

# America Comes Together

## Boyertown's Richwine is in NYC

Boyertown Salvation Army Envoy Doug Richwine has been called to New York City.

Richwine, who underwent grief counseling training last November has been sent to "ground zero."

That is the term being given to what is left of the two World Trade Towers following their collapse last week.

"I was told that there would be smells and sites that I could not imagine," he said before leaving. "I will be there to encourage, support, counsel and pray with the emergency relief workers."

Contacted in New York recently, Richwine said he is working through the night to help relief workers.



**Much needed** relief supplies arrive in New York City thanks to Gilbertsville-based Xpo Business Equipment which volunteered its truck for the journey from Philadelphia to "ground zero" last week. Four employees also went along and New Yorkers volunteered by the dozens to help unload.

### Real Estate

John D. Losh to Klotzbach Real Estate Holdings, 114 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, \$125,000.

John D. Losh to Klotzbach Real Estate Holdings, 124 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, \$230,000.

Richard A. and Lori K. Melcher to Lori K. Melcher, 24 W. Sixth St., Boyertown.

E. Jeffrey Lipton to John Thompson III and Cheryl Thompson, 76 Laura Drive, Washington Township, \$167,310.

### Youth Activities

The Salvation Army Youth Center, or dmZ, will open Monday nights for football at 7 p.m. where teens can enjoy watching with their friends on a 60-inch television.

Food is provided for a minimal fee.

For those who don't like football, a movie is also scheduled. There are also a number of games.

The dmZ is located at 409 South Reading Avenue, Boyertown and is for teens in the 7th grade and older.

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# County commissioners take on variety of matters

By David Kamioner  
Berks-Mont Writer

Though very concerned with security issues in light of recent national events, the Berks County Commissioners have recently dealt with a variety of matters to include farm preservation, arts funding, personnel, police, recreation, budget and charity.

The commissioners have approved land easements and farmland preservation agreements for Laverne Balthaser of Bernville in the amount of \$75,993.10, for Fern Adam of Hamburg in the amount of \$101,048.15, for Richard Dehart of Myerstown in the amount of \$154,500.00 and also in the amount of \$149,200.00, for Truman Ray and Virginia Hertzler of Elverson in the amount of \$161,434.40, for Herman and Connie Manbeck of Womelsdorf in the amount of \$46,100.00, for Clarence and Marlene Sattazahn of Womelsdorf in the amount of

\$180,400.00, for Paul and Marilyn Sonnen of Richland in the amount of \$197,200.00 and for Pauline Seidel of Mertztown in the amount of \$32,500.00.

The commissioners agreed to provide funding for the Summer Concert Series by granting \$5,000 to the Berks Arts Council and a further \$5,000 to the series program itself.

Donald Hillbush of Bernville has been promoted to Chief Park Ranger and probationary salary increases have been approved for Christopher Fritz - Prison Sergeant, Denis Yocum - Office Manager for the Clerk of Courts and Jennifer Biehn - Asst. Director of Personnel. Appointments have been recognized for Sharif Nabil Abaza - Asst. D.A., Anne Burns - Asst. Public Defender and for Neal McNutt as a Park Maintenance Project Supervisor.

The County ratified execution of a User Agency Agreement between the County Sheriff and the PA Chiefs of Police Association for the Offender

Identification and Central Booking Project and also appropriated an amount not to exceed \$37,500 to support the "Weed" aspect of the "Weed and Seed" program.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the allocation of \$5,000 to the Berks County Conservancy for construction of a passive recreation area at the Earl Poole Sanctuary and the allocation of \$20,000 to Caernarvon Township for construction of a playground at the Caernarvon Township Park.

The commissioners authorized 2001 budget transfers in the amount of \$13,056.

And the county agreed to provide financial support and contract services from the Reading Berks Emergency Shelter, Council on Chemical Abuse, Olivet Boys and Girls Club, Berks Aids Network, Greater Berks Food Bank, Berks Talkline, The Family Center, Spanish Speaking Council and the United Way Volunteer Services.

## Shenk selected for exchange program

Todd Yoder Shenk, of Bally, is beginning a one-year term with the Intermento program in the Hague, the Netherlands.

Shenk, a member of Boyertown Mennonite Church, is the son of June and Nelson Shenk of Bally and is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va.

Intermento is a one-year exchange program with Europe, administered by Intermento Trainee Committees in Europe.

Twenty-seven U.S. and Canadian young people have begun a year in Europe with the program.

Intermento is part of the Mennonite Central Committee, a development and relief agency of North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches.

Each year, some 250 people enter MCC assignments in more than 50 countries.



Todd Yoder Shenk

## New Saturday night service begins at New Hanover UMC

By Jason Weitzel  
Neighbors Editor

Saturday night praise services have started at New Hanover United Methodist Church.

"We have no idea if this can be done in New Hanover," explained Pastor Gil Vining, who will lead the new service, which starts at 6 p.m. every Saturday in the church auditorium.

The new services kicked off on Saturday, September 15. Almost 300 people were in attendance.

Vining, who joined New Hanover UMC in June, was one of the founding pastors of Hope Community Church. Between churches, he was on a six-month sabbatical.

Vining is hoping the Saturday service will be a new and different experience for people who cannot attend regular Sunday morning service.

"The goal is to start another congregation that is still part of the whole," he said.

New Hanover is looking for a new kind of audience.

"Our target group is multi-generational. People who come to the Saturday night service will be greeted at the door by a father and son. That's the kind of atmosphere we're going for."

Joining Pastor Vining are his two sons, Brandon, 20, and Jonathan, 19, who will play key roles in the worship services.

Monica Shanley, a staff person at the church, will also contribute.

"There's going to be something for everyone: drama, worship, teaching and prayer. There will definitely be a freeness to it," said Vining.

Pastor Dave Lewis, senior pastor at New Hanover UMC, put the wheels in motion and was determined to follow his vision for the church, explained Vining.

"We wanted to develop a place that will be for everyone of all ages," said Vining. "We understand a lot of people work on Sunday. A Saturday evening service can serve their lifestyle better. We're trying to meet the needs of our congregation."

"It was my best birthing experience by far. And it wasn't far at all!"



CINDY CORTAZZO OF BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP HAD HER BABY AT THE CENTER FOR MOTHER AND BABY CARE.

Cindy Cortazzo lives in Bethlehem Township. But she chose Lehigh Valley Hospital because the obstetrician she prefers, Larry Glazerman, M.D., delivers there. "To me, it's worth it. It's an easy drive, and it's right off I-78."

Being able to keep newborn Julia in the room at all times was a part of the birthing experience that Ms. Cortazzo really appreciated. She explained, "I wanted a chance to bond with Julia and get to know her before I went home to the other children."

In addition to a private room and private recovery room, Ms. Cortazzo really appreciated the experienced staff. "If I needed them, they were always there, always friendly and helpful." And Dad Christopher even had a comfortable sleep chair.

In fact, Ms. Cortazzo confides, "This experience was so good, we might even consider having another child!"



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