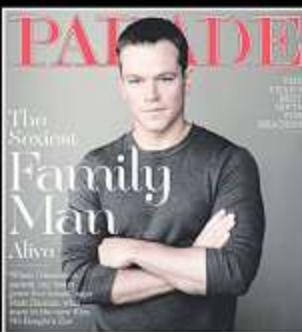


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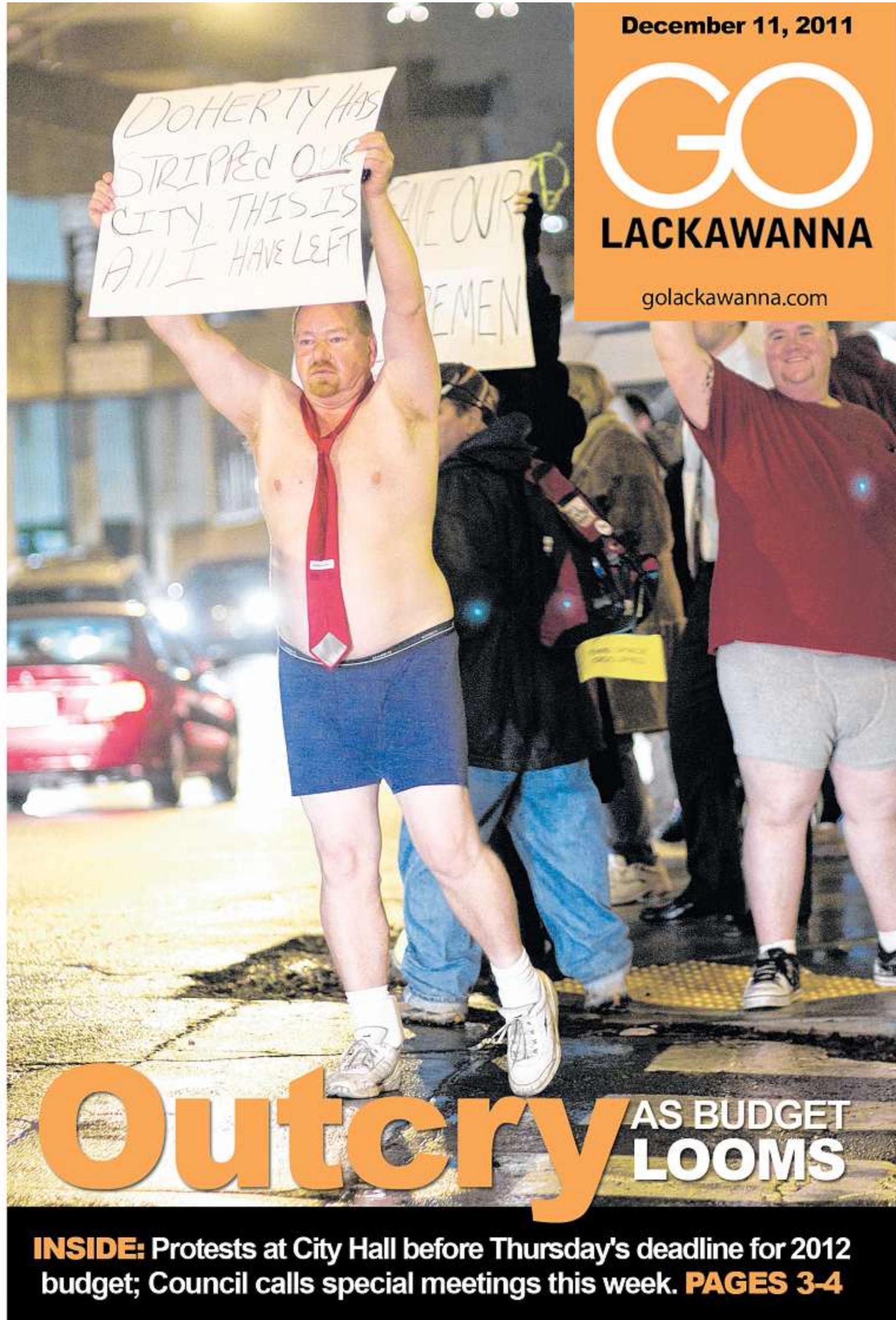
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University of Scranton junior guard Christina Hiltunen shoots during Scranton's 69-55 loss to Moravian.
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‘Strong’ errors in Rick Perry’s ad



I'm not afraid to admit that I was raised Catholic. Even though it's been a few years since I've sat down in a pew on a Sunday morning or Saturday afternoon, there's something I find sickening about one presidential candidate's ad.

“Strong,” a 31 second ad released by Republican Texas Governor and presidential hopeful Rick Perry on Dec. 6, according to his YouTube channel, claims that “there's something wrong in this country when gays can serve openly in the military but our kids can't openly celebrate Christmas or pray in school.”

There's a few things I find offensive and inaccurate about his sentiment.

BEHIND THE BYLINES

CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES

First and foremost, if anyone – lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer – has the desire and the physical capacity to serve our country, may whatever higher power they believe in, if any, be with them.

Admittedly, I would be a terrible soldier, and I hold the men and women who serve this country and sometimes pay the ultimate price in the highest regard.

At military funerals, we should ask, “Did they die doing what they love?” and not “Who did they love?”

Put me on as far left of the aisle

as you think I belong, but I just don't feel that a person's sexual orientation should be a political point.

I was raised to appreciate all people as part of my largely Catholic upbringing.

My own in-laws have come out of the closet in recent years. One of them was a former member of the United States Navy. Another is his daughter. They're among the most genuine, kind-hearted people I have ever met. That didn't change when they told their family about their personal lives.

Secondly, I have a daughter in school. I've attended her Christmas concerts.

I for one haven't noticed additional, unnecessary musical rests where Santa Claus, Christmas, reindeer, and a tannenbaum once were. When she asks about the

school's Christmas gift shop, she isn't sternly corrected that it is a generic holiday present marketplace.

Furthermore, I wouldn't be offended if my daughter sang about Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, or Bodhi Day, either. School is where she should learn about others' customs and vice versa.

We should be less concerned over a student's right to pray in school and more worried about the quality of education he or she receives.

If the dislikes on Perry's YouTube copy of the ad are a remote indication, I'm certainly not alone in my disgust. By Saturday, it garnered 564,103 thumbs down votes versus 16,522 likes.

Your views don't appear to be shared by the majority of Americans, Mr. Perry.

I'll pray that they never are.

CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES approves this message. Email him at chughes@golackawanna.com.

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RICH HOWELLS PHOTO

City Council finance chair Frank Joyce discusses amendments to the mayor's suggested budget during a Dec. 3 meeting.

Split could put Doherty's proposed plan into effect

By RICH HOWELLS

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SCRANTON – City Council's first action as their meeting began on Tuesday was to table the controversial 2012 budget, which was set for a final vote that evening.

Council Finance Chair Frank Joyce said that council needs more time to speak to Business Administrator Ryan McGowan, the Pennsylvania Economy League, and the Department of Community and Economic Development for clarification on unpaid bills and unfunded debt borrowing, as well as allow council more time to reconsider their budget amendments.

Amendments reduce taxes, keep

fire layoffs

Announced at a special meeting on Dec. 3, council's amendments, which increase the budget from \$83.9 million to \$84.9 million, reduce Mayor Chris Doherty's 2012 proposed tax increases, but do not budget for 29 firefighters set to be cut in January.

Under council's amendments, the real estate tax increase will be decreased from 29.1 percent to 4.8 percent, the real estate transfer tax will be decreased from 2.9 percent to 2.8 percent, and the business privilege and mercantile taxes will be decreased from 33.3 percent to 16.7 percent.

Decreases will be accomplished

through reductions in expenditures and the elimination of two administrative positions, four Department of Public Works administrative positions, 18 union positions, and casual DPW workers other than lifeguards for city pools.

No expenditure cuts were made in the City Controller's Office, the Treasurer's Office, the Office of Economic and Community Development, or the Single Tax Office, where seven positions the mayor cut were restored.

While council feels this will "soften the blow of the proposed tax increases provide Scranton residents with a government that they can afford," according to Joyce's PowerPoint presentation, the legislatures

said their "hands are tied" when it comes to the proposed layoffs of 29 firefighters.

The amendments, however, keep the mayor's restoration of six police officers laid off in August. Joyce said that council could entertain budgeting for additional firefighters if Doherty would pledge in writing that he would not impose the layoffs, which would leave Scranton with 100 firefighters, though Council President Janet Evans said on Tuesday that he would not agree to do so.

International Association of Fire Fighters Local 60 President and Scranton Fire Lt. Dave Gervasi asked

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Doherty's Act 47 testimony eyes unions, arbitration

By RICH HOWELLS
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HARRISBURG – Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty joined with other mayors and government officials from across the state in the Capitol Rotunda on Thursday afternoon for a press conference to discuss Act 47 and to reverse the October Supreme Court decision regarding Act 111 arbitration awards under Act 47 that will cost the city millions.

Assembled by the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities, a non-profit organization that serves as an advocate for Pennsylvania's third class cities, the officials urged legislators to enact "measures to prevent municipalities from entering Act 47 by providing the necessary tools for municipal self-reliance," according to a PLCM press release.

Doherty believes the primary issue legislators should focus on is changing Act 111, the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act that superseded Scranton's distressed status in a 6-1 state Supreme Court ruling on Oct. 19.

"Presently there is no law in place that forces the neutral arbitration to consider a city's ability to pay," Doherty said in his prepared statement.

"The best course of action that the state government can take would be to pass new laws that allow cities to address legacy cost and revenue opportunity...In the future, the biggest challenges that cities of Pennsylvania are going to face are pensions. Most mid-size and larger cities are simply paying out more than they are putting in. At the end of the next decade, pension funds will no longer be able to pay out benefits."

The city of Scranton has been in distressed status for 19 years, but the mayor believes that a city should

only be under Act 47 for 18 months. If the municipality is unable to make "the necessary decision" to leave Act 47 after this period, he said the state should take over and "make those decisions for the city."

He also recognized the need for new revenue sources, asking the panel to consider making county-wide sales tax available to every county in Pennsylvania.

Doherty placed much of the blame for Scranton's financial situation on the city's public safety unions, saying that since 2003, the unions have "forced" the city into state courts, resulting in the more than \$20 million now due in arbitration awards. He added that "none of the police and fire unions contributes to their healthcare plan."

International Association of Fire Fighters Local 60 President and Scranton Fire Lt. Dave Gervasi also attended the conference along with other union officials, including City Clerk Nancy Krake, who serves as president of the Scranton Central Labor Council.

Gervasi called many of Doherty's statements "lies," saying that the arbitrator did take into consideration the city's ability to pay because the city "wasn't truthful" about its finances and has "raided" workers' pension plans for years, driving legacy costs up.

"When they came in and said the city was broke, we came in and proved with independent audits that the city wasn't broke, that the city was in fact lying to the arbitrators and the judges," Gervasi said, adding that Act 47 and the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority also forces arbitrators to consider the city's

Citizens



JASON RIEDMILLER PHOTOS / FOR GO LACKAWANNA

Protesters gather on North Washington Avenue on Tuesday before City Council was set to discuss the 2012 budget that would cut 29 firefighters.

Rally rails against cuts

By RICH HOWELLS
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SCRANTON – More than 100 people stood outside City Hall before City Council's regular meeting on Tuesday evening to protest the elimination of 29 firefighters in Mayor Chris Doherty's proposed 2012 budget, an action which council says they are powerless to stop.

Demonstrators of all ages stood in the rain for about two hours holding signs asking Doherty to keep local firehouses open and protect public safety, receiving honking horns of approval from passers-by.

Scranton firefighter Brian Murray, who organized the event and is number 21 of the 29 set to be laid off, said that while their initial reaction was to simply fight the layoffs, it is the safety of the public that is the primary issue they hope to bring attention to.

"With these cuts, we're going to have a major safety issue that no one wants to address. We've brought it to everyone's attention, and now it's come to a point where the public is getting involved....Most of the people here aren't firefighters," Murray said.

"Just the fact that these people would stand in the rain to let the administration and council know



Mike Van Orden protests proposed cuts to the fire department outside City Hall.

that public safety should be first is phenomenal."

International Association of Fire Fighters Local 60 President and Scranton Fire Lt. Dave Gervasi told council at a special meeting on Dec. 3 that reinstating at least 17 firefighters in the budget would provide the city "adequate" fire protection.

Murray believes that the 17 plus those paid for by Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response, or SAFER, grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency would restore the department to its current staffing level.

To city's financial woes have not been caused by fire fighters, he said.

"In the last eight years, the budget of the fire department has gone up less than 1 percent each year. In the meantime, our taxes have been raised 26 percent, we've borrowed \$84 million, and not one bit of it went to the fire department, so how could this possibly be the unions fault?"

While council has often spoken out against the layoffs, the legislators did not budget for the 29 firefighters in their 2012 budget amendments. Councilman Frank Joyce said at council's Dec. 3 meeting that their "hands are tied" because even if they did include funding for the firefighters, Doherty would ultimately lay them off come January.

"I feel as though (council has) taken a defeatist stance on the situation, and it's kind of disappointing that they haven't even found monies to replace one of our firefighters, let alone 29 of them. I find it kind of hard to believe," Murray said.

Members of Occupy Scranton, who have demonstrated against corporate greed and social and economic inequality since October,

Airport authority passes

O'Brien dissents from decision, citing case law.

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SCRANTON — Lackawanna County Commissioners approved the creation of a Municipal Airport Authority to oversee the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport at a special meeting on Wednesday morning in a 2-1 vote, with Commissioner Corey O'Brien dissenting.

The vote came two days after Luzerne County Commissioners voted unanimously to form the bi-county authority.

On Wednesday, Luzerne County Controller Walter Griffith asked the Lackawanna commissioners, as he did the Luzerne commissioners on Monday, if any of the men planned to sit on the authority themselves. All three commissioners said that they had "no intention" of sitting on the authority.

Griffith expressed concern Wednesday that the formation of the authority could have been



Commissioner Corey O'Brien said the formation of the authority unduly binds future administrations.

rushed to "put a monkey wrench in the works" for Luzerne County's newly elected county council.

While Griffith favors the formation of an authority "in the proper time and place," he felt that it should have started as a motion at a regular Luzerne County Commissioners meeting to create an authority, then advertised for 30 days and approved at a later meeting."

Commissioner Mike Washo said the authority is not a new issue, having been talked about

for years. He denied that it was being rushed and believes an authority will "clean up" and improve the administrative structure at the airport.

"You said this is a good idea, but then you're looking for ways to defeat it," Washo told Griffith. "Here you have a loosely defined entity with six county commissioners running it, none of who have the time, really, to do that. We can't run the Sewer Authority, the Housing Authority, the airport — that's why authorities are established, and they're established to get the best possible people in order to manage those authorities on behalf of those same taxpayers that voted in your new form of government."

Washo said he was always led to believe that private citizens would sit on the authority, and clarified that he only opposed the formation of an airport authority when former Commissioner Robert Cordaro planned to sit on the board, which he didn't feel was appropriate.

"I think that what we're con-

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"We can't run the Sewer Authority, the Housing Authority, the airport — that's why authorities are established, and they're established to get the best possible people in order to manage those authorities on behalf of those same taxpayers that voted in your new form of government."

— Commissioner Mike Washo

\$152M sale of Moses Taylor to CHS advances

By CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES
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SCRANTON — Lackawanna County Judge Chester Harhut signed a decree Wednesday afternoon approving the proposed sale of the Moses Taylor Healthcare System to Franklin, Tenn.-based Community Health Systems, Inc., for \$152 million.

The system, which includes Moses Taylor Hospital in Scranton, Mid-Valley Hospital in Peckville, and the Dunmore-based Physician's Health Alli-

ance, would be the second Lackawanna County healthcare system purchased by CHS this year. The former Mercy Hospital and affiliated facilities were bought for \$150 million this spring.

Karen Murphy, R.N., Ph.D., president and CEO of the Moses healthcare system, said the purchase price would settle outstanding liabilities of up to \$127 million and continue to fund a foundation focused on the system's mission.

Martin Smith, division president for CHS, said the for-profit group has committed to maintaining essential services for a minimum of five years. CHS will also continue existing relationships with The Commonwealth Medical College.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Michael T. Foerster, who heard testimony via a conference call on Wednesday, said that the attorney general's office has no objection to the transaction between Moses and CHS.

Jury splits verdict in prison stomping case

Simonson not guilty of attempted first-degree murder, guilty on all other charges.

By CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES
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SCRANTON — A jury of seven women and five men acquitted Michael Simonson on attempted first-degree murder charges Wednesday in the nearly fatal beating of Lackawanna County inmate Nicholas Pinto.

Simonson, 34, who testified Wednesday that he had a "rage building up inside of me" after being kept on a prison block with child pornography and child sexual assault suspects, was found guilty of attempted voluntary manslaughter, simple and aggravated assault, assault by a prisoner, and reckless endangerment.

The man already serving a life sentence for the April 2009 murder of Donald Skiff was often soft-spoken as the sole defense witness.

"It's sickening. It makes me sick," Simonson said of child sex crime suspects.

Simonson said he asked prison officials to be moved from the Delta block because of his anger towards such alleged criminals, including now-convicted child pornography producer Pinto.

When asked by his attorney, Bernie Brown, why he felt that way about them, Simonson responded, "Everybody should feel that way about them. They hurt little kids."

Simonson testified for 31 minutes on the third day of the attempted homicide trial. He

claimed several times that he blacked out during the Aug. 8, 2010 attack where he allegedly stomped on Pinto's head at least 15 times, leaving him with severe brain damage.

The prosecution, Assistant District Attorneys Paul Ware and Shane Scanlon, argued to the contrary, citing Simonson's written statements given to Scranton Police Det. Joseph Lafferty where he recalled punching Pinto, stomping on his head, pausing to try to open Pinto's cell door in order to reach inmate Jonathan Brownlee, and then returning to stomp on Pinto's head once again.

Simonson also allegedly told investigators that he used a bottle to prop his cell door open in order to reach Pinto when he returned from a recreation yard. Pinto, a protective custody inmate, and Simonson, an administrative custody inmate, would likely not have crossed paths otherwise.

Simonson will return to the Lackawanna County Courthouse next week on a simple assault charge for head butting protective custody inmate Michael Strackbein in Dec. 2010, and charges related to his Sept. 28 escape from the Lackawanna County Prison will likely not be heard until 2012.

On Wednesday, Ware restated his belief that Simonson brought the Pinto case to trial in an effort to set up his escape from the county jail.



Moses Taylor will likely become the second hospital system owned by Community Health Systems in the county.

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DPW worker pleads guilty to disorderly conduct charge

Robert Pope claims guilt after being caught with prostitute in vehicle.

By CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES
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SCRANTON — A Department of Public Works employee who was discovered in his personal vehicle with a 19-year-old prostitute on Black Friday pleaded guilty on Monday, Dec. 5 to one count of disorderly conduct.

Robert Pope, 63, of Harrison Avenue, Scranton, was ordered to pay a \$300 fine as a result of the plea.

The woman, Brittany Piccolo, listed as homeless, also pleaded guilty on Monday to prostitution. Piccolo was identified in paperwork last week as Brittany Wuchter, another surname she uses, according to Scranton police.

The pair was allegedly discovered near the home of an

off-duty Scranton police sergeant on the afternoon of Nov. 25. Pope told police that he paid \$20 to Piccolo in exchange for sexual favors.

He further alleged that fellow DPW employee Charles Matis called him with promises of a "nice girl who would 'take care' of him." Matis allegedly picked up Piccolo earlier that day as she walked along Capouse Avenue.

No criminal charges had been filed against Matis as of Dec. 9, although police affidavits indicated he would face charges of patronizing prostitutes, the original charge levied against Pope.

DPW Director Jeff Brazil said last week that both men were off the clock at the time of the incident.

POLICE BLOTER

The following criminal complaints were filed in Lackawanna County Court between Nov. 1 and Dec. 5. All accounts are derivative of police affidavits, all charges are pending following the suspect's respective preliminary hearings unless indicated otherwise, and all suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

BLAKELY

• DRUG CHARGES were filed Nov. 1 against **Brennan Young**, 23, of Pittston Avenue, Moosic, for the alleged possession of one small bag of marijuana, two glass pipes, and a pocket-sized scale. The items were discovered after Young allegedly failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Street in Peckville. Blakely Ptlm. Peter Petrucci was the arresting officer.

Young was charged by summons on Nov. 1 with one count each of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to yield at a yield sign. He waived a preliminary hearing on Dec. 6.

CLARKS SUMMIT

• THEFT CHARGES were filed Nov. 1 against **Kristina Lynn Iffert**, 20, of Clarks Summit, for the alleged repeat-

ed thefts committed against a borough woman who had hired her as a babysitter since 2006. Iffert allegedly sold stolen jewelry to A-1 Gold Sales, 209 S. State St., Clarks Summit. Officer Robert Shedlock was the arresting officer.

At a preliminary hearing on Dec. 5, Iffert waived one count of theft by unlawful taking and theft by deception. Seven counts of theft by unlawful taking were withdrawn.

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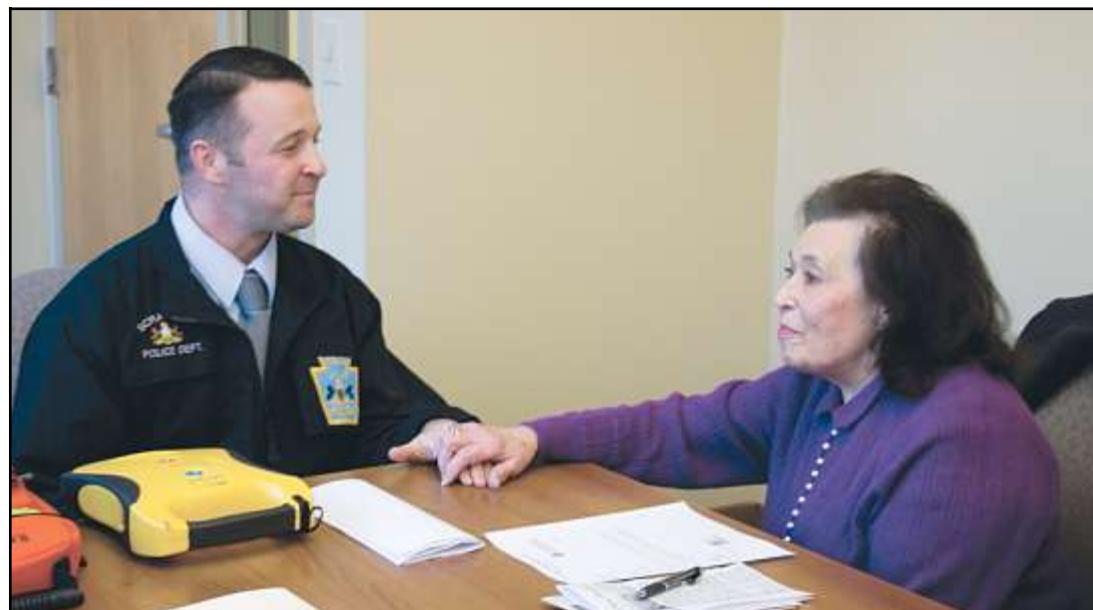
• DRUG CHARGES were filed Nov. 7 against **Brian Drozdick**, 21, of North Main Avenue, Archbald, after he was discovered with marijuana during a suspicious vehicle check at the Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant on Sept. 25. Officer Michael Fredericks was the arresting officer.

Drozdick was charged via summons with two counts of possession of marijuana and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 14.

• DRUG CHARGES were filed Nov. 7 against **Bret Nalesnik**, 22, of Lackawanna Avenue, Olyphant, after police discovered he was holding a small bag of marijuana on July 17. Officer Scott Benzeleski was the arresting officer.

Nalesnik was charged via summons with two counts of possession of marijuana and three counts of possession

POLICE RECEIVE AED DONATION



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Scranton Police Chief Dan Duffy thanks Citizens Concerned About Taxes member Adele Pollack, a Scranton resident, for the group's gift of four automated external defibrillators worth \$4,684 to the department.

CCAT held its first meeting on Nov. 30, 1986 and was formed as a means to protest, among other increases, a proposed 3 mill tax hike by the Scranton School District, according to newspaper archives provided by Pollack.

"We didn't want to be taxed any further unnecessarily or unfairly...We protected the taxpayer," she said.

"And now you're protecting the taxpayer again," Duffy added.

of drug paraphernalia. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 14.

JESSUP

• SIMPLE ASSAULT CHARGES were filed Nov. 2 against **John Smith**, 71, of Main Street, Vandling, after he allegedly bit a woman's breasts at her home on Aug. 16 after he had given her a massage with lotion. The woman was treated at Regional Hospital of Scranton for "severe breast injuries." Chief Anthony Ligi was the arresting officer.

Smith was charged via summons on Nov. 2 with simple assault and harassment. He accepted the summons on Nov. 23, and a preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 6. However, no updated court documents were available at press time.

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• DRUG CHARGES were filed Dec. 1 against **Tommie Lee Kemp**, 21, of Jefferson Street, Harrisburg, for allegedly selling 20 bags of heroin to a criminal informant that evening. Kemp was allegedly holding 25 packets of heroin, \$11 in cash, and a cell phone used to arrange the purchase. Ptlm. Lawrence Spathelf was the arresting officer.

Kemp was arraigned Dec. 1 on charges of attempt to deliver a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver,

possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, and criminal use of a communication facility. He was held for \$35,000 bail and waived a Dec. 8 preliminary hearing.

• THEFT CHARGES were filed Dec. 5 against **Robert Rhodes**, 18, of Prospect Avenue, Scranton, for the alleged theft of a 2001 Silver Dodge Intrepid belonging to Claire Warunek. Police allegedly spotted Rhodes entering the car at a gas station on Cedar Avenue as they were responding to Warunek's home on River Street. He allegedly admitted to the theft in a written statement. Ptlm. Eric Lindsay was the arresting officer.

Rhodes was arraigned Dec. 5 on charges of theft, receiving stolen property, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was held for \$5,000 bail, and a preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 12.

• SIMPLE ASSAULT CHARGES were filed Nov. 27 against **Richard Shoemaker**, 55, of Luzerne Street, Scranton, for an alleged physical fight with his son, Brian. A neighbor captured the incident that allegedly occurred outside the Luzerne Street home on a closed circuit surveillance system. Ptlm. Ed Kowalyk was the arresting officer.

Richard Shoemaker was arraigned

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joined the protesters in front of City Hall on Tuesday, including Scranton resident Jamie Husvar, who doesn't think that there are currently enough firefighters to cover the city.

"Everyone talks about Occupy Wall Street and fighting the bankers up there, but the fact of the matter is it's from the bottom up first. If we can't keep jobs, especially jobs that protect people's safety, what are we even fighting for?" Husvar asked. "Public safety shouldn't be the first thing on the chopping block."

Husvar joined several men who stripped down to their underwear to grab the attention of

passing cars, holding signs that claimed the mayor has stripped them of everything, "even our clothes," to emphasize their point.

"I would like to see council keeping fighting, but I understand where they're coming from. They are 100 percent in the firefighters' corner, but because of a decision upholding Doherty's power on it, they don't have anything they can do. It has to be the public saying something to Doherty himself to make it clear that this isn't OK," he said.

When he was younger, Husvar said he was caught in a fire and could have died without assistance from local firefighters, so he also had personal reasons to not allow the layoffs to occur quietly.

"I can't have any part in that. I've got to do something."

Occupation members return-

ed to the steps of City Hall on Thursday to continue their protest of cuts in fire protection.

When council's regular meeting started around 7 p.m., many of the protesters flooded Coun-

cil Chambers to bring their message straight to the city, including resident Marie Schumacher.

"You're putting them at risk. You're putting our personal lives

and our property at risk, and I think we are owed a visit by (Fire) Chief (Tom) Davis to tell us how he is going to cover 26 square miles safely," Schumacher told council.

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ability to pay.

The reason why the unions do not contribute to their healthcare plans, he continued, "is because we did, and then they violated our healthcare language at least seven times...and the arbitrator ruled that the city has to stop taking our healthcare contributions because they owe us probably \$2 million that they illegally took from us and left Blue Cross on the hook for about \$5 million that we were overcharged."

He clarified that while Act 47 is "an act of a legislator, Act 111 is a constitutional amendment," calling any advice the mayor was given to fight Act 111's supremacy "foolhardy at least."

Gervasi also provided the unions' perspective on Act 47 via e-mail, which stated that an exit strategy and a sunshine provision for Act 47 is

"critical," and oversight should be independent rather than designated by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Sanctions should be made for "hypocritical implementation," such as cutting public safety while creating administrative positions, and deficits should be addressed without "jeopardizing" public safety.

"The committee should also look into completely eliminating Act 47 and adopting PICA for all distressed municipalities. The PICA approach would be much fairer to both sides and would limit the labor unrest permeating the current situation," the statement reads.

"If the legislature were to enact the laws necessary to bring revenue into cities – taxing non-profits, payroll taxes – ...there would be no need for Act 47 in cases like Scranton where they didn't have a major employer pack up and leave overnight."

"A few pay for what so many enjoy."

'When they came in and said the city was broke, we came in and proved with independent audits that the city wasn't broke, that the city was in fact lying to the arbitrators and the judges.'

IAFF Local 60 President Dave Gervasi
On the city's presentation of its finances.

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council at the Dec. 3 meeting to restore at least 17 firefighters to provide the city "adequate" fire protection and criticized council for not working with the unions more on their budget amendments.

On Tuesday, IAFF Local 60 Secretary John Judge IV joined in this criticism, saying that council "has the obligation to at least try to lessen" the impact of losing 29 firefighters.

"It's your job. That's why I voted for the majority of you up there, and I'm not afraid to say that's why most of my brothers and sisters voted for the majority of the people that are sitting up there. We knew that you took public safety seriously, and that's what we want to continue to see," Judge told council.

Sign-holding protesters who demonstrated against the firefighter layoffs before council's Tuesday meeting echoed the fire union's statements throughout the evening.

Council also heard from International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 2462 President Eileen Hurchick, representing the clerical union and Single Tax Office workers, and International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 2305 President Sam Vitris, representing the public works employees. Both asked council to consider the importance of these positions and save as many as possible.

Divide could have effect

Most council members took individual stances on how they would vote on the 2012 amended budget. The divide could mean that the mayor's 2012 budget will pass as proposed if council does not come to a consensus.

Councilman Pat Rogan said he would not vote for a budget that would increase taxes to a level higher than when he took office in 2010. Councilman Bob McGoff said he would not vote for a budget that cuts public safety workers, and Councilman Jack Loscombe agreed.

Council President Janet Evans, however, chastised McGoff for voting against council's 2011 budget, which retained public safety workers,



Protesters crowd a standing-room-only meeting Tuesday at City Hall.

calling his current position an "unprecedented about face."

If council's amended budget does not receive at least three votes, the mayor's budget will then take effect. If council's amended budget passes but is vetoed by the mayor, the legislation will return to council for an override vote. If council does not override the mayor's veto with at least four votes, the mayor's proposal will be put in place.

Other business

In other council business on Tuesday, council unanimously voted down the Scranton Parking Authority's 2012 budget, saying that the authority did not provide a proper budget, but rather a two-page document that did not include individual line item cost breakdowns or side-by-side compari-

UP NEXT

Scranton City Council will hold a special meeting on Mon., Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. and a public hearing on Tues., Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall to discuss the 2012 amended budget. A final vote is set for council's regular meeting following Tuesday's hearing.

sons to 2011 spending.

To fill the current \$6 million budget deficit, council plans to borrow \$6.7 million from a financial institution instead of leasing the city's parking meters to the Scranton Parking Authority, as was suggested in the mayor's plan. After creating a special city account for the funds, council tabled the legislation that approves the borrowing so that it could be passed with the 2012 operating budget.

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Lesh: 'Brighter future' awaits Scranton schools

By CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES
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SCRANTON — Shortly after being unanimously reappointed to the office of president of the Scranton School Board of Directors on Monday, Dec. 5, Robert Lesh promised the overflow crowd that the district's best days are still ahead, despite daunting losses in state and federal funding.

"I believe as we move on with this new board, we are going to focus on raising more money for the district, trying to make a brighter future for the Scranton School District, and certainly making a brighter future for our children," Lesh said.

The district, which faced shortfalls of more than \$5 million in state funding and further reductions in federal aid, is facing a \$3 million hole in its proposed 2012 budget.

Lesh said he hopes the

new board will continue a commitment to early childhood education expressed over the past several years.

Along with Lesh's appointment, director Nathan Barrett was unanimously approved as board vice president on Monday.

Directors Barrett, Kathleen McGuigan, and Dr. Lyn Ruane were administered the oath of office once again during the board's reorganization meeting as new directors Bill Fox, Sean O'Shea, and Atty. Jason Shrive were sworn in for the first time. Each is expected to serve their term until 2015.

Terms for directors Brian Jeffers, Lesh, and Bob Sheridan expire in 2013.

Outgoing board Vice President Patrick O'Malley is the minority Lackawanna County commissioner-elect following November's municipal election, departing the school board after a four-year term.



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on charges of simple assault and harassment and held for \$10,000 bail. A preliminary hearing was continued from Dec. 5 to 12.

• BURGLARY CHARGES were filed Dec. 5 against **Damera Wyatt**, 19, of Eastview Drive, Wilkes-Barre for an alleged Sept. 11 robbery at the Skyview Park apartments in Scranton. Wyatt and an armed, unidentified black male allegedly robbed Lisa O'Leary and several family members in September. O'Leary only knew Wyatt by the nickname "Love" but recognized the woman when they were both inmates at the Lackawanna County Prison. Wyatt, incarcerated on drug charges for a November incident, allegedly admitted to the theft when interviewed by Scranton police. Det. Jeffrey Jones was the arresting officer.

Wyatt was arraigned Dec. 5

on charges of conspiracy to commit burglary, burglary, simple assault, theft, robbery, and receiving stolen property. Unsecured bail was set at \$10,000, and a preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 13.

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• DUI CHARGES were filed Nov. 1 against **Brian Michael Slick**, 40, of Morse Avenue, Simpson, after he allegedly failed three field sobriety tests after state police discovered him driving an all-terrain vehicle while visibly intoxicated on Sept. 13. No owner's information could be found on the vehicle. Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Edmond Fret was the arresting officer.

Slick was charged by summons on Nov. 1 with driving under the influence, operating an ATV under the influence, driving an ATV on streets and highways, and four counts of unlawful operation. A preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 8, but updated court records were not available at press time.

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Toys For Tots benefit collects more than 1,000 gifts



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United States Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Guillermo Benitez, center, retrieves one of several 'drive-by gifts' during the COLTS Stuff the Bus drive benefiting Toys For Tots on Tuesday morning.

COLTS repeats success

By CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES
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SCRANTON – Last year, when residents rallied to stuff the County of Lackawanna Transit System trolley bus for the Toys For Tots drive, it was the single most successful local event to that date, according to COLTS Communications Director Gretchen Wintermantel.

This year may have been even bigger.

In 2010, COLTS collected 657 toys and \$1,106 in cash donations.

When they repeated the drive between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1,065 toys and \$577 were given by pedestrians, passers-by, and more.

The drive coordinated by the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve delivers new, unwrapped toys to needy children during the holidays, and 2011 marks the second annual effort by the local transportation group.

"We have heard that toy donations are down, and it's a tough economic time for everyone," Wintermantel said Tuesday morning. "We're hoping that people can reach a little bit

deeper into their pocketbook and buy one more toy."

Warmer temperatures, despite rain early Tuesday morning that returned late in the afternoon, were significantly better than last year's frigid temperatures. By 11 a.m., the crew from COLTS had filled several donation boxes, and when the drive was complete more than 400 toys on top of last year's effort had been given.

Many passers-by stopped to either thank local Marines for their service or say hello to Santa Claus while others used space behind the trolley bus to park briefly for a "drive-by gifting."

FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

COLTS is still collecting non-perishable, non-glass, and non-expired food items, including canned meats. Items collected on COLTS buses each Thursday will be given to The Salvation Army, United Neighborhood Centers, Bread Basket of Northeast Pennsylvania, and St. Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen for distribution. The drive will last through the holiday season and possibly into the first week of January, Communications Director Gretchen Wintermantel said.

MEETING NOTICES

BI-COUNTY

- Airport board, Thurs., Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m., airport conference room, second floor, terminal building, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

COLTS

- Board of Directors, Tues., Dec. 13, 3 p.m., COLTS Board Room, 800 North South Rd., Scranton.

DUNMORE

- Borough council, Mon., Dec. 12, 7 p.m., community center, 1414 Monroe Ave., Dunmore. Business includes the passage of the 2012 budget.
- Zoning hearing board meeting, Thurs., Dec. 15, 7 p.m., municipal building, 400 S. Blakely St., Dunmore. Business includes: Thomson #1, LLC and Thomson #2, LLC, 229 Main Street, Sturges, Olyphant, application for variances: A. Proposed Lot #9, a minimum lot area reduction of 751 sq. ft. from the required 40,000 sq. ft. B. Proposed Lot #10, a minimum lot area reduction of 744 sq. ft. from required 40,000 sq. ft. and a minimum lot dept (one side only) reduction of 185.29 ft. from the required 200 ft.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

- Board of supervisors, Mon., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., municipal building, 487 Cortez Rd., Jefferson Twp.

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

- Public hearing, Wed., Dec. 14, 9 a.m., Lackawanna County Ad-

ministrative Building, 200 Adams Ave., Scranton. Business includes the consideration of recommendations from the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission.

- Housing authority, Thurs., Dec. 15, 5:30 p.m., administrative office, 2019 W. Pine St., Dunmore.

LANDFILL HEARING

- Mon., Dec. 12, 6-9:30 p.m., Scranton State Office Building, 100 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, conference room B-3. Business includes solicitation of comments on Keystone Sanitary Landfill Inc.'s application to modify current operating permits by increasing their average daily volume from 4,750 tons/day to 7,250 tons/day and the maximum daily volume from 5,000 tons/day to 7,500 tons/day. Persons unable to attend the hearing may submit written statement to Tomayko on or before Dec. 31, 2011.

MOOSIC

- Borough council, Tues., Dec. 13, 7 p.m., borough building, 715 Main St., Moosic. Business includes adoption of ordinance #9 of 2011 for the collection of earned income and net profit taxes.

NEWTON TOWNSHIP

- Zoning hearing board meeting, Tues., Dec. 13, municipal building, 1528 Newton Ransom Blvd., Clarks Summit. Business includes requested variance for height restrictions by Michael and Melissa Yushinski, 1918 Laurel Hill Rd.

OLD FORGE

- School board work session, Mon., Dec. 12, 7 p.m., LGI Room.

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- School board, Mon., Dec. 12, 7 p.m., West Scranton High School, 1201 Luzerne St., Scranton. Business includes public hearing on the budget.
- City council, special meeting, Mon., Dec. 12, 6 p.m., council chambers, 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton. Business includes amendments to the proposed 2012 budget.
- City council, public hearing, Tues., Dec. 13, 6 p.m., council chambers, 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton. Business includes amendments to the proposed 2012 budget.
- Zoning appeals, Wed., Dec. 14, 6 p.m., City Hall, 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton. Business includes.

Taconda Cortazzo and Associates, #600, 436 Spruce St., Scranton, use variance for an off premise wall sign at 101 Pittston Ave.

Andy Gavins Eatery & Pub, 1392 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, use and dimensional variances for a non-conforming use expansion at 1392 N. Washington Ave. R-1A Zone.

H G MEDIA, 353 N. Webster Ave., Scranton, use and dimensional variance for an off premise billboard at 3025 Pittston Ave., C-N Zone.

- School board, Thurs., Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Whittier Elementary School, 700 Orchard St., Scranton. Business includes public hearing on the budget.
- City Council, Tuesdays, 6:30

p.m., council chambers, second floor, City Hall, 340 N. Washington Ave., Scranton.

SOUTH ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

- Board of Supervisors, Mon., Dec. 12, 7 p.m., township building, 104 Shady Lane Rd., Chinchilla. Business includes adoption of 2012 budget.

TAYLOR

- Borough council, Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m., borough building, 122 Union St., Taylor. Business includes adoption of 2012 budget.

THORNHURST

- Public hearing, Thurs., Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Thornhurst Township building. Business includes request by Aqua PA Inc. for exemption for Use Class II at Thornhurst Country Club Estates.

THROOP

- Borough work session and meeting, Tues., Dec. 13, 6:30 p.m., municipal building, 436 Sanderson St., Throop. Business includes adoption of 2012 budget and a no parking ordinance affecting Charles Street.
- Zoning hearing board, Thurs., Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., municipal building, 436 Sanderson St., Throop. Business includes special exception request of Karyn Huegel and Carol Driesbaugh of K & C Child Care LLC for a property known as St. Bridgets Church on Charles St., an R-2 zone, to open a child care center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Free photos with Santa, Sun., Dec. 11, noon-2 p.m., Fidelity Bank, 400 S. Main Ave., Scranton. Info: (570) 504-8038.

Meet and Greet for Pit Bull Awareness, Sun., Dec. 11, noon to 4 p.m., Puppy Love Pet Spa, 107 N. Main Ave., Scranton. Info: Jennifer O'Donnell, sweet-barkpbr@gmail.com.

Worldwide Candle Lighting, Sun., Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Marywood University's Swartz Center for Spiritual Life. Info: Deede Rothenberg at (570) 587-0208.

Bounce Back for Zach, fundraiser for Robert Morris kindergarten student Zach Cadwalader recently diagnosed with a brain tumor, Thurs., Dec. 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Adventure Zone, Ice Box Sports Complex, 3 W. Olive St., Scranton. Cost: \$5.

Holiday Cocktails Affair, presented by Leadership Lackawanna, Fri., Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m., Electric City Trolley Museum, 300 Cliff St., Scranton. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door. Info: (570) 342-7711 or www.leadershiplackawanna.com.

Kane family fundraiser, Mon., Dec. 19, 6-9 p.m., Bellissimo Pizzeria and Ristorante, 233 Northern Blvd., Chinchilla. Cost: \$20. Proceeds benefit Amy Kane, a Clarks Summit wife and mother of two children undergoing treatment related to osteosarcoma. Info: Justine Case, (215) 913-1725.

Pirogie sale, Fri., Dec. 16, noon-4 p.m., St. John's Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 700 Hill St., Mayfield. Info: (570) 876-0730.

Teams sought for 'You Live Here, You Should Know This' local history quiz, presented by Lackawanna Historical Society. Teams should include three members and applications must be sent to the LHS, 232 Monroe Ave., Scranton, Pa., 18510 by Jan. 13, 2012. Event is May 11 and 12 at the Scranton Cultural Center.

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sidering here today is giving something to the people and taking something away from the political people," he added.

Commissioner Bruce Smallacombe said he was also in favor of an authority for years.

O'Brien said he favored the concept of an authority, but voted against its formation for three specific reasons – membership equity, as discussed by Luzerne County Councilman-elect Edd Brominski; the lack of required county support previously claimed by Luzerne County Commissioner Stephen A. Urban; and the legality of the decision itself.

"There's well-established case law that indicates that an administration cannot bind a successor administration. There's also a case which further indicates that an administration cannot change the structure of a governmental entity prior to the arrival of an administration," O'Brien explained.

"I believe that the new county council, which was established by the people of Lu-

zerne County, will have a strong case to overturn the actions of the Luzerne County Commissioners. I cannot, in good conscience, support a decision that I believe to be in contravention of a court ruling issued by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania," he continued, referring to *Lobolito v. North Pocono School District*, decided on July 31, 2000.

While the resolution was approved Wednesday, the meeting was continued until directly after the commissioners' regular Dec. 14 meeting at 10 a.m., when they are expected to vote on a full resolution containing the names of those involved with the new authority.

In commissioners' other business, officials unanimously approved the first reading of the issuance of \$9.5 million in Tax Anticipation Notes.

At the subsequent salary board meeting, commissioners unanimously approved 1.75 percent salary increases for the Lackawanna County Prison, Juvenile Detention Center, and Community Corrections officers as a result of interest arbitration. They also changed the titles of Office Assistant to Warrant Clerk, Clerk Typist to Office Assistant, and Warrant Clerk to Clerk Typist as a result of court orders.

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Try shopping at the dollar store or pairing coupons with deals at drug stores to stuff stockings without emptying your pockets. Target also has a section called the "Dollar Spot" that offers discounted prices on small items that are perfect for stockings.

Inexpensive toys like small die cast cars, Barbie dolls, baby doll clothes, crayons, markers, and coloring books are just a few fitting gifts that don't go overboard. Flavored candy canes are great ideas for stockings, and cookies and nuts are also good, inexpensive ideas. Avoid too much candy since

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stockings are emptied so early in the morning.

Rite Aid has Pepperidge Farms cookies, two for \$4 with a \$1 Up Reward on two. Use the \$1 off two Pepperidge Farms coupon from www.pepperidgefarm.com for a great deal.

Gift cards, especially for iTunes, are great gifts for tough-to-please teens.

For women, makeup, lip balm, and chap stick are great stuffers. This week at Rite Aid, buy three Blistex products for \$4.98. Get \$2 in Up Rewards on three. Use the \$1 off two products coupon from the Dec. 11 Smart Source flyer for greater deals.

Spa items are also a treat for mom. Pamper her with a gift certificate to her favorite salon. For a smaller budget, grab some bath salts or bubble bath and write a certificate for mom to have a night to herself after the craziness of the holidays

has passed.

Accessories like hair ties, headbands, jewelry, and socks are other great ideas. One excellent deal this week at Walgreens offers Goody hair accessories. Mini claw clips or bobby slides are \$2. Get \$2 in Register Rewards for free stuffers.

There is also a hot promotion running on Facebook through Dec. 15. Victoria's Secret is offering a free reward card every morning at 9 a.m. on www.facebook.com/victoriassecret. Supplies are limited, but you can score some nice stocking stuffers with a \$10 free reward card.

For men, CDs and DVDs also make great stocking stuffers. Everyday products like travel mugs, cologne, gift cards, or lottery tickets can be perfect for your Mr. Claus. When buying gift cards, try to buy them when you can earn cash back. For example, Price Chopper offers a gas reward on purchases that include gift cards.

It's a good idea to plan ahead for stocking stuffers to avoid the panic button on Dec. 24.

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Disney's drop of 'Walt,' Oz bothersome



I finally had a chance to see "The Muppets" recently, the latest big studio effort to revive a classic franchise, but before I could even get to the film itself, I was reminded of exactly which studio that was along with its questionable business choices over the years.

Growing up through the '80s and '90s with three younger siblings, I saw practically every Disney movie, cartoon, and TV special available. If anything was as memorable as the characters themselves, it was that opening blue screen adorned with the "Cinderella" castle and a shooting star flying behind it.

As the company slowly abandoned traditional cell animation in favor of computer-generated images, the castle took on a 3-D appearance, and the plain blue background soon added a lush countryside and colorful fireworks, but the "Walt Disney Pictures" text always remained underneath as the familiar notes from "When You Wish Upon a Star" played us in.

Now, as we close out 2011, it simply reads "Disney," as if we should know the rest. Obviously, we do, but why the subtle change that's sending the Internet into an uproar?

According to sources inside Disney, this was done so that those watching these movies on mobile devices would be better able to read the logo. I get that the idea here is to march forward without any thought as to what made us great in the first place, but wouldn't it be easier to read if it was written in white text across a simple blue backdrop? You know, like it was in the first place?

One could argue that poor Walt is spinning in his grave right now, his name abandoned in favor of generic corporate branding. One could also point out that using just the last name is actually more historically truthful, as Walt's brother, Roy, was just as instrumental in the founding of the studio as he was.

It's easy to bash a multi-billion dollar company, and people often do, but I'm really not here to do that. You can claim to hate the Big Bad Mouse all you like, but at the end of the day, you likely have fond memories of at least one Disney movie or summer vacation, and your

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RICH HOWELL

entertainment center probably contains a little of that retro magic.

Instead, I simply want to point out a little executive attitude that this is symbolic of that can sometimes mar those memories – the obsessive desire to "update" everything, to make it "hip" for a "modern" audience.

Are we really changing that icon again so that some kid can make out the text while he texts? What next? Will movies soon be cut down to 10 minutes to cater to YouTube limits and dwindling attention spans? Talk about style over substance, but "out with the old and in with the new," right?

Wrapped up in this obsession, a lot of empty suits tend to forget the artists they exploit, like Frank Oz, the voice and puppeteer behind Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear, and Animal and the director of "The Muppets Take Manhattan," among countless other credits.

With the unfortunate early passing of creator Jim Henson, this man is the closest thing we have to his legacy, yet Disney edged him and his proposed script out in favor of Jason Segel, who co-wrote and starred in the new film.

Don't get me wrong – Segel ultimately did a great job with the movie, and while it has its flaws, it holds up very well by retaining many of the classic elements that made the Muppets great in the first place.

But when a voice doesn't sound right here or a Muppet doesn't move right there, I wondered how this company could have let someone so integral to the past success of the franchise walk away in favor of a relatively new talent, and then I remembered – "out with the old and in with the new."

"The Muppets" has been described by many critics as a "love letter" to the characters and the old show, and in many ways it is. Why pay tribute to something, however, when you have one of the original creators waiting in the wings to make it authentic?

I tried not to let this get in the way of my overall enjoyment of the film, but Disney's reputation as revenue generators first and lovers of art somewhere close to dead last lingered from the moment Walt's signature was shortened. It came to mind again when the movie's villain was introduced – a

greedy executive who wants to take over the Muppets' name and use it for all that its worth.

No, this doesn't make the Muppets communists, Fox News, but maybe it does make them self-aware.

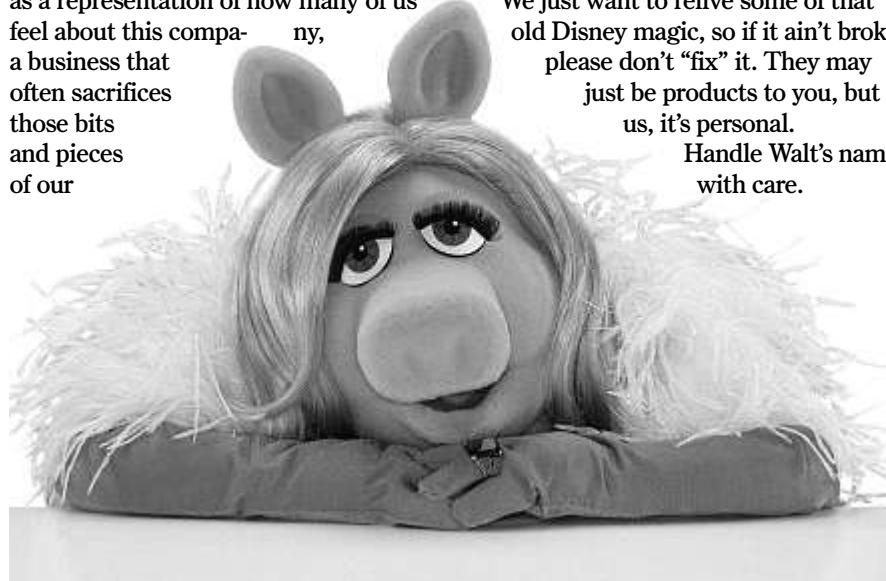
You're probably thinking that this logo thing is a silly thing to harp on, and admittedly it is, but again, I see it as a representation of how many of us feel about this company, a business that often sacrifices those bits and pieces of our

childhoods in favor of simple, easy-to-digest pieces for a "modern" audience.

What they forget is that we're still sitting in those same seats in the theater, albeit a few decades later, and we don't care what these movies look like on a stupid iPhone – you can keep your contemporary pop culture references and marketing strategies.

We just want to relive some of that old Disney magic, so if it ain't broke, please don't "fix" it. They may just be products to you, but to us, it's personal.

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Charles Havira believes every performing artist deserves a night like Nov. 24, 2010.

For Havira, the reverberations of the room during his set that joined performances by Mike Mizwinski and Krikki at Downtown Arts, 47 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, mimic the resounding positive outcomes from the evening itself.

They continue this week as he begins to promote the live album, "Dulcet," a direct product of that evening, with performances in West Chester, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre. The album will be officially released on Dec. 20.

Dulcet traditionally means something pleasing to the ear.

"It's music, but it's softer, dulcet. I like to think the definition

of dulcet means something soft, calm, and soothing musically," Havira said.

The term is synonymous with the "headphone recording" of the night at the former First United Methodist Church. Quiet coughs and comments of audience members meld with a seven song mixture of Havira's own original music and notable tunes like Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" and Ed McCurdy's "Last Night I Had The Strangest Dream."

Mizwinski and Karl Borton, director of River Common Programming and Outreach in Wilkes-Barre, worked to organize the event and later released a complimentary disc sampling music from each artist that evening.

"How nice it that? It's incredibly kind," Havira said.

The Wilkes-Barre native said he had no intention of releasing his set as a live album, but when he heard the clarity of Keith Litzenberger's recording, he started to change his own tune.

"When I did hear it back, I thought, 'Wow, this isn't half bad,'" he said.

Impressed with the audio quality and the attentiveness of the audience, Havira worked with Bret Alexander of Saturation Acres and waited more than a year to release "Dulcet" in order to not compete with a live album Mizwinski recorded that night.

"It still blows my mind that such a positive thing given back to the community that Mike Mizwinski did is still giving back. Now, they're getting a chance to hear the music," Havira said. "That night still lives on over a year later. That's the thing that really sticks with me."

Aside from works by Dylan and McCurdy, "Dulcet" contains some of Havira's work from his 2008 self-titled album and 2004's "Holiday," music previously performed with his band, Freight Train; and original songs that have never been released.

Havira expressed "massive thanks" to Mizwinski and Borton for putting the Thanksgiving Eve night of music together.

"It was a great night. The positive repercussions of that evening are still occurring to this day."

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"It's a positive song that people can connect to," Havira said. "It deals with the beginning stages of life and how it embraces you as you get older."

Charles Havira will promote the new live album, "Dulcet," through a series of events in the next two weeks. Locally, shows begin Dec. 16 at 10 p.m. at The Bog, 341 Adams Ave., Scranton. On Dec. 17, Havira performs with Katie Kelly of Ashes for Trees at Bart and Urby's, 119 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, at 10 p.m. A free, all-ages performance is set for Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Gallery of Sound, 186 Mundy St., Wilkes-Barre. Performances wrap up on Dec. 22 at Jack's Draft House, 802 Prescott Ave., Scranton, for a free performance with Justin Mazer, Lorne Clarke and Ryan Barrett. "Dulcet" will be available at each live performance and beginning Dec. 20 at Gallery of Sound locations and Embassy Vinyl, 352 Adams Ave., Scranton. An iTunes release is set for late December.

HAVIRA'S 'DULCET' QUIETLY comes to LIFE



FINDING FULFILLMENT

Multi-talented mother finding success in Scranton art scene

By TYLER MILES For Go Lackawanna

Many people can agree that raising a child may be the most challenging task for a person, but Donya Jackson doesn't let the ups and downs of parental responsibilities slow her down. The mother of two is a published author, fashion designer, musician, and full-time college student pursuing a master's degree.

Some may call her Superwoman, but she prefers her stage name, Para-dice.

The 27-year-old Trinidad native who now resides in Scranton said her various ventures are outlets to express her wildly creative personality and serve to bring her happiness and fulfillment.

"This is just me having fun with these things," Jackson said. "It's all in my head, but it works for me and it makes me happy and makes life a little bit easier."

Last summer, she had book published through Amazon, under the pseudonym Para-dice Jackson. "Turning Point," available for the Kindle and any other e-reader, is a fictional love story that Jackson said is based on real events and character. The plot involves a woman who was abused by her husband and her fateful reunion with an old high school sweetheart, a married Navy man.

"The story gets really in depth into the life of being a Navy man, and it gets really graphic into the life of a physically abused woman. It's full of highs and lows," said Jackson.

The second book of the trilogy is tentatively set to be released this spring.

Jackson has also been hand painting on women's clothes for about four years. She said products from her "DonyaAnn Organic Couture" line are available at an organic bou-

ique, Fanciful Fox, 342 Adams Ave., Scranton.

"I only paint on organic clothes and fair trade clothes because I'm big on helping the environment, using environmentally-friendly and sustainable products," Jackson said proudly. "The whole fair trade aspect of it guarantees that no sweat shop labor was involved and everyone was paid fair wages for whatever product that they made."

She also does private contracts and is currently busy with Christmas orders for clients. One of her goals is to put together a full line in order to take the idea of fair trade clothes more mainstream. Clothes from her line can also be purchased from www.etsy.com.

Jackson recently began to dabble in music again after recording an album a few years ago using industry beats and instrumentals.

"It was very amateur, just for fun," said Jackson. "I like writing. I just went with the beat and wrote what I felt."

Now, after being back in the studio and writing more seriously, she has been able to release three songs online.

Jackson names her mother, Delta Celeatine, and her two boys, Heiron and Juju Jackson, as her biggest inspirations and encouragements.

"We have a really good, strong relationship, and I see a lot of me coming from her. She gave me a lot of the strength that I have to be able to do what I'm doing as a single parent."

— Donya Jackson, speaking about her mother, Delta Celeatine



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Para-dice Jackson is a mother, author, fashion designer, musician, and full-time student.

"My mom helps me. She moved in with me about two years ago and it's been us against the world ever since. We tag team on everything," Jackson said. "Without her, I couldn't do this. Without her, I would not be able to pursue any of the things I want to."

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do what I'm doing as a single parent."

Jackson is currently pursuing a master's degree in advertising and public relations at Marywood University. She hopes to continue her past participation in the First Friday Scranton art walk and to be a major participant in the city's arts scene. Jackson also hopes to be a strong role model for women and her own children.

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VISUAL ARTS

AFA Gallery, 514 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. Gallery hours: Thurs.-Sat., 12-5 p.m. Info: (570) 969-1040, www.artistsforart.com.

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'A Visual Feast,' works by Verve Vertu artists, Fri., through Jan. 27.

Camerawork Gallery, Downstairs, 515 Center St., Scranton.

Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: (570) 344-3313, www.cameraworkgallery.org.

'Excavation,' photographs by Gary Cawood, Fri., through Jan. 31.

Everhart Museum, 1901 Mulberry St., Scranton.

Cost: \$5 adults, \$3 students/seniors, \$2 children 6-12, members free. Info: (570) 346-7186, www.everhart-museum.org.

'Buds, Blooms & Berries: Plants in Science, Culture & Art,' through Dec. 31 in the Maslow Galleries.

New Visions Studio and Gallery, 201 Vine St., Scranton.

Gallery hours: Tues.-Sun., 12-6 p.m. Info: (610) 636-9684, www.newvisionsstudio.com.

'Give the Gift of Art,' exhibit and holiday sale, works by artists including Emily Taylor, Frank Ohotnicki, Amy Wyman, Gerry Stankiewicz, Lyndsey Hughes, and more, continues to Dec. 28.

Vision Burn Tattoo and Gallery, 1211 Wheeler Ave., Dunmore.

Gallery hours: Mon-Sat, 1-9 p.m. Info: (570) 558-0994, www.visionburn.com.

Figure drawings and illustrations by Gerry Stankiewicz, through Feb. 4.

COMEDY

Wise Crackers Comedy Club at Clarion Hotel, 300 Meadow Ave., Scranton.

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Karen Rontowski, Sonya King, Dec. 16-17, 9 p.m., 21+, Cost: \$15.

CONCERTS

Eleanor Rigby's, 603 Scranton/Carbondale Hwy, Jermyn. Info: (570) 876-3660 or (570) 730-9798, www.myspace.com/eleanorrigbys.

The Bunny The Bear, Mon., Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Cost: \$10-12.

New Visions Studio and Gallery, 201 Vine St., Scranton.

Info: (610) 636-9684, www.newvisionsstudio.com.

Punk rock X-mas, with The Agarwals, Small Town Rebellion,

Faceless Shadows, Bad Answers, and Stagnation, Sat., Dec. 17, 8 p.m. Cost: \$5. Scranton Cultural Center, 420

N. Washington Ave., Scranton.

Info: (570) 346-7369, www.scrantonculturalcenter.org.

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The Museum Store has been an integral part of the Associates' daily operations at the Museum since it was begun in August 1983. The museum store has seen tremendous growth over the past 20 years. It currently boasts over 300 book titles related to local, regional, Pennsylvania and national heritage, anthracite coal mining, ethnic cultures and immigration history.

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The Anthracite Heritage Museum Store first opened in 1983.

store management by David L. Salay, director of the Anthracite Museum Complex. Patton continued in that role until the appointment of Elizabeth "Liz" Wassel as a full-time Associates employee and manager of the store in the summer of 1986. Wassel held the position until 1991 when she became the manager of the Steamtown

National Historic Site bookstore.

Today, the store is managed by Margaret G. Reese. She began her work in the fall of 1991.

Historically, the Associates have also employed others to assist in the operation of the museum store, as well as to help with events and programs.

Past employees include Evelyn Siminski, 1988 to 1998; Sandy Kurechka, 1991 and 1992; Barbara Powell, 1992 to present day; and Jean Arcarese, who started as a weekend store clerk in 2002 and is still with us on weekends. Others include Maureen Coxwell, Susan Stricker, Allison Imdorf Burrell, Laura Royce, Connie Richards, and Janyne Swircek.

A team of loyal volunteers has included Marguerite Clark, Mary Burns, Betty Fenstermacher, Angela Sedorovitz, and Arlene Darmofal who is presently assisting with operations each week. The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum is located in McDade Park, off Keyser Avenue, in . The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call (570) 963-4804 or visit www.phmc.state.pa.us or www.anthracitemuseum.org.

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Titans career clutch for Munchak



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Titans coach Mike Munchak talks with quarterback Matt Hasselbeck on the sidelines last Sunday in Buffalo.

Rookie head coach has been with organization since 1994



BUFFALO, N.Y. – Leroy Harris and the rest of the offensive line may have a little extra incentive to see

the Tennessee Titans find success in their first season under head coach Mike Munchak.

"You don't see it too often for an offensive lineman," Harris said of Munchak's opportunity to take over the team. "He's been with the organization a long time and we're excited to play for him, especially the offensive line guys, who knew him as our position coach."

It should be no surprise that as the Titans attempt to make a play

KEEPING SCORE

BY TOM ROBINSON

off push, they look strong up front. Munchak, a Scranton Central and Penn State graduate, made his name in the sport as a Hall of Fame offensive lineman, doing the dirty work to keep quarterbacks protected and to help big name running backs look good.

The entire offensive line is intact from last year and is leading a once-struggling running game that is picking up momentum behind Chris Johnson, who is approaching his fourth straight 1,000-yard season. Johnson had his third 100-yard

plus effort in the last four weeks Dec. 4 when the Titans defeated the Buffalo Bills, 23-17, to improve to 7-5.

"I think obviously we could have a few more wins," Harris said. "But, he's done a great job bringing a different mentality to the team.

"He's holding guys to standards, making guys accountable."

The Titans are grinding out yards on the ground, avoiding pressure on their quarterback, and keeping the ball away from opposing offenses, a formula they will need again today to try to contain Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints. But, for Munchak to be successful in his first season, he knew he had to be responsible for

so much more than the factors that represent strong offensive line play.

A lockout that made the last new coach hired for the 2011 season wait to put his first team together only added to the challenge.

"It's a unique year with the lockout, a new coaching staff," Munchak told Go Lackawanna. "With everything new, it's exciting that we put ourselves in a spot to be in the playoff race."

Munchak prepared for this shot through a long coaching career that began in 1994 after his retirement as a player.

In the last three years before the

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Tennessee Titans head coach Mike Munchak discusses his team's 23-17 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

MUNCHAK

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Houston Oilers moved to Tennessee, Munchak served as an offensive assistant and quality control coach through the 1996 season for the only team he had played on during his professional career.

Munchak was a line coach in Tennessee from 1997 through the end of last season, then was selected to replace Jeff Fisher as head coach.

"You never know what it's going to be like," Munchak said. "I've been around the game so long, but you never know until you walk in the shoes of the head coach, really what that's all about."

"There's no doubt that it's different."

At the same time, it has been very similar to much of what Munchak has experienced in the sport — success through an old-fashioned approach to the game.

The former high school fullback became an All-American at Penn State after moving to guard. By the time he left the Nittany Lions, Munchak was arguably the top offensive lineman in the country and was the first one selected — as the eighth pick overall — in the 1982 NFL Draft.

"Like we've been saying for a long time, if we can run the ball that well, we become a tough team to stop," Munchak told the media in Buffalo after the Titans produced their best two rushing games of the season in back-to-back wins.

A tough team to stop is exactly what the Titans appear to be as they head to the stretch run, needing to break out of a four-way tie for the American Football Conference's final playoff spot over the final four weeks.

By TOM ROBINSON
For Go Lackawanna

TAYLOR — Riverside and Montrose went after each other with the type of intense defensive efforts that have come to be expected of both teams.

At times in their boys' basketball season opener Friday night, they almost became too intense.

Montrose was hit with two technical fouls while Riverside was called for an intentional foul on the way to serious foul trouble that saw two Vikings foul out and two more finish with four fouls.

The defending Lackawanna League Division 2 and District 2 Class AA champion Vikings overcame their difficulties with Jerry Kincel scoring half the points in a 58-44 victory.

"That's one thing we have to work on is preventing getting into early foul trouble," Riverside coach Mike Morgan said. "Getting in the double bonus in the third quarter is not a good thing."

Morgan, however, saw many positives against a Montrose team that had the best record in Lackawanna Division 3 play last year.

Kincel, the league's scoring leader in 2010-

11, finished with 29 points and nine rebounds. The Vikings forced 29 turnovers.

Nico Munley led the defensive effort with five steals while Kincel, Jaron Vishnesky and Cody Mackin had four each. Vishnesky also had six assists.

Michael King scored 11 points with the help of three 3-pointers, including two in the first 2:10 to assure that Riverside would never trail.

"We've been having a lot of trouble with Montrose over the years," Morgan said. "Any time we get a win in the opener, we're happy."

Colby Major led Montrose with 16 points, four steals and three assists. Cameron Dean added 14 points and nine rebounds.

Among the other Opening Night highlights:

J.C. Show scored 20 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead Abington Heights past Holy Cross, 80-47. Jason Banford added 13 points and three blocked shots.

Josh Kosin had 15 points and seven rebounds to lead Holy Cross.

Dunmore defeated North Pocono, 65-50.

Tunkhannock downed defending Lackawanna League Division 3 champion Lackawanna Trail, 56-39.

Carbondale defeated host Elk Lake, 59-56,

in the annual Red Wallace Memorial Game.

GIRLS' GAMES

Old Forge and Abington Heights posted tournament victories.

Host Old Forge downed Wyoming Area, 49-23, and Pittston Area topped Mid Valley, 40-34, to reach Sunday's final in the Anthony "Badger" Marseco Tournament.

Lauren Carey scored 11 points for Old Forge.

Abby Thornton had 13 for Wyoming Area.

Grace O'Neill had 12 points and Mia Hopkins 10 to lead Pittston Area.

Danielle Terranella led Mid Valley, a state semifinalist last year, with 12 points.

Abington Heights defeated host Hazleton Area, 47-25, and was playing for the title Saturday night in the Lady Cougar Invitational.

Tiffany O'Donnell scored 15 points and Katherine Rosencrance added 10.

The Lady Comets outscored the Lady Cougars, 28-11, in the second half to break away.

Among the other games: Holy Redeemer defeated Scranton, 58-37, and Holy Cross handled Mountain View, 65-26.

Redeemer opened a 27-7 lead to spoil Maureen Kenny's coaching debut.

Knights coast in back-to-back games

By TOM ROBINSON
For Go Lackawanna

SCRANTON — Handling back-to-back games is about to become a big part of the lockout-induced compressed schedule in the National Basketball Association.

For the Scranton Knights, it is likely to be a once- or twice-a-season challenge.

Facing a demanding test to open the season, Scranton became the first District 2 boys' basketball team to get to 2-0 by winning twice in less than 24 hours.

Both wins were impressive for their margins of victory and the reputations of the opponents, but the second had added significance.

Scranton avenged its biggest loss of last season when it blew out Pocono Mountain West in the second half of a 77-52 rout Saturday afternoon.

The Knights ripped Holy Redeemer, 80-47, Friday night in a matchup of the defending district champions in each of the two largest classifications.

Both teams are also defending division champions, but

while Scranton has its key players back, Holy Redeemer has a new lineup that was unable to keep up with the Knights.

Malik Draper scored 24 points, Terry Turner 18 and Andrew Moran 11 in the opener.

Draper had 10 points in the second quarter and seven more in the third when Scranton outscored Holy Redeemer, 22-6, to take a 65-31 lead.

Against Pocono Mountain West, Draper came back with 19 points, five steals and three assists.

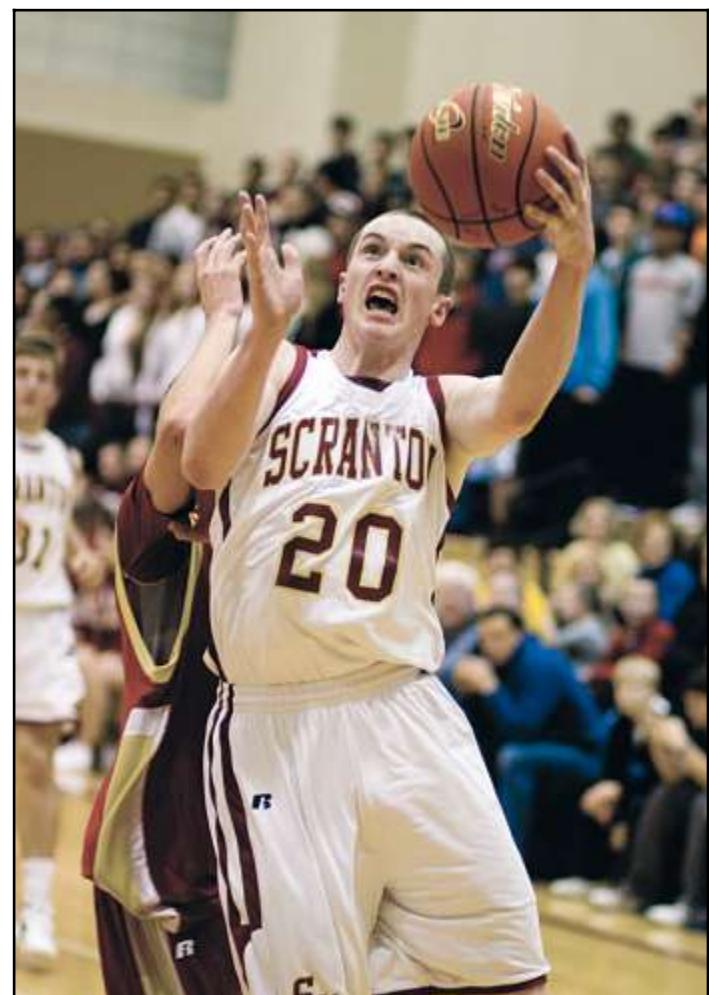
"It was a great game for us to have on the schedule," Scranton coach Tony Battaglia said. "It's unfortunate for us for it to have to be back-to-back in less than 24 hours."

The Knights easily handled that obstacle.

Turner had 17 points, 10 rebounds and a pair of blocked shots.

Karlton Quiller had 14 points and eight assists while Andrew Moran had 11 points.

Turel Dixon led the Panthers (1-1) with 14 points. Quindell Brice added 12.



JASON RIEDMILLER PHOTO / FOR GO LACKAWANNA
Scranton's Andrew Moran drives for a lay up during Friday's opener against Holy Redeemer.

Dende racking up points for Rochester

ON CAMPUS

BILL ARSENAL

After a slow start in his college career, senior Chris 'Chip' Dende has become a solid starter for the University of Rochester men's basketball team.

Dende (Scranton Prep) is second on the team in scoring with a 13.3 average. He's hit 26 of 53 3-point attempts (.491). He also has 23 rebounds, 13 assists, 12 steals and six blocked shots.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound guard was named to the Holiday Inn Airport All-Tournament team after scoring 20 points in a 99-75 victory over Allegheny in the championship game. He also had 20 points in an 83-70 victory over Brockport to help Rochester open the season with a 6-2 record.

"Chip is one of the best shooters on our team," coach Luke Flockerzi said. "He has an uncanny ability to find ways to score and adds another dimension to our offense."

Dende saw limited action in 22 games his first two years with the team but was a big scorer off the bench for the Yellowjackets last year. He hit 56 of 124 3-point baskets and had a career high 29 points in a victory over Emory.

CARRA A KEY STOPPER

The Delaware women's basketball



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Chris Dende is second in scoring for the University of Rochester.

team started the season with seven straight victories and a key performer for the Blue Hens in junior Lauren Carra.

Carra (Dunmore) is averaging 7.0 points and 2.9 rebounds and has 10 assists to date. But according to coach Tina Martin, statistics don't really tell the story of her value to the team.

"The bottom line is that Lauren is a defensive stopper," Martin said. "Any game, she takes on the best player and shuts them down. She's capable of scoring yet she's also a defensive ace. Her shutting others down is a key for us."

The 5-foot-9 guard really came into her own with the Blue Hens last season. She was the only player to start all 34

games and was named to the All-Colonial Athletic Association third team. She averaged 10.8 points, second on the team, and led with 85 assists.

At Dunmore, where the school has retired her number, Carra scored 2,117 points in her four years as the team posted a 104-13 record.

GRUNZA AN ALL-AMERICAN

For the second straight season, Mansfield junior Kristyn Grunza (Lackawanna Trail) has been named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division II All-American first team. Grunza scored nine goals and had two assists for the 6-12 Mountaineers.

"Kristyn is a very well-respected

player, both on the state level and nationally," coach Diane Monkiewicz said. "I am excited to have her recognized in this manner – first team All-American two years running. That's a 'wow' considering the caliber of players who make up that team."

Grunza also performs well in the classroom. She was recently named to the Mansfield Presidential Scholar-Athlete, PSAC Scholar-Athlete and ADA Academic Achievement honors.

ZACKOSKI COMING ON

Red-shirt freshman Elliott Zackoski (West Scranton) got off to a slow start this season with the Bloomsburg wrestling team but he had a big weekend in the recent BU Open.

Zackoski, competing at 125 pounds, won a 11-2 decision in a 47-0 victory over Sacred Heart and came back to score a pin in 1:56 in a 41-4 triumph over East Stroudsburg.

"Elliott is doing awesome," coach John Stutzman said. "He continues to get better every day."

DESIR MAY BE GOING BOWLING

Junior Fabby Desir (Scranton High) and his North Carolina football team will face Missouri in the Independence Bowl Monday, Dec. 26 at 5 p.m. in Shreveport, La.

Desir, a 6-foot, 225-pounder, saw action with the 7-5 Tar Heels at linebacker and on special teams. He had 15 tackles, a quarterback hit, and recovered a fumble.

According to school officials, Desir suffered a groin injury against Virginia Tech and missed a game against Duke.

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TOP STORY

University of Scranton coach Mike Strong will have to wait until at least Saturday when the Lady Royals play at Cabrini College at 4 p.m. for his next chance to become the all-time NCAA Division III women's basketball leader in career wins. Strong tied the record of 757, matching former coach Phil Kahler of St. John's Fisher, with a 69-55 victory over Moravian University in the Dec. 3 Landmark Conference opener at the John Long Center. The chance to break the record at home got away Wednesday night when Moravian University held the Lady Royals scoreless for more than six minutes at the start of the game on the way to a 55-49 victory. "Whether it was nerves or their defense, we didn't do too well in

the first half offensively," said Strong, who is in his 32nd year coaching the Lady Royals. The Lady Royals are 3-4.

BOWLED OVER

Hutchinson Community College crushed Lackawanna College, 70-20, Dec. 3 in the Salt City Bowl for nationally ranked junior college football teams in Hutchinson, Kan. Hutchinson led, 25-0, after one quarter and, 42-7, at halftime. Elliott Alford passed for 253 yards and five touchdowns and the Blue Dragons returned interceptions for touchdowns in each of the first two quarters. Antonio Brown carried 17 times for 81 yards and two touchdowns for the Falcons, who finished 7-4.

FINAL NUMBERS

Scranton junior Gretchen Kempf finished tied for 35th in the country with 0.89 goals per game, according to the final NCAA Division III field hockey statistics that

were released this week. Kempf had 16 in 18 games. Scranton sophomore goalie Kelsy McAnelly finished 35th in the country with an 0.605 goals against average in women's soccer. Junior forward Sydney Parker tied for 75th with 0.44 assists per game.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Scranton sophomore guard Alison Sweeney scored 46 points in two games and was named Landmark women's basketball Player of the Week. After matching a career-high with 31 against Marywood University, Sweeney had a game-high 15 when Strong tied the coaching wins records. Keystone College named men's basketball player Kenneth Hardnett and women's basketball player Alyssa Cuomo as its Athletes of the Week. Hardnett also made the CSAC Honor Roll after posting double-doubles in three games while

combining for 62 points and 38 rebounds in a 2-1 start to league play.

Baptist Bible's Jessica White made the CSAC women's basketball Honor Roll with 33 points and 16 rebounds in a pair of conference wins.

TOP EVENTS

Travis Farrell had 15 points and led the defensive effort with eight defensive rebounds and four steals Wednesday night as Scranton never trailed in a 57-47 men's basketball victory over Kean University. Allison Bruet's three-point play with 5.6 seconds remaining Tuesday completed a comeback from a 12-point deficit and allowed Marywood to remain unbeaten in CSAC women's basketball with a 63-62 victory over host Centenary College. Kacee Rava had 23 points and 12 rebounds as Baptist Bible College ran its women's basketball winning streak to four with its first

win ever over Susquehanna University, 79-71.

Unbeaten Union County College downed Lackawanna College, 72-53, in women's basketball Tuesday despite 22 points and 18 rebounds by Scranton High graduate Terika Turner.

Scranton swept Marywood, 182-89, in men's and, 195-80, in women's Dec. 4 in their first swim meets against each other as Landmark Conference rivals. Marywood joined the Landmark in swimming only this season. Carolyn Gillespie set a school record in the 200 butterfly and finished with three individual and one relay win for Scranton.

Tommy Morgan scored 17 points and Ross Danzig hit the game-winning shot with 18 seconds left in opener when Scranton won its Landmark men's basketball opener over Moravian, 78-74, Dec. 3. Cabrini defeated Keystone, 95-92, Dec. 3 for sole possession of the CSAC men's basketball lead.

- Compiled by Tom Robinson

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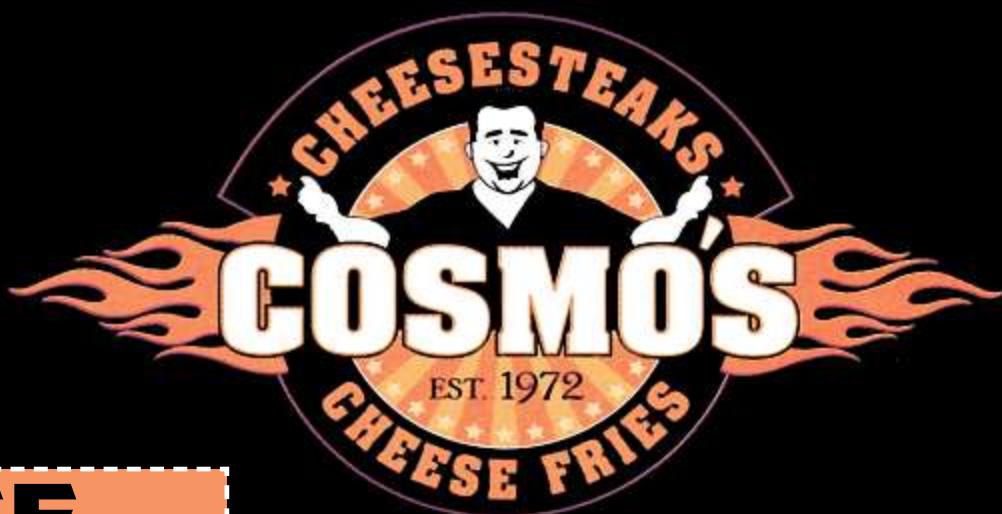
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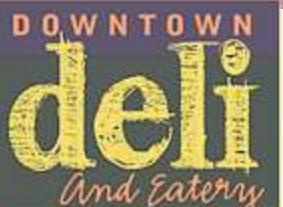
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Pens shut out Binghamton

Matt Rust scored early Wednesday night, then the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins held on for the final 55:09 for a 1-0 victory over the host Binghamton Senators in an American Hockey League game.

Scott Munroe had 25 saves to shut out Binghamton for the second time this season.

The Penguins were tied for first place in the AHL East Division heading into Saturday's game on the road against co-leader Hershey.

Undefeated Chargers playing for title

The unbeaten Electric City Chargers shut out the Red City Outlaws, 47-0, Dec. 3 to reach the championship game of the United States Football Association Metro Bowl Tournament.

The Chargers will face the winner of the Philadelphia Gators at New York Predators game, which was completed Saturday after press time, in Saturday's final.

All-Academic honors given

Four University of Scranton student-athletes were named to the Landmark Conference Fall All-Academic Team.

Jason Boheneck, a Holy Cross graduate and senior member of the men's cross country team, and Kathleen Druther, a Scranton Prep graduate and junior on the women's cross country team were selected along with soccer players Bill McGuinness and Emily Farrell.

Boheneck was all-conference for the third time, including the second time as a first-team selection.

Druther, the 2009 Landmark Rookie of the Year, is a two-time all-conference choice.

Wartman in All-American Bowl

Valley View tight end/linebacker Nyheim Wartman has been selected to play in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl, a high school football All-American game to be played Dec. 30 at Cowboys Stadium in Dallas.

Wartman, a Penn State recruit, was the leading tackler on a Valley View defense that gave up less than six points per game through the regular season and District 2 playoffs. He led the Cougars to the District 2 Class AAA title and a share of the Lackawanna League Division 1 title.

Redeemer skims past Abington

Holy Redeemer edged Abington Heights, 92-90, in a boys' meet when the Wyoming Valley Conference swimming season opened Friday with crossover meets that do not count in the division standings.

Holy Redeemer finished fourth in the South Division last season when Abington Heights was the third-place team in the North.

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Returning swimmers strengthen Prep

Staff reports

Two-time state medalist Rebekah Campo leads a strong group of returnees that makes Scranton Prep the favorite to repeat as Wyoming Valley Conference Northern Division champion.

Campo finished second in the state in Class AA in the 100-yard butterfly and was sixth in the 50 freestyle. She won District 2 titles in both events as well as being part of district championships in the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relays.

Mia Nonnenberg, another two-time district champion, also returns. Nonnenberg finished ninth in the state in the 200 individual medley and 500 freestyle. She was also part of the district championship freestyle relay team.

Maria Telincho is also back.

She was part of both district championship relay teams, including the medley team that finished 10th in the state.

"It's nice to have that top talent," Scranton Prep coach Joe Their told the Times Leader. "It really makes for strong relays and a good overall team unity."

The Classics went 7-0 in the division last season and finished second in the District 2 Class AA meet behind WVC Southern Division champion Holy Redeemer.

"We lost some of our sprinters," Their said. "We still need a little more depth."

"It depends on who steps up."

Abington Heights could remain as one of the top threats after finishing second in the division and third in the District 2-4 Class AAA meet last season.

Vanessa Lempicky and Emma Gromelski, who were both part of the District 2-4 Class AAA championship 200 freestyle relay team, lead the way for the Lady Comets along with Maggie Scanlon, Krista Brickel and Eliza Burdick-Risser.

Delaware Valley is the other possible contender.

Tunkhannock, Elk Lake, Valley View, Scranton and West Scranton complete the division.

Vanessa LaTorre, Lauren Merli, Kasey Franchak and Haley Muhern are expected to be the top swimmers at Valley View.

Scranton did not post a division win a year ago.

Erin Kazmierczak, Elizabeth Babinski, Andrew Molitoris and Amy Pocius lead the group trying to change that.

The top swimmers at West Scranton are expected to be Malin Walsh, Casey Gaul, Isabella DiBileo and Alexis Williams.

Dunmore is the only county team competing in Division 3 where the Lady Bucks were fifth out of six teams last season when they beat last-place Nanticoke twice.

Emily Fedor, Samantha Kreis, Danielle Bistra, Krista Berry and Abby O'Neill are expected to lead the way for Dunmore.

more, which opens Wednesday at Wyoming Area.

Wyoming Area was second to Pittston Area, which went unbeaten last season and is the favorite again this season.

Holy Redeemer lost just three seniors from a squad that won two titles. That makes the Royals the favorite in Division 1.

Wyoming Valley West and Dallas are the top contenders, but may have trouble staying close to the Royals.

Crestwood, which was 2-6 last season, suspended its program during the preseason.

Holy Cross and Wallenpaupack do not swim a league schedule but are in the second seasons of their new programs.

Megan Carey won a District 2 Class AA 200 freestyle title for Holy Cross last season as a freshman.

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Bell game gets ring of tradition

Rivalry moving to Thanksgiving in '12

By TOM ROBINSON For Go Lackawanna

The return of Thanksgiving Day high school football to Scranton Memorial Stadium started as one of the ideas tossed out in a brainstorming phone conversation between the Scranton School District's two new athletic directors in early September.

Scranton's Ted Anderson and West Scranton's George Roskos had a series of obstacles to navigate, but they appear to have made a Thanksgiving Day football game between their schools a reality for 2012 and 2013.

The Scranton School Board unanimously approved the move of the annual meeting between the two schools to Thanksgiving during its Dec. 1 meeting. The last of the formalities are being worked out with league, district, and state officials to finalize preparations for the game.

"Our intention is to play a full 10-game schedule at the same time as everyone else," Roskos said. "We want the Thanksgiving game to be our 11th game."

"That's how the resolution passed. We prefer the Thanksgiving game to be the only game between the two schools."

Roskos said principals from both schools have contacted Lackawanna Interscholastic Athletic Association president Jim Tallarico to request that the Lackawanna Football Conference schedule allow the two schools to fill what would be their normal playing date with non-league games against other opponents.

That move would keep both teams on the same 10-game schedule as the schools with which they are battling for District 2 playoff positioning.

Roskos said many of the issues that could be deterrents to a Thanksgiving game are more easily solved because both schools are part of the same school district. That would make it easier to reach compromises, for example, if one of the teams is alive in state tournament play the week of Thanksgiving.

"From an administrative standpoint it's easier to control," Roskos said.

The two athletic directors agreed to pursue the possibility in their Sept. 3 phone call, but An-

derson gives Roskos credit for having the determination to solve most of the potential problems that were presented along the way. An idea that has been discussed periodically was moved forward by addressing specific concerns.

"We both grew up in the city remembering the days when we went to the games with our parents and families," Anderson said. "It's nice to get that tradition back."

"George did a lot of the work and research necessary to hammer out a lot of the questions. ... He had a real passion for this."

Other issues discussed while considering the game included the potential for injuries or loss of interest from extending the season, how to handle a potential down time between the 10th game and Thanksgiving if the schools miss the playoffs and the possible impact on the start of winter sports seasons.

"Every single one of the issues



CHRISTOPHER J. HUGHES PHOTO

Scranton school officials gather to commemorate the revival of the district's Thanksgiving football game. Seated, from left, West Scranton High School coach Joe Gerek and principal Robert Gentilezza, and Scranton High School principal Eric Schaeffer and coach Mike Marichak. Standing, West Scranton Athletic Director George Roskos; former West Scranton coach Joe DeAntona; Scranton School Board President Bob Lesh; School Board member Bob Sheridan; past school board Vice President Patrick O'Mally; Scranton Athletic Director Ted Anderson; former Scranton Central assistant coach Mike Nycz; Jerry Murray, son of former Tech coach Jerry Murray; and Superintendent William King.

was taken into consideration," Anderson said. "They could all be barriers."

In the end, the school district chose to take a chance on adding more intrigue and tradition to what is already the most-attended game on both team's schedules each year.

"The school board was really warm to the idea initially," Anderson said. "When they went out to the community, they found that the community was for it."

Roskos expects more of that positive reaction when the city re-

turns to Thanksgiving Day games for the first time in a quarter century since the old Scranton Tech-Scranton Central series ended.

"I've been to two Easton-Philipsburg games," Roskos said of the Pennsylvania-New Jersey border rivalry that is considered one of the nation's most prestigious high school football rivalries and

is played on Thanksgiving each year. "I've seen what that rivalry in those towns means to those kids, those schools, those communities."

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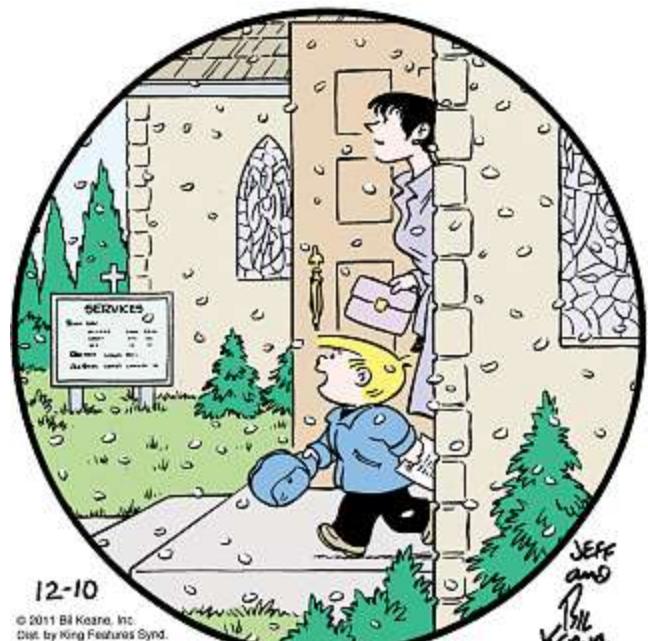
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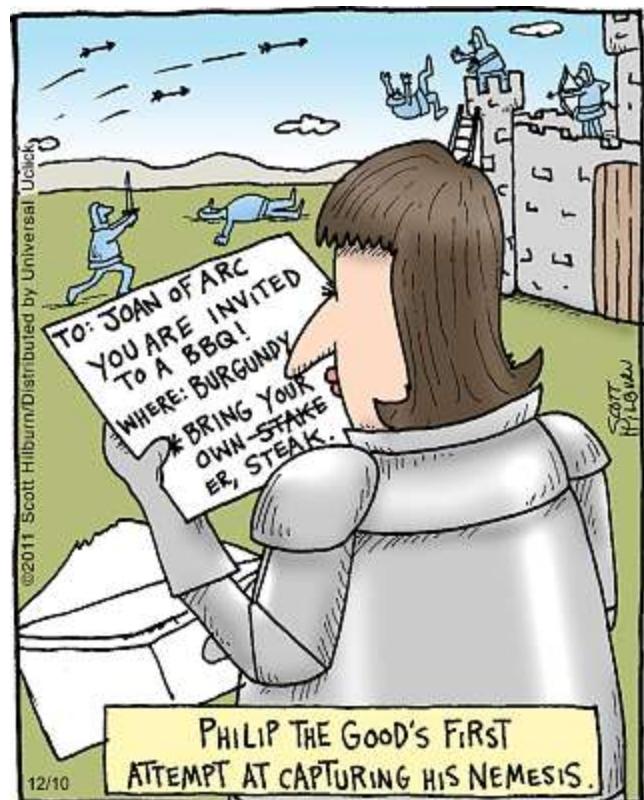
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