.

Two presentations were made regarding telecommunications. Jason Holmberg of Veracom, Inc. discussed presenting council with a proposal to buy out the cellular tower leases already established by the Municipal Authority, and soon to be under the borough's control. He noted that these leases were assets, and that they represented a somewhat risky investment for the borough. He said that the existing agreements would be evaluated, and a figure paid up front to the borough, which could then be invested safely to pro-

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Weatherly School Board OKs coaching staff changes

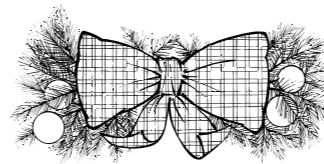
by Donnell Stump

The Weatherly Area School Board met on Monday evening, December 9. They accepted the resignation of Junior High basketball coach Cory Gerhard effective immediately. Gerhard resigned as he recuperates from injuries sustained in an auto accident last month. Robert Cara was named assistant basketball coach for the rest of the year at a prorated salary of \$1,248.27; Brian Witner who had been filling in since the start of the season will be paid a prorated amount of \$554.80 for the four weeks that he was working with the team.

David Knely was appointed to an unpaid volunteer spot with the basketball team.

The Class of 2003 was granted retroactive approval to use the high school for a cookie dough sale which was held on Friday, December 6 and Monday, December 9. The Weatherly Biddy basketball program was given permission to use the gym from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, December 15 for all-star

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Crestwood Board shakeup - more is sure to follow

Robert Parks was elected president of Crestwood School Board during their reorganization meeting on Thursday, December 5, and Don Pry was elected vice-president. Bill Jones was elected secretary to fill the rest of Pry's term, once he resigned to become vice-president. This is an unsalaried position that expires in June, 2005.

Meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of each month, with work sessions at 6 p.m. and the regular meeting immediately following.

Each director will head a committee.

George Hludzick was appointed solicitor at a salary of \$10,000 per year, plus \$75 per hour for work over 11 hours a month.

THIS WEEK IN WHITE HAVEN

Thursday, December 12

Foster Township Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Township Municipal Building

Friday, December 13

United Way Food Cupboard - 11:00 a.m. to Noon - Rear, Haven Hall, White Haven Center

Saturday, December 14

Holiday House Tour, sponsored by United to Serve of White Haven Center - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Monday, December 16

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meeting - 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. - W.H. United Methodist Church Social Hall
Dennison Township Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Township Municipal Building

Tuesday, December 17

Al-Anon Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's Vestry
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 18

W.H. Volunteer Ambulance Association Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Ambulance Building
American Legion Post 592 Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - Post Home

Thursday, December 19

W.H. Area Senior Citizens Meeting - 1:00 p.m. - W.H. Community Building
W.H. Borough Council Work Session - 6:00 p.m. - Followed by Regular Meeting - Municipal Building
Kidder Township Board of Supervisors Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Township Municipal Building
Dennison Township Zoning Hearing Board Public Hearing - 7:30 p.m. - Township Municipal Building