

DEATHS REPORTED

Herr
Davis, Margaret L. Eisenhower Markel
 79, wife of Merrill Davis, of 400 South Rockford Road, Mountville. January 8, 2008. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc. 684-2370

Gendy, William *
 82, of Alexandria, Egypt. January 9, 2008.

Grove, Boyd Allen *
 73, husband of Kay Grove, of Fort Collins, CO. November 30, 2007.

Hainley, Pauline J.
 79, wife of Charles A. Hainley, of Lancaster. January 8, 2008. Roseboro Funeral Home, 336-6531

Martin, Dorothy M.
 95, of Lancaster. January 7, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Inc. 872-5041

Neuroh, Patricia A.
 60, of 410 W. Marion St., Lititz. January 8, 2008. Spacht Funeral Home, 626-2317.

Ogden, Creola H.
 87, wife of Arthur Thomas Ogden, of Honey Brook. January 9, 2008. The Labs Funeral Home, Inc. 610-273-3914

Patches, Kermit G.
 87, husband of Beatrice O. Landis Patches, of United Zion Retirement Community. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 626-2464

Sardino, Jean L.
 78, of 1313 Roush Road, Hummelstown. January 8, 2008. Hoover Funeral Home, 533-7700

Schwartz, William Jr.
 78, husband of Shirley Schwartz, of Swansboro, NC. January 8, 2008. Jones Funeral Home, 910-455-1281

* No obituary appears

Obit Addendum

Amos S. Martin
Additional Survivor

Amos S. Martin, 80, of 514 Overly's Grove Rd., New Holland, who died on January 8, 2008, is also survived by a brother, Israel S. married to Anna (Zimmerman) Martin of New Holland.

Wilmer "Red" Herr

Wilmer "Red" Herr, 75, of Rheems passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 6, 2008. Born in Maytown, he was the son of the late Jacob and Ethel Sherk Herr.



Wilmer retired as Milk Room Supervisor from M&M Mars Corp. of Elizabethtown in 1996 after 43 years of employment. He was a member of Discover Joy Brethren In Christ Church, Mastersonville, where he was an active volunteer with grounds and maintenance care.

Wilmer was an avid NASCAR and drag racing fan. He enjoyed attending races at Pocono and Dover and locally at Maple Grove and Beaver Springs Raceways.

He will be deeply missed by his three daughters, Deborah J. married to Robert P. Schmitt, Jr. of Elizabethtown; Penny Custer companion of John McClane of Brandon, FL; and Wilma married to Corey Myers of Mount Joy. Also surviving are six grandchildren, William III, married to Lisa Livelsberger, Richard companion of Abigail Horn Herr; Jennifer and Justin Schmitt, Randy Custer and Jeanne Harnish, and two great-grandchildren, Richard and Elizabeth Herr. Also surviving is his sister, Carol, married to William Standridge, Maytown; and brothers, Richard Herr of Maytown and Alvin Herr of Columbia. He was predeceased by 2 brothers: Harold and Paul Herr and a sister, Norma, and her husband Amos Gelsinger.

A Funeral Service will be held from the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 at 11 AM. Interment to follow in Conewago Cemetery, Conewago Twp. Friends may call at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Mount Joy, on Monday evening, January 14, 2008 from 6 to 8 PM and again prior to the funeral service from 10 to 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Discover Joy Brethren In Christ Church, 1969 Mastersonville Rd., Manheim PA 17545.

www.sheetzfuneralhome.com

Jean L. Sardino

Jean Louise Murphy Sardino of 1313 Roush Road, Hummelstown, was born February 19, 1929 and passed gracefully away on January 8, 2008 with her 7 children and two granddaughters at her side.



Jean, precious gift from God, was survived by her 7 children, Cindy, Joyce, Stephen, Susanne, Linda, Pamela and Cheryl; her 9 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 3 brothers: Stanley, Jerry and Keith Murphy, and two sisters: Jacquelyn Mumma and Patricia Eichler.

Jean retired from Hershey Food, Inc. in 1991 after more than 29 years of service to the factory. She was Shop Steward for Local Union 464.

Jean's charity knew no bounds. She was a champion for the poor and the needy and took special interest in assisting the Shalom House and the Women's Bethesda Mission. She was Chief Matriarch for a monthly women's Charity Tea Club and supported a number of local animal shelters. Through the Christian Foundation, she and her late husband, Albert F. Sardino had "adopted" a needy Asian child which they financially and spiritually supported in Manila for over 10 years.

She was a devoted Catholic and a member of the Saint Joan of Arc parish. Despite her full and hectic life, she found time to volunteer assistance to her local parish rectories, Saint Peter's of Elizabethtown in her early years and Saint Joan of Arc in her later years. Jean could be found baking and cooking food for the priests, performing errands or running transport to the airport for the priests.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, January 11th, at 11:00 AM in her church at 359 West Areba Avenue, Hershey. Burial will be in the Hershey Cemetery.

Viewing will be Friday morning from 9:30 AM till 10:30 AM in the Hoover Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Hershey.

She will be greatly missed by

OBITUARIES

Kermit G. Patches

Kermit G. Patches, 87, formerly of Center St., Lititz, passed away on January 8, 2008, at United Zion Retirement Community. Born in Lebanon Co., he was the son of the late Henry and Hilda



Gible Patches. Kermit and his wife, Beatrice O. Landis Patches, would have celebrated their 65th anniversary on January 16th.

Kermit attended the First Church of God, Lititz, and was a member of the Warner Lambert Retiree Association. He worked for New Holland Machine, then at Howmet, Lancaster, and later at Warner Lambert in Lititz.

Surviving in addition to his wife is a daughter, Marlene Y., wife of Kenneth Garner, Neffsville; grandchildren, Jeffrey L., husband of Mary Kay Garner, Lititz; Hope R. Garner, Lancaster; and great granddaughter, Samantha Garner. He was preceded in death by sisters, Erma Patches, June Shelly, and Anna Bross; and brothers, Wayne and Henry Patches.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at the First Church of God, 31 E. Center St., Lititz, at 10:30 A.M., preceded by a viewing from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Burial will be in Hess Mennonite Cemetery, Lititz. Contributions may be made in his memory to United Zion Retirement Community, 722 Furnace Hills Pike, Lititz, PA 17543 or to Hospice of Lancaster Co., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

To send online condolences, please visit: www.richardhheiseyfuneralhome.com

Creola H. Ogden

Creola H. Ogden, 87 yrs., of Honey Brook, PA, formerly of Tucson, AZ, died on Wednesday January 9, 2008, at the 'Tel Hai Retirement Community, following an illness.

She was born in Sandstone, WV and was the daughter of the late Robert & Ledona (Sur-

Patricia A. Neuroh

Patricia A. Neuroh, 60, of 410 W. Marion St., Lititz, died unexpectedly on Tuesday at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in York, she was the daughter of Dorothy Kurtz Neuroh, Lititz, and the late



Frank C. Neuroh.

Pat was a graduate of York Catholic High School and Millersville University. She was a teacher at OMPH School, Ephrata, worked at the former Long and Bombergers, Lititz, the Lititz Record Express and most recently was a fulltime caregiver for her mother. She was of the Catholic faith. Pat was a Republican committee-woman in her district for 20 years, served on an advisory committee for the Lancaster Co. Republican Committee, an officer in the Warwick Area Republican Committee, and helped at polling places. She enjoyed playing bridge with several bridge clubs.

Surviving in addition to her mother are 3 sisters, Susan Rudolphi, Tucson, AZ, Judy McCoy, Brunnerville, Kathleen (Robert) Hoffman, Lititz; 3 brothers, Daniel (Pamela) Neuroh, Elizabethtown, Michael Neuroh, Mountville, Stephen Neuroh, Lititz; and 10 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a brother, Timothy Neuroh.

To her many friends, Pat was always a giver. She never missed a friend's birthday or a holiday and she was always available to her friends and family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Pat's Life Celebration in a memorial service from Spacht Funeral Home, 127 S. Broad St., Lititz, on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with Rev. James O'Blaney, C.S.S.R. officiating. Private interment at the convenience of the family. Family will receive friends at Spacht Funeral Home on Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Warwick Community Chest, P.O. Box 148, Lititz, PA 17543 in Pat's memory.

She will be missed.

Dorothy M. Martin

Dorothy M. Martin, 95, of Lancaster, passed away on January 7, 2008 at Mennonite Home. Born in Lancaster, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Harry P. and Daisy M. Kendig Kirchner. She was



married to the late Francis G. Martin, Sr. for 60 years, until his death in 1994.

Dorothy was employed as secretary to Father Homola at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church for 8 years before retiring in 1987. Prior to that, she was employed by Quality Printing for 10 years, Richard Miller Printing for 5 years, and Veitch Printing for 12 years.

A member of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Dorothy was a member of the St. Philips Women's Auxiliary, Rosary Society, and Guys and Dolls. She was also a member of Green Acres Garden Club, Red Rose Quilters Guild, IFCA, and The Girls' Card Club.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Francis G. Jr., Jere P., and Michael H. Martin, of Lancaster; 5 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, and daughter, Kathy Martin Picrce.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 11 AM at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster, PA. Friends may pay their respects to the family from 10 until 11 at the church. Interment will be in St. Joseph New Catholic Cemetery, Bausman, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dorothy's memory to St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, or Hospice of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604. Funeral arrangements by Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., Millersville. To send an online condolence, please visit:

www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Katherine L. Maxwell

Katherine L. Maxwell, 85, of Camp Hill, passed away peacefully and went home to be with the Lord on Jan 1, 2008 in Holy

Amos S. Martin Additional Survivor

Amos S. Martin, 80, of 514 Overly's Grove Rd., New Holland, who died on January 8, 2008, is also survived by a brother, Israel S. married to Anna (Zimmerman) Martin of New Holland.

Monday evening, January 14, 2008 from 6 to 8 PM and again prior to the funeral service from 10 to 11 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Discover Joy Brethren In Christ Church, 1969 Mastersonville Rd., Manheim PA 17545.
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SERVICES TODAY

Bomberger, Michael I.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1258 Newport Rd., Peryn. Thurs, 11:00am. Buch Funeral Home.

Bowers, Marian Edwards

Hempfield Church of the Brethren, 1186 Stevens Street, Manheim, Thurs., 11:00 AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

Detweiler, Gerald Dale

Dohner Mennonite Church, Cedar Run Rd., Lebanon, Thurs., 10:00 AM. Strauss-Kreamer & Lum Funeral Home

Ditzler, Alvin S.

Grace Fellowship Church, 822 Pointview Ave., Ephrata, Thurs., 11:00 AM. Gravenor Home for Funerals

Dunlap, Thelma H.

Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home, 141 East Orange St., Lancaster, Thurs., 10:00 AM.

Gicker, Hilda E.

Lamm & Witman Funeral Home, Inc., Wernersville, Thurs., 11:00 AM.

Gillham, Dennis H.

Clyde W. Kraft Funerael Home, Inc., 519 Walnut Street, Columbia, Thurs., 11:00 AM.

Henry, Clara E.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 558 West Walnut Street, Lancaster, Thurs., 10:00 AM. Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home

Markes, Josephine Anne

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 558 W. Walnut St., Lancaster. Fri., 10:00am. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home.

Patterson, James W.

J. Paul McCracken Funeral Chapel, Inc., 144 East Main Street, Ligonier, Thursday 10 AM.

Weaver, Ella S.

Mellinger Mennonite Church, 1916 Lincoln Hwy. East, Lancaster. Thurs., 11:00am. Furman Home for Funerals.

Wolf, Violet D.

Berean Bible Church, 675 Lincoln Garden Road, Ephrata, Thurs., 10:00 AM. Stradling Funeral Homes

Yocum, Frederick

Hinkdetown Mennonite Church, 2031 Division Highway, Ephrata, Thursday, 11 AM. Gravenor Home for Funerals.

11th, at 11:00 AM in her church at 359 West Areba Avenue, Hershey. Burial will be in the Hershey Cemetery.

Viewing will be Friday morning from 9:30 AM till 10:30 AM in the Hoover Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Hershey.

She will be greatly missed by the multitude of those whose lives she helped and enriched.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Joan of Arc Church or Shalom House, 9 South 15th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17104. Share condolences with the family at www.hooverfuneralhome.com

William "Bill" Schwartz Jr.

William "Bill" Schwartz Jr., 78, of Swansboro, NC, died January 8, 2008 at Carteret General Hospital.

He was a Korean War Veteran, having served in the US Army, and retired after 40 years of service with the Lancaster New Era Newspaper. Bill spent a lifetime enjoying fishing and playing cards with his friends and family.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, January 11, 2008 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, PA.

Bill is survived by his wife, Shirley Schwartz of Swansboro; two sons, Karl Schwartz of Steelton, PA and Eric Schwartz of Swansboro; daughter, Kay Ricciotti of Leominster, MA; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, William Martin Schwartz III.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 555 Locust Street, Columbia, PA 17512.

Private electronic condolences may be left for the family at www.jonesfh.org

Creola H. Ogden, 87 yrs., of Honey Brook, PA, formerly of Tucson, AZ, died on Wednesday January 9, 2008, at the Tel Hai Retirement Community, following an illness.

She was born in Sandstone, WV and was the daughter of the late Robert & Ledona (Surbough) Holland. She was the wife of Arthur Thomas Ogden, with whom she shared 62 years of marriage.

Creola was a homemaker to her beloved family. She also worked in banking & retail sales at one time. She and her husband moved to Tel Hai in December of 2001, after they moved many times over the years, as Mr. Ogden held management positions with the Sherwin-Williams Company.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard (Dick) Ogden, in 1999, also by 9 brothers and sisters.

Creola is survived, in addition to her husband, by a daughter, Marilyn L. and her husband Stephen Antonini of Honey Brook, and also by a brother, Robert Holland, of Sandstone, WV and a nephew, Thomas Russell, of Herosa Beach, CA. There are 5 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at 11 AM from the chapel of the Tel Hai Retirement Community, 3100 Tel Hai Circle, Honey Brook, PA, with Rev. Timothy Herr officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 AM at the chapel. A private interment will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Tucson, AZ.

Memorial contributions may be made in the memory of Creola to the Tel Hai Care Assurance Fund, PO Box 190, Honey Brook, PA 19344-0190.

Arrangements by The Labs Funeral Home, Inc. of Honey Brook, PA.

Family will receive friends at Spacht Funeral Home on Saturday from 1:00-1:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Warwick Community Chest, P.O. Box 148, Lititz, PA 17543 in Pat's memory.

She will be missed.

Pauline J. Hainley

Pauline J. Hainley, 79, of Lancaster, entered into rest on



Tuesday, January 8, 2008. Born in Cullman, Alabama, she was a daughter of the late Charlie and Claudie (Franklin) Johnson.

Pauline and her husband, Charles A. Hainley, were married 57 years on September 22. She had been employed by the Stoughton Library in Stoughton, MA, and was a member of Long Memorial U.M. Church, Neffsville, and the Stoughton Woman's Club. She was very involved in the 4C's 4H Club and was active in her church's Woman's groups. She enjoyed various hobbies, camping and hiking.

Surviving in addition to her husband are 3 children, Sally H. (Gene) Wilson, Mt. View, AR, Charles J. (Mary Hinchliff) Hainley, Lakeville, MA, and Martha A. McGinnis, Lancaster; 4 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and a brother, Charles W. (Marcy) Johnson, Trenton, NJ.

A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday at 11:00 AM in Fairview Cemetery, Denver. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. www.roseborofuneralhome.com

please visit:
www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Katherine L. Maxwell

Katherine L. Maxwell, 85, of Camp Hill, passed away peacefully and went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 1, 2008, in Holy Spirit Hospital.

She was born Nov. 13, 1922 in Dallastown, a daughter of the late Joseph Henry and Daisy Shue Weirich.

She was a faithful member of Camp Hill Church of God, enjoyed reading the Bible, church activities and family visits.

Surviving are three sons, Richard Glace, husband of Deborah, Middletown; Jack Edward Maxwell, husband of Virginia, of New Cumberland, and Gary Lee Maxwell, husband of Donna J., of Millersville; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one brother, Ernest Weirich, husband of Anna, of Strinestown.

A memorial service celebrating Katherine's life will be held at Camp Hill Church of God, 123 N. 21st St., Camp Hill, on Saturday, January 12, at 2 PM. There will be no viewing or visitation. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Musselman Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Lemoyne, is handling arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Katherine's memory may be made to her church.

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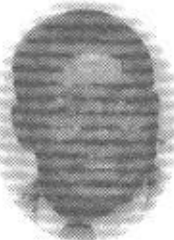
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Margaret L. Eisenhooth Markel Davis

Margaret L. Eisenhooth Markel Davis, 79, of 400 South Rockford Road, Mountville, PA died on Tuesday at the Lancaster General Hospital following an illness of 1 day. She was the wife of Pastor



Merrill Davis. Her first husband, Byrd E. Markel, Jr., preceded her in death in 1996. Born in Dover, PA, she was the daughter of the late Edward H. and Della F. Miller Eisenhooth. She held several secretarial positions and was last employed at Trinity House Apartments in Columbia. Margaret was a member of the Church of God in Columbia, COGS Senior Group of the Church and ran her own Ministry of Encouragement. She was also the Head of the Prayer Chain of the Church of God.

Surviving besides her husband are 2 Sons: Byrd E. III husband of Kimberly Markel and Les B. husband of Deborah Markel, both of York, PA, and a Daughter: Melanie E. wife of Jeffrey D. Miller of Red Lion, PA, 7 Grandchildren and 1 Great-Granddaughter, and a Sister: Beatrice S. wife of John Clontz of Westport, PA. She was predeceased by a Brother: Edward S. Eisenhooth.

Funeral Services for Margaret will be held from the Church of God, 7th & Walnut Streets, Columbia, PA on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 12:00 PM (Noon) with her Pastor Rev. Joseph N. Musser officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in the Salem Union Church Cemetery, Dover, PA. Friends may call at the Church of God on Monday from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. The family requests that flowers be omitted. Memorial contributions in Margaret's memory may be made to the Church of God 7th & Walnut Sts. Columbia, PA 17512 or to the Columbia Pregnancy Center 501 Walnut St. Columbia, PA 17512. Arrangements by the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc. Columbia/Landisville.

Scouts require learning how to confront bullies



Associated Press

Boy Scout Regan Manly, left, 14, saws wood for a camp fire as camp staffer Matthew Ba-reis, 19, watches during camp at last month near Athens, Texas.

BY PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press

DALLAS — As far as the Boy Scouts of America is concerned, knowing how to confront a bully is now as important as mastering a slip knot.

For the first time in the 97-year history of the nation's largest youth organization, newcomers must show they have learned Scout-approved ways to avoid being pushed around and called names, if they want to advance through the ranks.

Shaken down for your lunch money? Tell the bully how it hurts. Called a crater face? The 2008 Boy Scout Handbook recommends this comeback: "So what if I have a face full of zits. What's it to you?"

"We've always emphasized bullying — how to recognize it, how to prevent it," said Jim Terry, assistant chief executive of the Boy Scouts. "This is just a reinforcement of those principles."

The Scouts say the move isn't in response to increased

bullying in their ranks. But some critics are already picking on the organization for its new curriculum.

"I don't see it as radically changing anything," said John Dandurand, executive director of Creating Caring Communities, a nonprofit based in Denver that advises schools on ways to discourage bullying.

"It's just a set of things to memorize," said Dandurand, who as a youth attained the rank of Eagle Scout. "Those of us who were adept at memorizing got more merit badges."

The 472-page Boy Scouts Handbook devotes a half-page to bullies, and Scouts are required to discuss the material with a troop leader to reach the beginner rank of Tenderfoot.

Terry said the measures help reinforce personal safety lessons the Boy Scouts have taught all along. Bullying has long been the subject of informal troop leader talks, and the Boy Scouts have even published a comic book on the subject.

The handbook also now covers cyberbullying. Aspiring Scouts must demonstrate they know how to show restraint when taunted online.

Terry pointed to the suicide of a 13-year-old Missouri girl who hanged herself in October 2006 after falling victim to an online hoax in which she thought she was corresponding with a boy who didn't really exist.

"That was not a trigger, but it proves we're on the right track," Terry said. "Her death speaks specifically to what we're trying to prevent."

Dorothy Espelage, a professor of educational psychology at the University of Illinois, credited the Boy Scouts for mandating the lessons. But she had hoped the material would also have some advice for Scouts who might sometimes bully others.

"You know that some of these Boy Scouts are bullies, and that they're ringleaders," Espelage said. "Why do we always put it on the victim to change their behavior?"

Graduation tests divide educators

BY MARTHA RAFFAELE
AP Education Writer

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania school administrators are divided over whether high-school students should have to pass a series of state-sanctioned tests to graduate.

They discussed the proposed graduation standards at a hearing Wednesday before a panel of the State Board of Education. The board plans to adopt the rules on Jan. 17, beginning a regulatory review that could take a year to complete before the proposal becomes official.

The regulations call for students to pass tests covering English, math, science and social studies during their high school years. They would replace traditional final exams, starting with the class of 2014. Schools would have to provide remedial help for failing students and give them opportunities to retake the tests.

The state would create 10 subject-specific "graduation competency assessments" to measure students' graduation readiness. Students would need to pass six to graduate.

Some administrators echoed objections by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association and the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the state's largest teachers' union, saying that the new testing system would impose an exceedingly narrow set of graduation standards on students.

Richard Gusick, a strategic planning administrator for the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District in Chester County, said traditional standardized testing alone cannot measure whether students are ready for college or careers.

Most students can demonstrate their graduation readiness by passing the 11th-grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, or PSSA, tests already mandated by the state, Gusick said. Those who cannot are allowed to use alternative assessments such as hands-on demonstrations, portfolios and oral presenta-

Proposed test subjects

Proposed Pennsylvania graduation competency test subjects and passing requirements for graduation:

MATH: Algebra I and II, geometry; pass any two.

ENGLISH: English composition and literature; pass both.

SCIENCE: Biology, chemistry; pass either.

SOCIAL STUDIES: American history, world history, civics and government; pass any one.

Students are held to consistent expectations across Pennsylvania's 501 school districts.

In the Chester Upland School District, one of the state's most impoverished systems, only 20 percent of the most recent graduating class went on to college, and the vast majority had to complete remedial courses before they could enroll, school superintendent Gregory Thornton said.

"Certainly as we are somewhat fearful of high-stakes testing, I'm fearful of a high-stakes world that our youngsters will not be prepared for," Thornton said.

The new testing system is one of a dozen recommendations made by a commission formed by Gov. Ed Rendell to strengthen the state's graduation standards.

Daniel W. Fogarty, the commission's co-chairman and a personnel executive with Carpenter Technology Corp. in Reading, said the testing requirements would ensure that prospective employees possess strong basic skills.

"We want to know that if a prospective employee has graduated from a Pennsylvania high school, he or she can read, write, compute and solve problems at a competitive level," Fogarty said.

Some school districts have al-

E-town will host band fest

Children of God 7th & Walnut Sts. Columbia, PA 17512 or to the Columbia Pregnancy Center 501 Walnut St. Columbia, PA 17512. Arrangements by the Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc. Columbia/Landisville.

Hospice offers volunteer training

Hospice of Lancaster County, 685 Good Drive, is seeking individuals interested in the volunteer training program scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 18.

Trained volunteers are needed for days, evenings and weekends. The greatest need is for volunteers for the Home Hospice program to assist and support those coping with serious illness in their homes, in nursing homes and retirement communities and at the Hospice Center.

Also needed are community relations volunteers and office volunteers who welcome patients, families and visitors.

For more information, call 735-2487.

Hospice of Lancaster County provides hospice care to nearly 500 patients and their families each day as well as grief and bereavement support to more than 7,000 local adults, teens and children each year.

For more information about Hospice, call 295-3900 or visit www.hospiceoflancaster.org.

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E-town will host band fest

Elizabethtown Area High School will host the 2008 Lancaster Lebanon Music Educators Association County Band North Festival at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Elizabethtown High School Auditorium.

Select teen musicians from 16 schools will rehearse with host director Steven G. Barraclough.

The wind ensemble will be conducted by Bradley Geneviro, director of bands and assistant professor of music at Messiah College.

The conductor of the symphonic band is William Powers, music supervisor for Hempfield School District. He also conducts the bands at Hempfield High School.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. The date due to weather delay for the festival is Jan. 20.

The participating schools (directors) and the student participants are:

Annville-Cleona (Todd Narehood, Donald Schade) Mary Lemon, Isabel Foreman-Ortiz, Benjamin Long, Elaine Grumbine, Marissa Mango, Katie Lemon, Allison Rohland, Bradley Weaver and Abigail Bomgardner;

Cedar Crest (Cheryl Kulikowski) Spencer Hartman, Dan Cannistraci, Rachel Pityk, Jeremy Yeagley, Matt Deysner, Rachel Yeater, Morgan Copenhaver, Nate Petley, Nick Ferrara, Ellen Petley, Tanna Gible, Kim Keller, Tom Bowman, Andrew Campbell, Teagan Bohn, Tim Reitnauer and Jonathan

Ceresini;

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onstrate their graduation readiness by passing the 11th-grade Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, or PSSA, tests already mandated by the state, Gusick said. Those who cannot are allowed to use alternative assessments such as hands-on demonstrations, portfolios and oral presentations, he said.

"Using a myriad of these strategies, our teachers are able to determine proficiency levels that may not be accurately reflected on an impersonal exam," Gusick said.

The regulations also would force students in vocational programs to spend more time taking college preparatory courses they ordinarily would not need for a diploma, said Jacqueline Cullen, the executive director of the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Administrators.

"To compare, colleges do not disenfranchise English majors because they do not take the same high levels of mathematics taken by engineering students," Cullen said.

Other school leaders supported the new rules, saying they would ensure that all stu-

prospective employees possess strong basic skills. "We want to know that if a prospective employee has graduated from a Pennsylvania high school, he or she can read, write, compute and solve problems at a competitive level," Fogarty said.

Some school districts have already made passing the PSSA a high-school graduation requirement. But students in other districts have the option of passing the PSSA or a locally designed test that measures how well they meet state standards under current regulations.

Districts that offer their own tests are not required to seek state approval to ensure those exams are equivalent to the PSSA. Critics say that raises questions about whether all graduates are meeting the state's academic standards.

Under the proposed rules, students could demonstrate proficiency in a given subject by passing the PSSA; a graduation competency assessment; a local exam approved by companies that evaluate educational tests; or an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam.

L-S student earns Girl Scout Gold Award

Stephanie Cornwell of Lancaster has received the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

By earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, a senior (ages 14 to 17) Girl Scout demonstrates her commitment to excellence in herself, her community and her future.

Recipients must complete activities covering career exploration, leadership skills, community service and specialized interest projects, followed by a comprehensive project selected and designed by the recipient based on her skills and interests.

For her project, Cornwell, along with her Girl Scout troop and the Lampeter-Strasburg outdoor club, restored the school's outdoor classroom.

The group cleared brush, mulched, painted benches and planted new garden boxes. The volunteers also provided a new teaching podium.

Cornwell earned the Girl Scout Gold Award as a member of Troop 1280 under the leadership of Becky Lefever and Valerie Cornwell and Gold Award adviser Lisa Buckles.

Prior to residing in Lancaster, Cornwell was a member of the San Jacinto Girl Scout Council in Houston, Texas, where she participated in the Kids on the Block puppeteer group.

The puppeteers performed skits for younger Girl Scouts, teaching them how to understand and to be sensitive to children with special needs. Cornwell also is a recipient of the Girl Scout Bronze Award.

Cornwell, daughter of John and Valerie Cornwell, is a senior at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, where she is president of the outdoor club and active in marching band color guard, indoor color guard, chorus, theater arts and musicals.

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