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Chief Spang Set to Retire



Retiring Chief Spang with Sgt. Seiple.

On December 31, 2002 Chief Daniel A. Spang will retire as Chief of the Colonial Regional Police Department. Chief Spang is a native of Allentown and a 1957 graduate of Allentown Central Catholic High School. From 1957 to 1960 he served as an Electrician's Mate in the United States Navy assigned to the USS Bristol a Destroyer ported in Newport, R.I.

Chief Spang enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police on February 20, 1964. He served in a variety of assignments throughout Pennsylvania and retired with the Rank of Major in April 1993.

Among his duties as a Trooper were patrol duties, Criminal Investigator, Corporal assigned to the Bureau of Research and Development, an instructor and staff member at the State Police Academy, Sergeant in charge of the Criminal Investigation Unit, Lieutenant in charge of a patrol station and a Major assigned as the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and

Training Commission for the last eight years of his career.

In 1993 he was selected to serve as the Chief of the newly formed Mifflin County Regional Police Department. In 1995 when Hanover, Lower Nazareth and Bath was forming the Colonial Regional Police Department Chief Spang's desire to move home and be closer to his family enticed him to apply for the CRPD's Police Chief position, which he was ultimately selected.

During his career he has attended numerous training programs with the State Police, FBI and the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Police Ad-

ministration from York College of Pennsylvania in 1976 and a Masters in Police Administration from West Chester University. He is also a 1970 graduate of Northwestern University Traffic Institute Management Program.

Chief Spang has served on the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Education and Training Committee for the past twelve years. For the past three years he has served as the Vice-President of the Northampton County Chiefs of Police Association.

When asked what he'd like to be most remembered for during his years as the CRPD Chief, he responded, "that I did a good job providing the citizens with competent, well trained officers, supervisors and office staff." He continued, "that I did my job right and fair in my dealings with everyone." He concluded, " thanks to a great staff and supportive members of the Police Commission we have the best Police Department in Northampton County."

Chief Spang will continue to live in Bethlehem during his retirement with his wife

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MEET COLONIAL REGIONAL'S NEW CHIEF

On January 1, 2003 Roy D. Seiple will assume control of the Colonial Regional Police Department, becoming their second Chief. Chief-designate Seiple has been a member of the Colonial Regional Police Department since the formation of the department in 1995. Prior to joining the Colonial Regional Police Department, Sgt. Seiple served on the Nazareth Area Police Department, City of Bethlehem Police Department, Moore Township Police Department, Northern York Regional Police Department, Moore Township Police Department, Northern York Regional Police Department and the Upper Nazareth Township Police Department.

Sgt. Seiple earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Moravian College and attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 1999. Additionally, he holds certificates from Temple University Occupational Assessment Credential Review, Deputy Sheriffs Basic Training at Dickinson School of Law and Municipal Police Officers Basic Training at the Allentown Police Academy.

When asked what he considers his most memorable experiences as a police officer, the future Chief shared the following, "One of the most memorable experiences that sticks in my mind was during a day shift around Christmas time while employed as a Nazareth Police Officer in 1992. Bruce Ruch (currently Chief Ruch, Nazareth P.D.) and I were at the station doing paperwork when someone ran in and reported some type of an accident about a block away. We responded and found a car in the middle of the road with a man slumped over the wheel. The car was in gear and still running. His wife was the passenger and had her foot on the brake. We put the car in park and assessed her husband. We found he was not breathing and his heart had stopped. We began CPR for several minutes until the arrival of the ambulance and paramedics. The victim was transported to the hospital. Several days later we received a note from his wife attached to three small gold ornamental hearts. The note read that she had visited her husband in the hospital and was advised by the doctors that he was in a coma and his prognosis was poor. The following day when she stepped in the room, he called her by name and asked for breakfast. Later he was released after a pacemaker was inserted and given a clean bill of health. The Nazareth Kiwanis Club later honored Chief Ruch and myself. Within the past year I ran into a relative of the victim and was again thanked."

Getting closer to home Sgt Seiple was asked what his most memorable experience has been since he joined the Colonial Regional Police Department in 1995. "My most memorable experience as a Colonial Regional Police Officer was being selected to, and attending the FBI National Academy. Less than one percent of the police officers in the world are afforded the opportunity to attend. It was a

three-month course of instruction at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. I met rank officers from police agencies from 22 different countries. We attended college level classes such as The Law Enforcement Executive and The Media, Managing Death Investigations, Managing Crime Scenes, Budget Planning and Grant Writing and vigorous physical fitness courses. The fitness course culminated in running a three-mile Marine Corps Obstacle course called the Yellow Brick Road. Friendships were made which will never be lost."

Chief-designate Seiple shared what he would like to accomplish in his first 100 days as Chief.

- Review all personnel records, policies and standard operating procedures.
- Meet with all personnel and solicit their remarks regarding suggestions for department programs.
- Assign officers areas of responsibility, which reflect their training.
- Attempt to meet the public officials, business-persons and community representatives and advise them of our open door policy for complaints, concerns or suggestions.
- Actively pursue the construction of a police headquarters.

Finally, he was asked to share the areas he'd like to improve in the department during his first year as chief.

- Improve the working conditions of the officers through continuing training and review of equipment.
- Institute a Crime Watch in each of our municipalities.
- Begin bicycle patrol, and foot patrol where and when it is feasible.
- Explore possibilities of beginning a motorcycle patrol for parades and special events.
- Research grants and other avenues of funding.
- Host more community-oriented events and programs.
- Host training seminars for area police departments.
- Actively pursue the construction of a new police headquarters.

Chief-designate Seiple resides in Bushkill Township with his wife Cynthia who is employed as the Staff Development Coordinator of Moravian Hall Square Retirement Community in Nazareth. They are the proud parents of three children, sons Ryan and Randy and a daughter Christine.

Spang Retires

Linda, whom he has been married to since 1966 and enjoy his hobbies, which are fishing, reading, home repairs and his grandchildren, Caitlin and Abigail.

The Chief also plans on continuing his small consulting business that deals with police hiring and occasionally instruct in police supervision.

Do You Have That Sinking Feeling?

by John Diacogiannis

Have you ever had that sinking feeling, but you're not on a river, lake or ocean? You may be experiencing a sinkhole. "A sinkhole collapse is the sudden settlement or collapse of earth resulting from subterranean voids created by the action of water on limestone or similar rock formations." Sinkhole development varies in different areas of the country, depending on geologic conditions. Quite often, surface water makes its way through openings in rocks and soil and begins to dissolve the underlying limestone. Surface disturbances may compound or accelerate the problem. Poor or improper drainage often concentrates the water at the wrong place. Water pipe leaks can also contribute to or actually be the root cause of the problem, as can underground water streams

Sinkholes sometimes cause extensive damage to structures and roads resulting in costly and often uninsured repairs. Perhaps the worst area for sinkhole damage is Florida. It seems as if every year there's a car or two and even a whole house disappearing into a Florida sinkhole. Locally, the most

publicized and perhaps the most costly sinkhole event was the collapse and eventually leveling of a modern office building in downtown Allentown. Sinkholes can also be deadly. In 1993 a 100-foot wide, 25-foot deep sinkhole formed under a parking lot in Atlanta. Two people died and numerous cars were destroyed in the collapse. Limestone deposits underlie much of the Lehigh Valley. We may not be a hotbed for sinkhole activity like Florida and Kentucky, but many of us have seen the effects of sinkholes all around us. It's important that you recognize the early signs of a sinkhole and what to do when they become apparent.

Pre-collapse Sinkhole Indicators:

- ☀ Water runoff is ponding where it had not previously.
- ☀ Cracks begin to appear on the ground surface.
- ☀ Posts, fences or trees begin to tilt.
- ☀ Small preliminary holes begin to appear on the ground or macadam.
- ☀ Vegetation is wilting in a localized area, while surrounding area is fine.
- ☀ Nearby well water begins to experience turbidity.
- ☀ Realize that there is sometime little or no warning that a sinkhole will open up.

What to do if a sinkhole opens on or near your property...

If your home is threatened, contact your homeowners insurance company (hopefully you already have sinkhole coverage). Take steps to limit further damage and to correct the situation. Seek professional help. Keep others, especially children well clear of the hole. The subsurface void can be far larger than the surface hole. The ground surrounding the hole can be very dangerously unstable.

If a public road is threatened, contact the township office as soon as possible. If the road surface has already collapsed, also immediately contact the Colonial Regional Police Department.

DO NOT IGNORE A SINKHOLE, no matter how small or insignificant it seems. The problem can worsen over time. Even the pre-collapse indicators should be investigated for a possible developing sinkhole.

A word about insurance coverage for sinkhole damage.

Damage caused by sinkholes is not covered by standard homeowner's insurance. Sinkhole damage coverage can usually be added to your policy for a minimal cost. This covers the physical damage to dwellings and personal property caused directly by sinkhole collapse. Contact your insurance company or agent to determine if your policy includes sinkhole coverage and consider obtaining it if you don't.

Fire Company News

by Mindy George,
First Vice President

On behalf of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company I would like to thank all the residents and businesses that so far this year have donated to the annual fund drive. We are about half way to our goal but have a lot of work ahead of us. The Fire Company has recently sent out reminder cards asking for donations. We ask those who have not donated to remember the Fire Company and donate what ever they are able to. Santa Claus will be coming out on Saturday December 14, 2002. More information will follow as time draws near. The Fire Company is always looking for men/women to volunteer their time and talents for the fire fighting and ambulance units of the fire company. Please stop by our station any Monday night after 7 p.m. to check out where your talents may best be suited to help your families, friends and neighbors.

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-of-way 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 Office with questions or to get a permit and tree list. Also available is a free Tree Care brochure from the Shade Tree Commission.

The Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of "static" (that is, static electricity) at gas pumps. They have researched 150 cases of these fires. The results were very surprising:

1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.

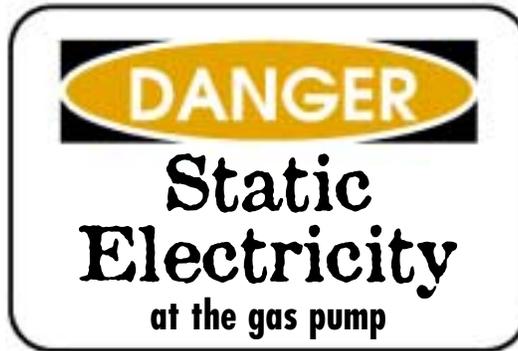
2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas, when finished and they went back to pull the nozzle out the fire started, as a result of static.

3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.

4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.

5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas

6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.



7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was reentered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes and models. Some resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, and to the customer.

8) Seventeen fires that occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed and before fueling began.

NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

As mentioned earlier, The Petroleum Equipment Institute, along with several other companies now, are really trying to make the public aware of this danger. You can find out more information by going to <http://www.pei.org>. Once here, click in the center of the screen where it says "Stop Static".



Voters to decide funding for fire companies

By Senator Charles W. Dent, 16th Senatorial District

Pennsylvania voters will have an opportunity during the upcoming general election to participate in a referendum that will decide whether the Commonwealth should borrow up to \$100 million to create a program to improve volunteer fire and emergency services.

The referendum question reads as follows:

"Do you favor the incurring of indebtedness of up to \$100,000,000 for the purpose of establishing a program that utilizes capital and other related methods to enhance and improve the delivery of volunteer fire and volunteer emergency services in this Commonwealth as hereafter authorized by the statute?"

The proposal to place the referendum on the ballot was included in the tax code bill that was passed with the state budget in June. The measure also directs the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to study other possible funding sources for firefighters.

Most of Pennsylvania's 2,400 fire companies are volunteer organizations that rely on donations and fundraising to meet their equipment, training and building needs -- all of which are becoming more burdensome. While some larger communities are able to provide financial assistance to volunteer fire and ambulance companies through special taxes and fees, others simply cannot afford to.

As a result, many organizations are struggling financially, and no amount of chicken barbecues, pancake breakfasts or bingo nights can supply all of the funding they require.

These departments need volunteers and they need your support. It is disheartening to know that sometimes fewer than 1 in 5 citizens send money, even though everyone benefits. Our police and fire departments are the first responders to crises. The plain truth is that our fire departments in many communities do not have the vehicles nor the personnel needed to deal with potential emergencies.

Pennsylvania's firefighters and emergency responders deserve our support, our respect, and our undying thanks. It is my hope that voters will take time to study this issue, and that they will turn out on Election Day -- Tuesday, November 5th -- to decide this very important referendum.

Anniversary Special Hanover Township Community Center



Bring in this coupon and receive one free additional month to any new annual membership purchased in the month of November!

HTCC memberships are available in a variety of user friendly formats, from annual basic memberships for an adult, youth, or family as well as fitness memberships in 1 or 3 month increments. Stop by the front desk and choose the membership that fits your individual needs!!



Expiration Date: 11/30/02



September 11th Remarks

John J. Finnigan, Jr., Vice Chairman – Board of Supervisors

Good Evening, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I welcome you to tonight's Night of Remembrance. I would imagine that most of us have vivid memories of where we were and what we were doing the morning of September 11, 2001. Some of us were in school; some at work, some at home. No matter what we were engaged in dramatically changed as planes flew into the World Trade Center Towers & the Pentagon, and crashed in an open field in Western Pennsylvania.

Our individual activities and priorities quickly became secondary to the heroic efforts that were unfolding before our eyes, broadcast live into our schools, places of work and homes.

Today, the shock and magnitude of the events of one year ago today still linger. The fear of further attacks on American soil has changed the way we approach our daily activities, and in particular days that have special meaning to Americans: Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day.

Fortunately, the events of 9-11 have also forged a new sense of patriotism. A stronger sense of what it means to live in a country that allows free speech, freedom of religious expression and like tonight, the right to assemble. America became a stronger and brighter beacon of hope in the manner in which it responded to a terrorist attack.

We gather tonight as a community, to respectfully and patriotically retire one of the brightest and beautiful reminders of our freedom – "Old Glory". Like each of us tonight I am proud to be an American and participate in this event with friends and neighbors. Tonight, I not only share a sense of community with each one present, but I also have a deep feeling of personal pride to have been able to join with my family and friends and watch "Old Glory" be raised for the first time on a flagpole my son John installed as part of his Eagle Project.

The first attack by a foreign foe on the mainland of the United States was meant to bring America down. What it has done however in awaken a sleeping giant. America today is stronger, more united and determined than it has ever been in its proud history.

Today, September 11, 2002 America celebrates and commemorates Patriot Day. We honor and pay tribute to the victims and heroes of one year ago today. We celebrate, because through adversity, individuals rose to the moment, disregarding their own personal safety and willingly risked their lives to save others. Americans today stand tall, proud and united.

Tonight as we assemble here, defenders of our freedom, the members United States Military are on guard at home and around the world, risking their lives to maintain a safe homeland for each of us. In closing I'd like to share the following with you...

"God, our Heavenly Father, source of unity and peace, You know the dilemma the American people face. Hear our plea to You, seeking Your grace and protection in this time of anguish. Strengthen and renew the faith of our nation and all that serve it. Help us confront the difficulties of the future with hope and courage.

We ask Your blessing on our leader, our allies and our men and women in the armed forces as they are called upon during this time of need. Keep them in Your Fatherly care and let them realize that You are with them in their mission. Bring them back safely to the place they long to be.

Fill their hearts with the desire to ensure justice and equality for all. Give them your constant encouragement as the strive for "enduring freedom." In Your kindness, watch over those separated from their loved ones.

Keep us save from further terrorism and restore to us tranquility and peace. Bless us with Your mercy, strengthen us with Your love and guide us with Your Wisdom."

May God Bless America!

Hon. Craig A. Dally

138th State Legislative District

It's a great honor for me to be here on this solemn day for this special ceremony.

As terrorists attacked our nation one year ago today, the flag gave us great comfort. It is a symbol of our national unity, our national endeavor and our national aspiration.

The attacks of September 11th changed our nation forever. Not a day passes that we don't think of the victims, and the family and friends of the victims, who were killed or injured in the horrific attack on our nation's sovereignty. Just one year ago — life was given a new meaning.

Indeed, September 11, 2001 was a day of tragedy but also a day of heroism ... a day of national unity in the face of terror ... a day that forced us to re-examine our patriotism ... and events like this flag raising and flag retirement this evening is a great demonstration of patriotism.

It is important this evening that we reflect not on the carnage of the events of one year ago but the courage ... not on terrorism, but on heroism ... not on our vulnerability, but on our resilience.

Just nine days after the terrorist attacks on America, President Bush addressed Congress and stated: "The advance of human freedom – the greatest achievement of our time – now depends on us. Our nation – this generation – will lift a dark threat of violence from our people and our future."

It is very important that we remember these words as we move ahead in a very different world.

As America's leaders and defenders progress toward the ultimate goal of removing terrorism from our world, we must wholeheartedly support their efforts.

In doing so, we honor the memory of the victims of September 11th.

But there are other, more personal ways that each of us can honor those souls: Cherish your loved ones. Live every day as the gift that it is. Help your neighbor; Help a friend; Help a stranger in need. Get involved in our churches, schools and community endeavors, like scouting. Love your country. And never ever forget the day that changed all of us.

Thank you and may God Bless America.

HONORED AND

On September 5, 2002 Hanover Township hosted a parade honoring the **2002 Pennsylvania State Little League Champions - Lehigh Little League**. The players and coaches rode in Mazda Miatas supplied by the Lehigh Valley Miata Owners Club. Members of the Championship team residing in Hanover: Greg DeSarro, Luke Foley, Michael Fritz, John Lule, Brendan Mohler, Joseph Murray, Joey Orlando, Justin Rivera, Colon Santoro, Rocky Sawyer, Bobby Stauffer and Dave Zubia. They were joined by Ben Eichman from the City of Bethlehem and Kevin Kowalishen from Northampton. The Manager Sam Murray and Coaches Dominick DeSarro and Rich Santoro are all residents of Hanover Township.

The City of Bethlehem joined with the Special Events Committee and the Community Center in providing the team with a night they will never forget. Participating in the parade was the City of Bethlehem Police, Fire and EMS Departments. Also participating was



Bethlehem Police Motorcycle & Bike Units lead the Little League Parade up Jacksonville Road.



The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company was out in force.



Players and Coaching staff seated in front of the Community Center



Little League Players ride in style.



Supervisor Vice Chairman Jay Finnigan addressing the Players as Mayor Cunningham looks on.



REMEMBERED

the entire Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Police and Ambulance Corp, Colonial Regional Police Department and the Northampton County Sheriffs Department. Just Born sent their mini-cars!

Dignitaries who participated were Hanover Supervisors Glenn Walbert, Frank Colon, John Diacogiannis and Jay Finnigan, Jim Sterner – Hanover Township Manager, Don Cunningham, Mayor – City of Bethlehem, Glenn Reibman - Northampton County Executive, Senators Charlie Dent & Lisa Boscola, State Representatives Craig Dally & Steve Samuelson and Linda Sterner – Hanover Township Secretary Treasurer.

After the parade that started at the Bethlehem Municipal Ice Rink on Illick's Mill Road and concluded at the Community Center the payers and staff were presented with numerous citations from legislative bodies and gifts from local business.



Rocky Sawyer sings the National Anthem on September 11th.



Old Glory starting to ascend the flag-pole installed by John J. Finnigan, III as part of his Eagle Project



Freedom High Schools Fife and Drum Corp playing Amazing Grace on September 11th.



John Lule playing Taps on September 11th



Scouts and township residents participating in the September 11th program



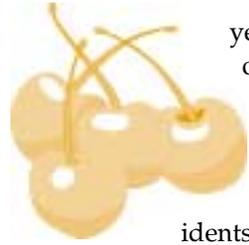
Troop 302 prepares to raise Old Glory on September 11th.



Scouts, members of the Fire Company and residents await the Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 11th.

“Stafore Cherry Trees”

by Joan Witiak



When Stafore Estates was built 35 years ago, each property had at least one cherry tree in the front yard. The trees have graced this development for all these years. Unfortunately, the life span of Kwanzan cherry trees is only 25-35 years. Stafore residents know only too well that their cherry trees are dying or have died. When a cherry tree dies now, it must be replaced with a tree from our approved list. If a Stafore property does not have a cherry tree in the front yard near the street, the tree may have died years ago, before our Street Tree Ordinance, requiring the replacement of dead street trees, was enacted. The Shade Tree Commission is asking any Stafore property owner who does not have a cherry tree in the front yard near the street to voluntarily plant a replacement tree from our approved list, if there is room and if another tree has not already been planted. The original intention was to beautify the development with street trees. We thank the property owners who have already replaced their cherry trees. They are helping to keep Hanover Township a beautiful and desirable place to live.

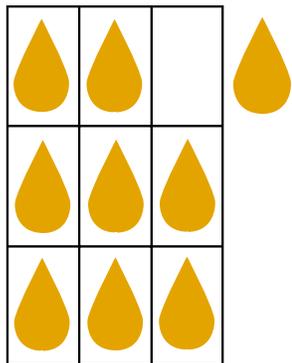
THE GIFT OF LIFE - Miller Memorial Blood Center

by Marie Clemens - Director, Public Relations

A community cannot exist without certain basic services. There must be a supplier of electrical power, gas, water and transportation. There must also be a blood supply for a community's healthcare system to function adequately. Because blood cannot be manufactured, the only source is the volunteer blood donor.

In our region (Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Berks, Bucks & Montgomery, PA, counties; Warren & Sussex, NJ, counties), we are very fortunate to have a caring, giving community. Thanks to the generosity of blood donors, everyone in our service area and their families are beneficiaries of the blood program.

Why should you donate blood? A continuous supply of blood is essential to the health and welfare of our community. Most donors say that they give blood because it makes them feel good to know they have been able to help someone. Sharing your good health by donating blood provides a gift to the recipient. That gift is the opportunity for extended life.



Township Briefs

Snow & Sidewalks

Please remember if you have sidewalk adjoining your property all snow must be removed within 36 hours after a storm. This includes the sidewalks on your property (front, side and rear). Please do not shovel snow into the streets!

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.

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!

PROPERTY OWNERS

Please note that the when time permits the Township trims 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 pedestrian's 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)

Is there anything more special than a chance for tomorrow?

If you are in good health, 17 years of age or older, and weigh at least 110 pounds, you will most likely meet the medical requirements to give blood. There is no upper age limit for donors.

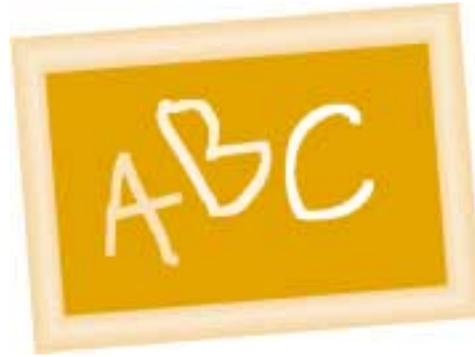
For more information or to schedule an appointment to donate, call 610-691-5850 or 800-223-6667, or visit the Blood Center's website at www.hcsc.org.

Asa Packer School News

We were delighted to welcome 341 students on the Opening Day of the new school year. The PTO's Helping Hands volunteer committee, as well as our PUMA Mascot, brought to us by Linda Kalamar, Asa Packer PUMA parent "emeritus", were of great assistance to staff in helping to assure children got off to a safe and happy "WOW" start for the new school year.

The year has been filled with the beginnings of a variety of academic projects and learning experiences that supplement the program. Asa Packer's weekly school wide TV broadcast news show, APTV, produced by students under the direction of Mr. Peter Mindler, has debut to high ratings! Intramural activities, supervised by Mrs. Gale Sydlowski, have begun with volleyball for 4th and 5th graders. Puma Press, the school newspaper, will begin publication activities shortly under the direction of teachers Mary Roehrenbeck and Matthew Lyons.

Learning also extends into our community. Two student council representatives from each homeroom were elected after a brief campaign. Monthly meetings led by third grade teacher Mrs. Peggy Crim will provide time for the representatives to plan for the varied activities they have planned for the coming year. The first semester plans focus on bake sales for parent conferences, community service outreach projects for Thanksgiving, and visits to a Senior Citizens' residence to read and share their love of music with residents. Special October schoolwide highlights include a visit from the Hanover Township Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week and participation in the Bethlehem Halloween parade supported by our PTO.



Hanover Elementary School News

We had a great start to another new school year. Although we said good-bye to Mrs. Horvath, we welcomed two new teachers to Hanover—Mrs. Rauenzahn in Kindergarten, and Ms. Poole in Fourth Grade. We are happy to have them. We wish Mrs. Horvath all the best on her retirement.

Back-to-School Night was held in September with a great turnout of parents who came to meet their children's teachers. We also had a wonderful week during American Education Week as our parents were given an opportunity to "sit in" on their child's classes and be involved with some of the activities. It was a lot of fun!

We had the opportunity to meet the new BASD Superintendent, Dr. Joseph A. Lewis, recently and were able to learn a little about his educational philosophy and plans for the District.

Plans for our Book Fair and Great Person's Day are underway and always meet with great enthusiasm.

We will also be working on a project organized by a Liberty High School junior to help make sure that all students in the BASD have warm winter outerwear.

We wish to congratulate our last year's Fifth Grade Class that continued the trend of improving PSSA scores at Hanover. We are proud of them and hope their hard work continues to pay off as they go through middle and high school.

On Halloween, the students will participate in their annual "Halloween Parade" through some of the neighboring streets in the Township. Of course, the best part is the parties that are held in the classrooms after our weary walkers return!

We will be having a Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 5 (Election Day), beginning at 7 am. Everyone is welcome to stop by. You can enjoy some Fall goodies and help support our children.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

by the Special Events Committee

We are looking back on this year and feeling privileged to have lived in such a wonderful community. As members of this year's Special Events Committee, we planned and presented many of the wonderful events that took place in our Township.

We were honored to take charge of the Fifth Annual Sousa Concert, First Annual Family Fun Day, Lehigh Little League Night, Lehigh Little League Celebration Parade, John Finnigan's Eagle Scout Project and Flagpole Dedication, the Hanover Halloween Parade and Party, and the upcoming Hanover "Holiday Tree" ceremony.

Even with all of our preparation, we would not have succeeded if it were not for the help of local businesses and volunteers. They gave us their time, product dona-

tions and money so that we could make all of these community events happen.

For that reason, we want to say thank you to the following businesses and individuals who have shown true "Community Spirit"; National Penn Bank; Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network; Westgate Mall; Thomas E. Michael Agency; Mark's Appliance Service; KRM Financial Services; Pepsi; Hanover Engineering; Lafayette Ambassador Bank; Faulkner Cadillac; Gregory's Restaurant; Boyle Associates; Team Imaging Inc.; Holiday Inn at the Gateway; Dr. Mark Steinberg, D.D.S.; Southland Condominium Association; PNC Bank; Hanover Garden Center; Broughal & DeVito; Dr. Louis Pagano, D.D.S.; Jim

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Report to Hanover Township

By Hon. Craig A. Dally – 138th Legislative District

Conventional wisdom states that legislators don't tackle tough issues in an election year. That certainly is not an approach being followed by the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

This year when 203 House seats and 25 seats in the Senate are on the ballot, we are attempting to solve problems that have been facing Pennsylvania residents for several years – the high cost of liability and malpractice insurance and rising property taxes.

In June the General Assembly passed, and the governor signed into law, the most significant reform to Pennsylvania's civil justice system in more than two decades. The Fair Share Act partially repeals the legal doctrine of joint and several liability and implements a system of comparative responsibility in which defendants in civil cases are required to pay only a share of the award equal to their responsibility for damages caused.

Under the prior law, if a court determined that you were even 1 percent at fault for someone's injury then you could have been responsible for paying the entire sum of the award if the other defendants were financially unable to do so. Civil cases often turned into a hunt for defendants with the greatest financial resources, even if they were only remotely connected to the case or minimally responsible.

The Fair Share Act eliminates the joint and several principle entirely for defendants in civil cases found to be less than 60 percent liable and requires that a defendant be held responsible for only his or her share of the liability. So if a court deems someone responsible for 10 percent of the fault, that defendant will be responsible for only 10 percent of the total award.

The Fair Share Act is based upon the principle that compensation is fair when it is paid in accordance with one's relative fault, not one's ability to pay. It is a common sense solution that will restore balance and fairness to the judicial system, while at the same time maintaining a person's right to seek legal recourse for injuries wrongfully incurred.

The new law exempts cases involving drunken drivers and environmental damage, such as a toxic spill or a leak from an underground storage tank. The environmental exemption was necessary to address the often-significant time gap between when the damage occurred and when it is discovered.

Frivolous lawsuits and nuisance settlements invariably lead to higher health care costs and exorbitant medical malpractice insurance premiums.

When new businesses look to locate and existing businesses look to expand, a state's civil litigation climate plays a prominent role in the decision making process.

In October, the General Assembly approved legislation requiring medical malpractice lawsuits be tried only in the county where the alleged malpractice act occurred. The amendment is another part of our effort to address the medical malpractice crisis.

Venue shopping is a common practice among attorneys who seek to file lawsuits in certain areas of the state,

primarily Philadelphia, where jurors and judges tend to award extraordinarily high dollar amounts in medical malpractice cases.

Under current law, medical malpractice cases may be moved to another county if, for example, a piece of equipment used by the health care provider was made in another location or the hospital or physician's practice has a business relationship in another county.

Property Taxes

Fair and tax are two words seldom paired in political rhetoric. The term unfair is most often associated with the property tax. Those hurt most by property taxes are the working poor and the middle class, as well as our elderly population – who are forced to pay an increasingly higher property tax bill with a static income. High property taxes can also cripple the business environment, as prospective entrepreneurs often avoid regions with high property taxes.

Although eliminating the property tax has been suggested, the revenue lost by its elimination would have to be made up with some other kind of tax. While this might relieve the financial burden on some segments of the population -- business-people or renters, perhaps -- could be adversely affected by a new tax system.

A special session on property taxation is now underway. Please remember that we live in a very diverse state, and different regions have unique problems created by different forms of taxation. In other words, "One Size Doesn't Fit All."

While definitive action to reform property taxes may not take place until after the Nov. 5 election, it is encouraging that serious debate has already begun.

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You can get information on our annual events and a few new additions like the Iron Chef Cook-Off and Community Banner projects in the near future. Thank you for making Hanover such a remarkable place to live.

Primate directive: helping the wild orangutans

Hanover Township man travels to Indonesia to help save endangered animals.

By Kathy Lauer-Williams of *The Morning Call*

With only 20,000 orangutans left on two Southeast Asian islands, experts predict the big red ape will disappear from the wild within 10 years. Between baby orangutans being ripped from their mothers to be sold as pets and a forest home shrinking from illegal logging, the primates face a losing battle. But a Northampton County man hopes to make a difference.

Dave Dellatore of Hanover Township decided to put college on hold to help his favorite animals. The 22-year-old recently returned from a year in Indonesia, where he helped rehabilitate orangutans, and plans to return in the fall. While there, he braved malaria, worm infestations, crocodiles and scorpions. But he says saving the animals is worth the risk.

"I can't wait two years," he said. "Their situation is bad now and we're going to change that."

The young man is so serious about his calling he had three orangutans tattooed on his back.

Dellatore has been passionate about orangutans since he was 10 and saw them at the San Diego Zoo. "There was just something about them," he said. "Maybe they picked me."

At first, the young Dellatore indulged his interest by watching Hollywood movies such as "Every Which Way but Loose," in which an orangutan rides shotgun with Clint Eastwood. But as Dellatore got older he thought those types of movies exploited the animals.

Two years ago, Dellatore went to Thailand and Malaysia, where he checked out a rehabilitation center for gibbons. But it was Indonesia, home of the orangutans, that beckoned Dellatore.

"It was just what I wanted to do," he said. Dellatore left college to volunteer at Camp Leaky, near Indonesia's Tanjung Puting National Park. "I wasn't expecting to stay but once got there I saw how different it is," Dellatore said. "They need a lot of help." He ultimately decided to help at the nearby Orangutan Care Center and quarantine center, where young orangutans are rehabilitated for life in the wild.

Gary Shapiro, vice president of Orangutan Foundation International, said the agency depends on volunteers, but it's unusual for someone to be as committed as Dellatore.

"There's a certain kind of bonding," Shapiro said. "You can't give it up. I've been going back and forth for 24 years."

Dellatore said as many as nine orangutans in one week are confiscated by police and brought to the center. He said it is a status symbol for the rich to have them as pets, although it's illegal.

The primates can have a lifespan of 50 years, but "they don't last long in captivity," Dellatore said. "Each one is so absolutely unique, when they're put in a cage they don't make it."

Dellatore said one of the biggest problems is poachers who shoot female orangutans to get the babies to sell as

pets. He said young orangutans stay with their mother until they are 9 years old.

"If it's a mother they shoot it and the baby hangs on," he said. "Each and every one of our orangutans has seen its mother killed and then been taken away in a cage."

He said one of the young apes had its right side paralyzed when it was ripped off its dead mother.

Dellatore said the juvenile orangutans don't know how to forage in the forest and build nests, skills that would be taught by the mother. That's where the volunteers come in. They take the orangutans into the forest, allowing the younger ones to learn necessary skills from the older ones.

Two of Dellatore's young charges were Darwin, an orphan who nearly died of a worm infestation before Dellatore nursed him back to health, and David, a 5-year-old found alone, suffering from machete wounds.

"David cried all day for two or three days," Dellatore said. "It was just horrible. David is special, but Darwin is my baby. I took him in from the beginning. He didn't know how to climb trees or build a nest. The first time I saw Darwin build a nest I was so absolutely happy I was smiling inside and out."

Dellatore said the center has 130 orangutans and more keep coming. One of the main problems is loss of habitat from logging. Dellatore said in 1995, Indonesia had 247 million acres of forest. Last year that was down to 4.9 million acres.

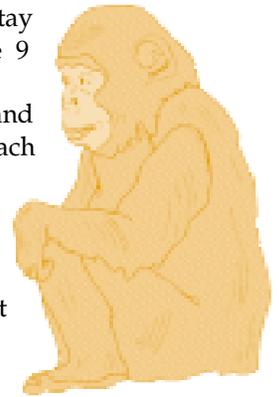
"It's getting worse," said Shapiro. "With the decentralization of the government, law enforcement agencies are reluctant to step in and stop illegal logging. It's pandemic throughout Indonesia."

Dellatore said the center has released 40 orangutans back into the wild.

"It works," he said. "They're as wild as can be. You can't get near them."

Now that Dellatore is back home he is working as a delivery person to raise money to return to Indonesia in September. He hopes to get a research visa and study the released orangutans.

Shapiro said there is still hope for the orangutan. "We can turn it around and at least protect the natural preserves," Shapiro said. "The people have to learn the forest is not just logs and wood, but a jewel they should treasure for future generations." Dellatore is eager to return to the forest and see how David and Darwin are doing. "I can't stay away," he said. "Coming from a Western point of view, you think you can change the world. But things take time. I'm happy with small steps."



Come to the Retirement Celebration for Chief Spang

Chief Daniel A. Spang

**Saturday, December 28, 2002
7:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn
Route 512**

Please join us as we honor Chief Daniel A. Spang on the occasion of his retirement as Chief of the Colonial Regional Police Department.

Cost \$30.00 per person
Cash bar will be available

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