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How Will A Long Term Care Need Affect My Lifestyle?

The number of households providing care to someone over 50 has tripled in the last decade, primarily because we have an aging population.

Three-fourths of the caregivers are women, and 2/3 of them work outside the home. Over half of them report missing work an average of one day a month, going to work late, leaving early, worrying about finances, giving up promotions, personal time and even family vacations. Most of all, caregivers experience overall stress and fatigue. To combat these problems, some of them either go part-time and one in five caregivers reported either temporarily or permanently leaving their jobs altogether.

This could be any of us if someone we love such as a spouse or a parent suffers a debilitating accident or stroke. To avoid drastic lifestyle changes brought about by the time and financial restrictions of caregiving, many people are planning ahead by purchasing long term care insurance on themselves and their parents and even their grandparents.

A long term care policy can mean not having to give up savings for college tuition or retirement. It can also mean being able to keep a job, if you choose to. It can mean the difference between being forced into a nursing home because that's the primary type of care funded by Medicaid, the welfare program, and being able to stay home because the policy provides money for home health care.

Mark your calendars to attend a very informative long term care seminar on September 24 or October 11 at the Boyertown YMCA. Limited seating available. Call (610) 369-1011 for details.

Please don't forget to tune in to your local cable channel 4 on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. for "Your Financial Security" featuring Frank Morgan, Jr. There is a new and exciting format with many special features coming in the future.

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Frederick

Youth and old age

By Mae Latshaw
Magnolia House

On Friday morning, August 17, the Growing Dreams Day Care from the Boyertown Area YMCA visited us in the Magnolia House. There were 30 or more of them, ages 4 and 5.

They had a lot of energy displayed in the songs they sang for our enjoyment. It made you envious to think of their activity and how you lose much or all of that when you are senior citizens.

Then, August 29, we celebrated the birthday of Walter Whitby in Oaktree Lobby. In scripture, we are promised a life span of three score years and ten. The rest is borrowed time.

Walter is 100 years old and well-preserved for this age. True, he has lost all that ambition of youth. But Walter does very well with the use of a cane.

All of the residents at Frederick have lived past the life span promised in Scripture and are living on borrowed time. But it is an inspiration to see what life has in store for us as we live from day to day.

Bravo, Walter. I hope you continue to enjoy your age and life at Frederick

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•Boyertown Salvation Army volunteers spent a portion of last weekend serving food and drinks to veterans at the annual Standdown event held in Philadelphia ... among those on board the local canteen were **Martha Fulmer, Fred and Ruth Fisher, Bob and Gloria Fink, Stanley Welsh, Robert Dierolf and Jim Davidheiser.**

•Happy 7th Birthday to **Chad Burns**, son of **Kim and Lori Burns** of Gilbertsville. He will celebrate his day on September 14.

•Happy birthday to **Gloria Gamler** of Boyertown. She celebrates on September 18.

•Call us with your "Caught in the Webb" at 610-367-6041.

Family Reunion

Haas family reunites

The descendants of the late Harrison F. Miller and Kate Haas held their first annual family reunion on Saturday, August 18 at the Boyertown Community Park.

There were about 50 in attendance. Family members traveled from as far as Florida and Buffalo, NY.

Many people met for the first time. The family's origin was from the Bechtelsville area, dating back before the 1900s. Everyone enjoyed a cold picnic buffet, followed by many good desserts.

Photographs were taken of each generation in attendance.

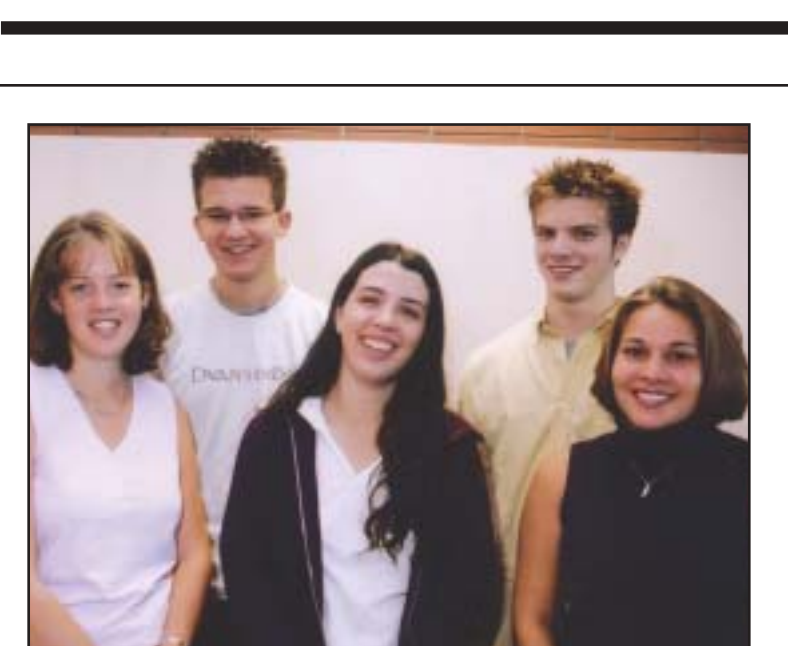
The family plans to have a second reunion the same time next year.

Plane crashes in Berks



Berks-Mont Photo by Tom Kelly IV

A pilot from New York was killed last week when his small plane crashed after take off from Bern Township. The plane hit the ground and caused some additional property damage but no one on the ground was injured.



Berks-Mont Photo by Harold Hoch

Boyertown FBLA Officers for 2001-2002 (left to right): Jodi Whiston, treasurer; Brian Giniewski, vice president; Stacy Davidheiser, president; Bryce Renninger, corresponding secretary; Lisa Swavely, recording secretary.



Birdsboro art show to Sept. 15-17

The ninth annual Birdsboro Community Fine Arts Show, sponsored by the Birdsboro Friends of the Arts, will be held on September 15, 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The show will be held in the Birdsboro Community Memorial Center, 201 East Main Street, Birdsboro.

The show will be exhibiting in the gymnasium, the Rachel Bird Room, and the Senior Center. There is no admission charge and over 100 professional artists and fine crafters will be displaying their work for the show and sale. Included in the show will be a framed original from Susan Doll that will be raffled off, and children's book illustrators Sharon McGinley and Charles Santore

will have books for sale. McGinley will be available for signings on Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, from 1-4 p.m.

The show will feature six potters, six glassblowers, five furniture crafters, six sculptors, one stained-glass crafter, two metal crafters, one quilter and dozens of painters.

In addition, a limited edition Birdsboro Community Fine Arts Show poster, designed by Vicki Rhodier, will be offered for sale.

The event coordinator for the show will be Eloise Roecker who has been the coordinator since the first show in 1993 when 46 artists appeared at the event. Today, over 100 artists will display their work at the show.

Quarry hearing eyes permit in New Hanover

By Diane Van Dyke
Berks-Mont Writer

The New Hanover Township zoning hearing board members and residents recently heard the continued, often technical, testimony of Uday Patankar, Gibraltar Rock Inc.'s permit expert.

Gibraltar is a quarry being proposed by brothers John and Laurence Silvi, II, on a 163-acre site located along Route 73 between Route 663 and Church Road.

The Silvys are seeking a special exception to operate the quarry and related business -- asphalt and concrete facilities -- at that location, which is now zoned as light and heavy industrial.

At the start of the hearing, Patankar presented a chart he created listing the township ordinances and the state and the Department of Environmental Protection regulations for the quarry and related businesses.

On cross-examination by Francis Recchuti, counsel for resident Robert Connelly, Patankar said that he identified the applicable regulations based on his experience with other quarries.

Patankar admitted that he has not provided any site-specific information for Gibraltar because the applications are not completed.

When asked whether the DEP ever grants requests for waivers, Patankar said, "It is highly unusual for DEP to do so."

Yet, according to a DEP letter from Brian Paulukonis, Mining Specialist of District Mining Operations, dated June 21, 2001, Gibraltar was granted a waiver from the DEP requirement to obtain a permit to conduct non-coal explorations on the proposed site.

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GOP party boss sees Dem route

By David Kamioner
Berks-Mont Writer

Larry Medaglia wears two hats for the voters of Berks County, Register of Wills and Chairman of the Republican Party. But those that know him know that never the twain shall meet.

"I've got my job for the taxpayers and that comes first," says Medaglia of his dual role, "sometimes it feels like every other waking hour when I'm not at work gets given to the Party. But, I asked for the job and I'm going to do it right."

This Bloomsburg grad, with a B.A. in Political Science, was born in Reading and grew up in neighboring Wyomissing Hills. Before his election to this post, Medaglia worked as a State House aide to former State Representative Paul Angstadt, who later served as the Mayor of Reading.

He later joined a contracting business as general manager and became a minority owner in the concern until 1992, when he joined the staff of new Berks County District Attorney Mark Baldwin. At the D.A.'s office he was the administrative supervisor until his appointment to his current post, which came after incumbent Joyce O'Brien got tapped for service with the Ridge administration in Harrisburg. He won nomination and election in his own right in 1995 and re-election in 1999.

As Register of Wills, his responsibilities include the probating of estates, the collection of inheritance taxes, the keeping of all records of probate proceedings including the docket for Orphans' Court. He also handles the application for, and granting of, marriage licenses. Because of the info kept under his supervision,

his office is also a mecca for genealogists.

"Yeah, my background isn't the usual political story of one job in one field after another, and I'm proud of that. The time I spent in the contracting business and the time I spent in law enforcement make me a better elected official because I haven't forgotten who pays the bills that government rings up and what a unique honor it is to serve the public."

Medaglia's so far successful tenure as Berks GOP Party Chairman hasn't hurt his clout at the county either.

Under his watch, the Berks GOP has maintained its overwhelming majority in county row offices, the county went for George Bush by over 12,000 votes in the 2000 presidential race and the Party is poised to reach out to city voters perhaps not thrilled with the status quo of Democratic rule.

"I'd love to take all the credit for our success, but the real credit goes to the legislative district leaders and the many people that work very hard to aid our candidates and get our voters to the polls."

What next for the Berks GOP? "We're organizing a Campaign Task Force to train our people in basic political operations and I think we're going to be a lot more competitive in the City of Reading than we've ever been."

A Republican sweep of Reading?

"Stranger things have happened in politics and I think the time is just about right for this one." If he pulls that one off, he can give up Register of Wills and apply for a magician's gig.

He'll certainly have earned the credentials.



Planning for the Halloween Parade

It's that time of year to start planning for the Boyertown Halloween Parade.

The 49th Annual Boyertown Halloween Parade will be held Saturday, October 20 at 7 p.m. The rain date is scheduled for Monday, October 22.

The parade will form in the parking lot of Boyertown Junior High West and Elementary School and the Federal Mogul parking lot.

Children in the parade will receive a candy treat bag and free coupons.

All floats and groups must be registered by October 15. Call 610-682-0758, or write to Box 201 Boyertown, Pa 19512.

All children who participate in the parade will receive a candy treat bag and free coupons.

First, second and third-place awards will be given in the following categories: float; drill and baton; scouting unit; costumed group; individual; most original; and one award will be given to the best commercial float.

The winning numbers will be published in the Boyertown Area Times.