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A success

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit has announced that its evening of Patriotic Music held last Sunday at the Boyertown Area Senior High School auditorium, raised more than \$3,700.

The money will be donated to the Red Cross.

The auditorium was at near capacity and 75 people played in the band.

Tom McHugh, president, said the alumni band would like to "thank the people of this great community for their support of America in this trying time."

Flags flying

The Boyertown Lions Club has announced that its "fly a flag" schedule will be extended through the end of September.

Lion members have erected American flags at participating businesses throughout Boyertown, and those flags will remain in place until September 30, in conjunction with the national tragedy.

Beware scams

In the wake of the national tragedy, the Pennsylvania Credit Union and other groups are warning people to watch out for scams.

While many people want to help, their are those who will take advantage of any situation, they said.

Know where donated money is to go and beware of appeals that are long on emotion and short on information.

They also say never give cash and never write a check for a donation to an individual. Be wary of anyone suggesting a "runner" will be sent to pick up your donation.

Ask for written information on the charity and do not feel you must act immediately. Check out charities with the Better Business Bureau. You can find them in the phone book or at www.bbb.org.

GPU helps

GPU Energy has sent a truckload of surplus necessity items for the rescue and recovery efforts underway in New York City. The supplies include hard hats, safety glasses, rain suits, work gloves, flashlights, batteries, bottled water and plastic tarps.

Taking the lead

National Penn Bank has announced it will accept donations to the Sept. 11 Fund which was established as a result of a collaboration between the United Ways and the Council of Foundations.

National Penn has already donated \$25,000 to the fund.

All checks should be made payable to the "September 11 Fund" and sent, or brought, to a National Penn office.

Heritage Day will be Oct. 6

The Exchange Club of Boyertown will host the 7th Annual Heritage Day in the Park, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Boyertown Area Community Park on Madison Street. The raindate is Oct. 7.

Along with Civil War reenactors, there will be demonstrations, including spinning, dyeing, quilting and more. Children will be able to make scarecrows, make butter, or paint a pumpkin.

Food will also be available. The \$2 admission fee is used to fight child abuse and promote "Americanism." Children under 10 are free.



Memorial lights for the victims of last week's terrorist attacks, as well as flags, have been seen all over Berks and Montgomery Counties. Here Pam and Terry Hewitt of Rhoads Avenue, Boyertown lights their candles.

Local recruiting offices on the alert

By Jason Weitzel
Berks-Mont Staff

Phones have been ringing off the hook at local military recruiting offices.

"I think September 11 was the breaking point for a lot of people," said Staff Sergeant Billy Boldin of the Pottstown Marine Corps recruiting office.

As many as 100 people called his office in the past week looking to enlist for the first time, or re-enlist, in the Marines.

Likewise, the number of phone calls are up at the Air Force recruiting office in Reading.

Surprisingly, the majority of callers were ages 40 and above.

"We've had a lot of older callers. Some of them served in Vietnam or Dessert Storm. Unfortunately, most of them are

being turned away," said Boldin.

According to Boldin, an unnamed police officer from Douglassville inquired about re-enlisting but was turned down because of his age.

The age restriction on new recruits is 29, but it can be waived to 30 or 31 if an applicant passes a physical test.

Since September 11, two local recruits have enlisted in the Marine Corps.

"For the new recruits, they may have been thinking of enlisting for some time. They just needed a reason to walk into the office."

Even in this crisis, the Marines are still upholding the highest standards.

"If an applicant does not meet moral standards, or if they haven't graduated from high

school, they are disqualified," he explained.

Recently, the Marine Corps stopped accepting recruits with a GED.

While the country heals, the Pottstown office has received no special instructions from higher authorities.

"It's still business as usual," said Boldin. "We're in full uniform, driving government vehicles. We've not deterred from our regular operations. We're still being watchful and keeping our eyes open."

Canteen on standby for service in NY disaster

The Boyertown Salvation Army emergency disaster canteen was put on standby last Wednesday to help with disaster efforts in New York City.

Preparations were made immediately to staff the canteen and stock it with supplies.

"Our canteen will join many other canteens in the New York and New Jersey areas. Canteens are to arrive fully stocked with items to feed the emergency disaster personnel. At the staging site, our canteen will be continually restocked by The Salvation Army Disaster Relief Services," said Envoy Doug Richwine, Boyertown's commanding officer.

Donations can be sent to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 254, Boyertown, PA 19512. Make checks payable to: The Salvation Army and make a note "Disaster Relief."

Call 610-367-4089 for additional details.

Society set to ride canal

Members of the Boyertown Area Historical Society toured the restored Muhlenburg House in Trappe on Sunday, Sept. 9.

On Saturday, October 6, the group will enjoy a ride on a mule drawn canal boat operating on restored section 8 of the Lehigh Canal.

The boat is outfitted with above and below deck seating, restrooms, handicap accessibility and a canopy for protection from the sun and rain. The 2 1/2 hour ride will cover a 5-mile round trip on an authentically restored section of the Lehigh Canal.

The cost of the trip is \$11 for adults and \$6 for children. There are still some vacancies.

Anyone who is interested in taking the ride should contact the Boyertown Area Historical Society at 610-367-5255.

Oley Community Fair set for Sept. 20-22

Great food, good music and a good time for the whole family. That's what the Oley Valley Community Fair is all about and that's what you can expect during the 55th annual event which takes place this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 20-22.

Each year the Oley Valley Community Fair brings in great entertainment and this year is no exception.

The line-up will be highlighted by "Big Guns", who will perform on Thursday night at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.; "The Fabulous Greaseband", who will perform on Friday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.; and John Bressler, who will be on stage at 7 and 9 p.m. on Saturday night.

In addition, there will be the

third annual Mid-Day Car Cruise on Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Car Cruise will take place at the Oley Valley High School parking lot.

Other entertainers will include: Tigger and Trixann, a children's magic show on Thursday from 1-1:45 p.m.; the Oley Valley High School band will perform at 1 p.m. on Friday; The Country Keys featuring Terry Hertzog and Linette Mertz on the side stage at 6 p.m. on Friday; the Ringgold Band at 1 p.m. on Saturday; and the Happy Dutchmen Strolling Band from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday.

The entertainment will take place rain or shine under the bandshell pavilion.

Boyertown grad missing in NYC

The terrorist attacks last week in New York City and Washington, DC have hit home.

Rob Mace, 43, a former Douglass (Mont.) Township resident and a 1976 Boyertown Area Senior High School graduate has been identified as one of those still missing in the attacks on the World Trade Center. Mace worked on the 104th floor of the North Tower.

The North Tower was the first hit by a hijacked American

Airlines Flight 11.

Mace grew up on Moyer Road and played American Legion baseball in Boyertown.

His family noted that Mace's office was just 10 offices away from the point of impact.

Mace was a lawyer working for the Cantor Fitzgerald securities trading firm. Cantor, company spokespeople have said, may have lost 700 of its 1,000 employees.

**America,
We Love You
and
We will Not
Forget
Your Sacrifices!**

To Our Readers,

Here is your chance to go down in history!

The Boyertown Area Times and The Boyertown Area Salvation Army want you to sign a document as important as the Constitution!

Tell the rest of the world you support your country, the men, women and children who died on September 11 and the heroes of New York City who worked, and died, trying to save others!

For a donation of just \$2 (or more, if you wish) per person you can sign your name to a special document which will be sent to the Mayor of New York and it will also be published by your hometown newspaper, The Boyertown Area Times on October 11, 2001.

The money raised by the event will be donated to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Fund already helping thousands injured and killed, as well as their families, in the cowardly attack against the United States.

Send, or bring your \$2 or any donation to The Boyertown Times, or the Salvation Army. The Times is located at 124 North Chestnut Street, Boyertown and the Salvation Army is at 409 South Reading Avenue, Boyertown.

You have until October 3 to sign Your Declaration!

James C. Webb, Publisher



Drug Plastics, Boyertown, displays signage that says it all.