

DEATHS REPORTED

Angelo, Josephine A.
82, of Lancaster. January 1, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, Inc. 560-5100

Balmer, Brian Y.
52, husband of Elaine F. Sweigart Balmer, of Reinholds. January 1, 2008. Roseboro Funeral Home, 336-6531

Bross, Anna G.
76, wife of Elmer L. Bross, of 8260 Lancaster Ave., Bethel. January 1, 2008. Clauser Funeral Home, Inc. 949-6588

Coen, Fannie E.
85, of Lititz. December 31, 2007. Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, 626-2464

Dorsey, Mildred M.
87, wife of Fred Leroy Dorsey, of Manheim. Spacht Funeral Home, 626-2317

Gaul, Emmelene
84, of Lancaster. January 1, 2008. Fred F. Groff, Inc. 397-8255

Gerhart, Lloyd S.
98, of Landis Homes, Manheim Twp. January 1, 2008. Gravnor Home for Funerals, 733-6181

Harris, David F.
42. December 22, 2007. Worker-Semmel Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc. 854-2315

K. Kenneth Kittinger
93, of Gettysburg. January 1, 2008. Monahan Funeral Home, 334-2414

Kunkle, Maude S.
97, of St. Anne's Retirement Community, Columbia. January 1, 2008. Heilig Funeral Home, 653-4371

Leshar, Adam
66, husband of Marie Berry Leshar, of Lebanon. Kremer Funeral Home, Inc. 867-4811

Osman, Evelyn A.
89, of 675 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster. January 1, 2008. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 393-9661

Shenk, John R.
77, husband of Ruby Kipp Shenk, of Newport. January 1, 2008. David M. Myers Funeral Home, 567-3138

* No obituary appears

David F. Harris

David F. Harris, 42, formerly of York, entered peacefully into rest on Saturday, December 22, 2007 at Lancaster General Hospital. He was the son of Susan (Cashman) Goldstein and stepson of Gary

Goldstein. There will be no viewing and following cremation with Worker-Semmel F.H. & Crematorium, Inc., York, services and burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Mr. Harris was born in York County and in addition to his parents, he is survived by his aunt and uncle, Raymond and Susan Epley of York, Jane (Epley) Pender and Harry Pender of Florida, grandparents Claire and Maryjane Heidlebaugh, and great grandmother Louise Eberlin, all of York. He was preceded in death by his faithful assistant dog and friend, Cody, who was by his side for many years.

He graduated from Central High School, York College, and Millersville University and was in the process of completing his doctorate in Psychology. He had worked at United Disabilities Services (formerly UCP), taught at York College and was currently teaching psychology at both the Lancaster Campus of HACC and the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing until the time of his death. David was a past member of the Lancaster Aquarium Club, loved music and was an avid Washington Redskins fan.

Mr. Harris, while confined to a wheelchair for many years, lived independently and was a crusader for persons with disabilities for many years. He was responsible for the addition of elevators at the Lancaster train station so that the disabled could travel by train and was responsible for many wheelchair accessible entries into business establishments in Lancaster City.

Memorial contributions may be made to Serve US Canines, 564 Sickman Mill Rd., Conestoga, PA 17516 and/or to UDS, 1901 Olde Homestead Ln., P.O. Box 10485, Lancaster, PA 17605. www.worker-semmel.com



John R. Shenk

John R. Shenk, 77, of 784 Center Road, Newport, PA, went home to be with his Lord on January 1, 2008 at his home after a long battle with cancer.

Throughout his life, John loved spending time with his family, visiting with his many friends, working as a printer, and serving the Lord through his pastoral ministry at Mount Olivet Church of the Brethren where he served as pastor from 1968 to 1991. One of his greatest delights was singing gospel music, especially with his family. He left a wonderful legacy of faith and song. John will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

He was the son of the late John S. Shenk and Katie Laysen Shenk.

He was a member of the Mount Olivet Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by his wife Ruby Kipp Shenk; 3 daughters, Susan K. Shaub and husband Robert Shaub of Lancaster, Donita J. Keister and husband Brian Keister of Mifflinburg, and Julia S. Frymoyer and husband Duane Frymoyer of Newport; 1 foster son, Richard H. Watterson and wife, Judy of Newport; 2 brothers, Laysen Shenk and Chester Shenk, both of Manheim; 1 sister, Kathryn Lefever of Lititz; and 16 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters, Arlene Strickler and Clara Petticofer.

There will be a funeral service on Friday, January 4, 2008 at 7 p.m. from the Mount Olivet Church of the Brethren, with a viewing from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Rev. Eugene Jones and Rev. John Kipp will officiate. There will also be funeral services on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 11 a.m. at the Chiques Church of the Brethren at 4045 Sunnyside Road, Manheim, with a viewing from 9 to 11 a.m. Rev. Ronald Strickler, Rev. John Kipp, Rev. James Myer and Rev. Eugene Jones will officiate. Burial will be in the Chiques Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Cen-



Mildred M. Dorsey

Mildred M. Dorsey, 87, of Pleasantview Retirement Community, Manheim, PA, passed away following a lengthy illness with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in York, PA, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Gertrude Hess Owens.

She was the last of her immediate family.

Mildred was the wife of Fred Leroy Dorsey of Manheim. They were married for thirty-five years. Mildred was the wife of the late Stephen Emich, who passed away in 1969.

She worked at the Joyce Gibbel Gift Shop in the Lancaster Shopping Center and as a hostess for the former Rose Bowl Restaurant.

Her many hobbies included gardening, flower arranging, needlework, still-life painting, playing pinocle and ballroom dancing.

Mildred enjoyed many drives with Fred all over Eastern PA, New Jersey and to Myrtle Beach, SC.

She was very proud of always being on the Honor Roll at Phineas Davis School in York, PA.

Mildred was a 50+ year member of Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Wanda E., wife of Glenn E. Martin, Lititz, Kathy D., wife of Colonel (Ret.) Kennedy Boyd Wilson, Weatherby Lake, MO; three grandsons, Jeffrey D. Martin, S. Scott Martin, Kennedy Wilson; one granddaughter, Jennifer Kinraid; and five great-grandchildren, all of whom she was very proud.

May she sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mildred's Life Celebration service at Spacht Funeral Home, 127 S. Broad St., Lititz, PA, on Monday, Jan. 7, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Interment in Riverview Burial Park. Friends may call at Spacht's on Monday from 10:00 AM until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Alzheimer's Association GPA, 3544 N. Progress



Josephine A. "Josie" Angelo

Josephine A. "Josie" Angelo, 82, of Lancaster, passed away Tuesday at her residence. Born in Queensboro, NY, she was the daughter of the late Manuel J. and Mary Gabriele Yris. She was



married to the late Nicholas J. Angelo.

Mrs. Angelo was employed with the PA Water Specialist "Rain Soft" company where she was an appointment consultant, Conestoga Memorial Park as a Memorial Counselor for 12 years, and Proof Consultant at Olan Mills Photography of Lancaster. She was a member of the Morgantown Management Club, volunteer at the Reading Hospital, member of the Morgan Women's Club, and Dance instructor for many years at a Lebanon studio. Josie was a licensed Dog Groomer. She enjoyed Bowling and was in 2 leagues with her husband Nick. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Cornwall and Our Lady of Lourdes in New Holland.

Surviving is her daughter, Michelle G. married to Ross B. Weinhold of Denver; a granddaughter, Nicole D. Weinhold; and two grandsons, Jordan and Drew Weinhold; three stepchildren, Daniel Angelo, Julie Spivey, both of Georgia, and Monica Gundy of Mohnton. She is survived by one brother, Emmanuel J. married to Marge of North Carolina and a sister, Helen D. Sweigart of Ephrata.

Friends may be received on Friday, from 6-8 PM at the Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel Inc., 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543. The rosary will be recited at 7:45 PM. There will be a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 2596 Cornwall Rd., Cornwall, PA 17016 on Saturday at 11 AM with Fr. Paul R. Fisher as Celebrant. Interment in Holy Savior Cemetery in Cornwall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Josie's memory to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lin-

Lloyd S. Gerhart

Lloyd S. Gerhart, 98, formerly of Ephrata, PA, died on Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at Landis Homes, Manheim Twp., where he resided for the past 9 years.

Lloyd was born in Ephrata Twp. to the late Harry M. and Alice Sauder Gerhart. He was married to the late Miriam Enck Gerhart and is survived by a son, Lloyd E. Gerhart of Camden, SC, and siblings: Elizabeth G. Garman of Lititz, Alice G. Shiffer of Ephrata and Elaine G. Mango of Port Charlotte, FL. Lloyd was preceded in death by a sister, Caroline G. Grimes, and brothers: Samuel S., Alexander S., and Harry S. Gerhart.

Lloyd was member of First United Methodist Church in Ephrata and was a 1928 Ephrata High School graduate. During high school, he participated in basketball, baseball and track and also worked for his father at Harry M. Gerhart Coal, Lumber & Building Materials in Ephrata. He and his brother Harry purchased their father's business in 1946 and renamed it Gerhart Brothers.

Lloyd was the Burgess and Mayor of Ephrata for 24 years, a property assessor for 12 years and was judge of elections until 1992 and member of the Borough Authority until 1998. He loved being active in the community and attending community activities. He also enjoyed bowling, swimming, hunting and horse shows.

The organizations that Lloyd belonged to included the Ephrata Farmers Day Assn. (President for 47 years), Ephrata Fair Parade Marshal for over 50 years, Ephrata Lions Club (President 53-54, Melvin Jones Fellow), F&AM Blue Lodge #665, Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, Reading Consistory, Rajah Shrine Temple of Reading, Ephrata Elks and the Ephrata Recreation Center and Golden Years Club.

He was also a former member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lancaster County Shrine Club, Eberbach Committee of Ephrata, Ephrata War Memorial Assn. Board, Clois-tertown Rod & Gun Club and



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SERVICES TODAY

Bauer, Erna A.
93, of Lititz. Spacht Funeral Home, 127 S. Broad St., Lititz, Thursday, 11 AM.

Brown, Ervin J., III
Indiantown Gap National Military Cemetery, Thursday, 11 AM. Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc.

Diffenbaugh, Carl G.
Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, Thurs., 1:00 PM.

Graham, Robert L.
Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home, 414 E. King St., Thursday, 2 PM.

Haldeman, Harold G.
East Fairview Church Of The Brethren, 1187 Fairview Road, Manheim, Thursday, 10:30 AM. Buch Funeral Home.

Hertzog, Roy H., Jr.
Swamp Evang. Lutheran Church, 275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds, Thursday, 11 AM. Rosboro Funeral Home.

Hillard, L. Leroy
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Thursday, 10 AM. Groff-High Funeral Home.

Hixon, Leslie V.
Miller/Sekely Funeral Services, 130 North Market St., Elizabethtown, Thurs., 7:00 PM

Hunsberger, David L.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 221 East Main St., New Holland, Thursday, 10 AM. Groff-High Funeral Home.

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Kerr, George Crawford
Thomas Auditorium of Willow Valley Lakes Manor, 300 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., Willow Street, Thurs., 11:00 AM. Kearney A. Snyder Funeral Home

McGinley, Jean Torricellas
Cavanaugh Family Funeral Home, 301 Chester Pike, Norwood, Thursday, 11:30 AM.

Montgomery, Thelma L.
Clyde W. Kraft Funeral Home, Inc., 519 Walnut St., Columbia, Thurs., 11:00 AM.

Nolt, Martin R.
Erb Mennonite Church, 567 West Lexington Rd., Lititz, Thursday, 2 PM. Buch Funeral Home.

Pearce, Ethel Lyon
Limerick Memorial Gardens, 44 Swamp Pike, Limerick, Thurs., 2:00 PM. Gundel Funeral Home

Pearson, Darnell L., Sr.
Fred F. Groff, Inc., 234 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, Thursday, 11:30 A.M.

Slick, Edna Frances Tshudy Snavely Slick
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lititz Pike and Delp Road, Wednesday, 11 AM. Auer Memorial Home and Cremation Services, Inc.

Zink, Paul D.
Shivery Funeral Home, 3214 Lincoln Highway East, Paradise, Thurs., 7:00 PM.

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Sunnyside Road, Manheim, with a viewing from 9 to 11 a.m. Rev. Ronald Strickler, Rev. John Kipp, Rev. James Myer and Rev. Eugene Jones will officiate. Burial will be in the Chiques Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Central PA, P.O. Box 266, Enola, PA 17025; or to the Mt. Olivet Church of the Brethren, 1876 Turkey Bird Road, Newport, PA 17074.

Arrangements by the David M. Myers Funeral Home, Newport, PA.

Fannie E. Coen

Fannie E. Coen, 85, of Lititz, died on Dec. 31, 2007, at United Zion Retirement Community, Lititz. Born in Penn Twp., she was the daughter of the late Milton & Nettie Hummer Cassel, and wife of the late Arthur F. Coen.

She was a member of the Lititz Church of the Brethren, attended women's fellowship meetings with her sisters, and enjoyed updating her family genealogy.

Fannie worked at several sewing factories in the area and for Alsam Shoe Co.

Survivors include her son, Chester A. Coen, Lititz; daughters, Esther E. (Mike) Aument, Marietta; Ruth, (Scott A.) Shaub, Lititz; 4 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; brother, Hummer (Judy) Cassel, Manheim; sisters, Sylvia (Eugene) Funk, Mount Joy; Peggy Murry, Lititz; Rachel Enck, Ephrata; Ethel Good, Mountville; and Annamae Morgan, Lititz. She was preceded in death by a sister, Myrtle Baker, and brothers, Henry & Ralph Cassel.

Funeral services will be held on Fri., Jan. 4, 2008, at 10:30 A.M. at the Lititz Church of the Brethren Chapel, 300 W. Orange St., Lititz. Viewing: 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. Burial will be in East Fairview Cemetery, Manheim.

Richard H. Heisey Funeral Home, Lititz, is serving the family.



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Spacht Funeral Home
www.lifeccelebration.com

Anna G. Bross

Anna G. Bross, 76, of 8260 Lancaster Ave., Bethel, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 in Manor Care, Lebanon. She was born January 31, 1931 in South Lebanon Twp., Lebanon Co., a daughter of the late Henry W. and Hilda Gibble Patches. Prior to her marriage, she was employed at the South Lebanon School, working in the cafeteria. She was a member of the Midway Church of the Brethren, Lebanon, where she sang in the church choir for 58 years. She also sang in a quartet with her husband, brother and sister-in-law, and women's octet. She formulated visitations by church members to the elderly and members in need. She enjoyed cooking, baking and working in her flower bed at her residence.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer L. Bross, of 55 years; a son, Burnell B. Bross, Bethel; brother, Kermit, husband of Beatrice Patches, Lititz. She was preceded in death by sisters, Erma Patches, June Wolgemuth Shelley; brothers, Wayne Patches and Henry Patches.

Funeral service will be held Saturday at 11:00 AM from the Midway Church of the Brethren, 13 Evergreen Road, Lebanon, PA, with a viewing beginning on Saturday at 10:00 AM. Interment will be made in the adjoining church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 1263, Lebanon, PA 17042. Clauser Funeral Home, Inc. is handling the arrangements.

Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 2596 Cornwall Rd., Cornwall, PA 17016 on Saturday at 11 AM with Fr. Paul R. Fisher as Celebrant. Interment in Holy Savior Cemetery in Cornwall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Josie's memory to the Humane League of Lancaster County, 2195 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602. To send an online condolence, please visit
www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Evelyn A. Osman

Evelyn A. Osman, 89, of 675 Willow Valley Square, Lancaster, PA died January 1, 2008 at the Glen. Born in Oil City, PA, she was the daughter of the late William Trube and Lolla M. Foy Allen. She was a graduate of Oil City High School. Evelyn was the wife of the late Jack E. Osman who died April 6, 1993. A resident of Lancaster since 1978 and a resident of Willow Valley Manor since 1984, she and her husband were among the first residents when the facility opened in 1984. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and member of numerous social and charitable organizations. Her interests included Bridge (a master duplicate bridge player), playing the piano, entertaining, cooking, interior decorating, collecting and refinishing antiques, gardening, and travel.

Surviving is a daughter, Joanne Osman wife of Arthur A. Haberberger of Reading; two grandchildren: Jon C. husband of Laura Osman, Todd J. husband of Lisa Osman, both of Pittsburgh; two great grandsons; four great granddaughters; three sisters: Geraldine Bish, Erie, Emogene Turcic, Greenville, Bernice Rinehart, Golden, CO. Evelyn was preceded in death by a son, Jack W. Osman.

Services will be private and held at the convenience of the family. Please omit flowers. Contributions may be made in Evelyn's memory to First Presbyterian Church, 140 East Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. Arrangements made by the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home. To send online condolences, please visit:
www.snyderfuneralhome.com

Ephrata Elks and the Ephrata Recreation Center and Golden Years Club.

He was also a former member of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Lancaster County Shrine Club, Eberbach Committee of Ephrata, Ephrata War Memorial Assn. Board, Cloistertown Rod & Gun Club and the Quentin Riding Club and was a former Director and Past President of the Ephrata Area Chamber of Commerce and past Director of the Ephrata Community Hospital.

Friends will be received at Gravenor Home For Funerals, 100 W. Main St., Ephrata, PA from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2008 and from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at First U.M. Church, 68 N. Church Ave., Ephrata, PA on Saturday, January 5, 2008. Funeral services will begin at the church at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday with the Reverend Walter Carter officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ephrata, PA.

To offer your condolences please visit www.gravenorhomeforfunerals.com

Brian Y. Balmer

Brian Y. Balmer, 52, of Reinholds, unexpectedly entered into rest at home on Tuesday, January 1, 2008. Born in Ephrata, he was a son of the late Earl W. and Annetta (Yerger) Balmer. Brian and his wife of 33 years, Elaine F. (Sweigart) Balmer, were the owners of The Spouting Doctor, Inc. for 23 years. A graduate of Cocalico High School, 1974, he enjoyed muscle cars, playing guitar, and boating and camping at Raystown Lake.

Surviving in addition to his wife are 2 children, Briana L., wife of Brett R. Meckley, and Adam S. Balmer, both of Denver; two grandchildren, Brooke and Brant Meckley; sisters Erla Mae, wife of Gordon Schweitzer, Stevens, and Beverly A., wife of James L. Moyer, Reinholds; and a brother, Barry L., husband of Linda (Weaver) Balmer, Downingtown.

Relatives and friends are invited to a Celebration of Brian's Life on Friday from 6-9 PM in the Rosboro Funeral Home, 533 Walnut St., Denver. www.rosborofuneralhome.com



Read messages of condolence in the guest book at
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OBITUARIES

Adam "Mel" Leshner

Adam "Mel" Leshner, 66, of Lebanon, passed away at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon. He was the husband of Marie Berry Leshner for 45 years.

Born in Lebanon on February 10, 1941, he was the son of the late Elwood and Marcella Arnold Leshner. He retired in 1995 from the Ships Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg, as a Management Analyst. He also worked for the USAF at Middletown and the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC. He was last employed as a part-time lane clerk at Manheim Auto Auction.

He was a member of the Immanuel United Methodist Church, Cleona. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Mt. Olivet Lodge, Lebanon, the Harrisburg Consistory, the Lebanon Co. Shrine, the Rajah Shrine and the Rajah Car Club of Reading. He was a life member of the National Antique Automobile Club of America. He was also a life member and Past President of the Hershey Region Antique Automobile Club of America, the past Fall Meet Chairman for the Hershey Antique Car Fall Meet in 1993, and served as the Chief Judge for the car show at Hershey for two years. He was past President of the PA Dutch Antique Automobile Club and one of the founders and Co-Chairman of the PA Dutch Region Annual Consignment Auction.

He was a graduate of the Annville-Cleona High School Class of 1959. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife and collecting and selling/trading antique car badges and license plates.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Jeffrey A. Leshner and his wife Tracy of Reinholds; a brother, James Leshner of Doylestown; a grandson, August J. Leshner; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday January 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kreamer Funeral Home, Inc., 618 E. Main St., Annville. Viewing will be Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial

"Emmy" Gaul, 84

Former Lancaster resident Emmelene "Emmy" Gaul, 84, died January 1, 2008 at the health care facility, Hamilton Arms Center in Lancaster, where she had been a patient courageously battling Parkinson's since December 2004. Mrs. Gaul was born March 23, 1923 in Lancaster to Oliver and Lida Haines Mull.



"Emmy," as she was known, was an employee of the Lancaster YMCA Cafeteria during the 1940's and 1950's, when the "Y" was one of Lancaster's most recognized and favorite eating places. "Emmy" married Charles Gaul, who frequently traveled the Lancaster area: it was at the "Y" Cafeteria where he met and later married "Emmy" in 1954.

In September 1958, Charles became the founder and owner of Lancaster Building Supply; "Emmy" became secretary, a position she held for many years.

"Emmy" loved nature and the outdoors. She was a member of the Lancaster Roadrunners and participated in local, regional and state running competitions. In 1982, at the age of 59 and the oldest female participant, she was a first place winner in her age group in the Nissley Vineyards Distance Classic.

Both "Emmy" and Charles enjoyed gardening and for years rented and planted a garden plot at the Lancaster County Central Park.

"Emmy" was a strong supporter of the Golden Meadows Swim Team during the years her son, Charles III, was a champion swimmer under the coaching of Gary Eby.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Charles E. Gaul II of Lancaster, are her brother, Allen Mull of North Carolina, son Charles E. Gaul III and wife Barbara of Raleigh, North Carolina; son Roger Mull and wife Shirley, Lancaster; two grandchildren, Charles Gaul, 18, and David Gaul, 5, both of Raleigh, North Carolina. Fred F. Groff, Inc. www.lifecelebration.com

Maudie S. Kunkle

E-town waits for 'go' sign on rail station

Approvals — and another \$4 million — keep revitalization project on hold

BY TOM KNAPP
Intelligencer Journal Staff

With new plans in hand for renovations to its railroad station and platforms, Elizabethtown Borough needs only two more things.

One is a stack of approvals from state and federal agencies that have oversight on the project.

The other is about \$4 million.

Borough manager Pete Whipple told council the new plans — which were revised to accommodate federal accessibility standards — have

been submitted to Amtrak for approval. Once Amtrak OKs them, he said, they will go before the state Department of Transportation, the federal Railroad Administration and the federal Transit Administration for review.

Whipple said he doesn't anticipate any hitches in the review process. However, funding remains a problem.

The project was estimated to cost \$2.5 million in 2005, he said, but costly changes to the plan since then have more than doubled the price. The borough has about \$1.5 million of the \$5.5 million estimate in hand.

"This is a federal unfunded mandate," Whipple said. "It's not a new law, but a new interpretation of an existing law ... and it's futile to argue any more."

The borough is seeking grants and other funding sources at the local, state and federal levels, he said.

"It's too much to borrow ... and place that burden on the general fund and taxpayers for the next 20 years," Whipple said.

Whipple recently reported to council that ridership from the Elizabethtown station shot up from 62,526 in fiscal year 2006 to 74,091 in fiscal year 2007 — an 18.5 percent increase.

However, Whipple said, the platforms are badly in need of repair, and the parking lot

is inadequate for the station's needs.

The historic station house off High Street, meanwhile, has been boarded up for nearly three decades.

Once renovated, borough officials hope to use the space for a variety of commercial enterprises such as a restaurant, florist and dry cleaner, as well as a transportation hub including a bus stop, taxi stand, bicycle rack and automated ticket booth, plus access to a high-speed rail line and shuttle service to Harrisburg Airport.

U.S. Rep. Joseph Pitts visited the station in December and told borough officials he would explore avenues for federal funding on their behalf.

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California sues EPA over greenhouse gas limits

Pennsylvania joins lawsuit

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — California sued the federal government Wednesday in its ongoing bid to set the country's first greenhouse gas limits on cars, trucks and SUVs, providing new data to show its program is superior to a federal plan.

Gov. Ed Rendell announced Pennsylvania was joining the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court of Appeals asking the federal Environmental Protection Agency to review its own decision last month to deny California a waiver it and 16 other states need to regulate greenhouse gases from new cars and trucks.

"This issue presents an opportunity for the federal government to combat climate change that threatens all life on Earth," Rendell said in a statement. "Our planet's basic life support systems are imperiled and we need to take action. We are proud to stand with California and fight this unlawful decision by the EPA that will hamper the commonwealth's ability to battle global warming."

EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson said the federal government had a national plan to raise fuel economy standards and dismissed California's ar-

gument to cut emissions by one-third in new vehicles by 2016, boosting efficiency to about 36.8 mpg.

In an e-mailed statement Wednesday, EPA spokesman Jonathan Shradar said the new federal standard "establishes an aggressive standard for all 50 states — as opposed to a lower standard in California and a patchwork of other states."

He said federal estimates show California's law would achieve reductions to only 33.8 mpg.

But an analysis released Wednesday by California air regulators showed their 2004 tailpipe regulation would be faster and tougher than the federal fuel economy rules.

By 2016, California's standard would reduce the amount

"Today, there is simply no environmental issue more compelling — or extraordinary — than the increasing threat of climate change."

Andrew Cuomo
New York Attorney General

to reduce the Sierra snowpack, leading to a potential water crisis.

"He's wrong factually and legally," said David Doniger, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, which led environmental groups in filing a similar lawsuit Wednesday. "No other state can claim to be affected in so many serious ways as California."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said in a statement that EPA officials "are ignoring the will of millions of people who want their government to take action in the fight against global warming."

Twelve other states — Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington — have adopted California's emissions standards, and oth-

ers have said they plan to do so. The 12 states, along with Arizona, Delaware and Illinois, said Wednesday that they plan to intervene in support of California.

"Today, there is simply no environmental issue more compelling

the state's position than other federal courts. Brown said he expects the Bush administration will seek to transfer the case to the more conservative Washington, D.C.-based appeals court. The legal battle could take years.

"We understand this is a long fight that may go to the Supreme Court," Brown said. "We feel this is going to be a struggle."

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., Chrysler LLC, Toyota Motor Corp. and six other automakers, favors the federal plan, spokesman Charles Territo said.

"We agree with EPA that a national policy is important to avoid a patchwork quilt of state regulations," Territo said.

The EPA's denial angered members of Congress, including California Democrats Sen. Barbara Boxer and Rep. Henry Waxman, who chair the committees that oversee the EPA, said the agency ignored the legal requirements of the Clean Air Act.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., on Wednesday called on the agency's inspector general to investigate allegations that Johnson acted against recommendations from his technical and legal staff in denying the waiver.

on Friday, January 4, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Kreamer Funeral Home, Inc., 618 E. Main St., Annville. Viewing will be Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Interment will be at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 3551 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140. www.kreamerfuneralhome.com

K. Kenneth Kittinger

K. Kenneth Kittinger, 93, of Gettysburg, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at the York Hospital. Born April 27, 1914 in Fairfield, he was the son of the late John W. and Mary V. (Myers) Kittinger. He was the husband of the late Evelyn E. Kittinger who died in 2005. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, Mt. Lebo Lodge #229 F&AM in Upper Falls, MD, and Spruce Run Hunting Club in Mifflin County. Mr. Kittinger worked for many years for DeWalt Tool Co. and later Black & Decker Tool Co. in Towson, MD. He was an avid hunter and, in his younger days, was an outstanding baseball player in the Lancaster area, playing for Manheim and Mountville in the Lebanon Valley League, Hubley Iron Co. and Penn State Brewery in Lancaster.

Survivors include a daughter, Gladys L. Masoner and her husband Robert of Willow Street, a son, Karl K. Kittinger, Jr. and his wife Beverly of Copper Cove, TX, 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Sat., Jan. 5, 2008 at 11 AM at the Monahan Funeral Home in Fairfield, with the Rev. Stephen Herr officiating. Interment will be in Fairfield Union Cemetery. A viewing will be held on Sat. at the funeral home from 10-11 AM.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund, 30 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Barbara of Raugh, North Carolina; son Roger Mull and wife Shirley, Lancaster, two grandchildren, Charles Gaul, 18, and David Gaul, 5, both of Raleigh, North Carolina. Fred F. Groff, Inc. www.lifecelebration.com

Maude S. Kunkle

Maude S. Kunkle, 97, formerly of Mount Joy, died peacefully on January 1, 2008 at St. Anne's Retirement Community, Columbia. Born in Mount Joy, she was the daughter of the late George and Minnie (Fach) Schneider. She was the widow of the late Robert E. Kunkle.

Maude was a weaver at the former George Brown Cotton Mill in Mount Joy, and had helped her husband in the former Kunkle Oil Service of Mount Joy. Maude was the oldest lifelong member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church of Mount Joy. She was also a member of Fire Department of Mount Joy Auxiliary, Mount Joy American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary, and the Mount Joy V.F.W. Post 5752 Auxiliary. Maude was an avid reader and pinocle player and enjoyed word puzzles.

Surviving are several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Arthur, Frank, Forrest, and Henry Schneider, and a sister, Hilda Kaslow.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service from St. Anne's Retirement Community Chapel, 3952 Columbia Ave., Columbia, on Friday, January 4, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. with Dr. David Pierce officiating. Interment will be in Mount Joy Cemetery. There will be a public viewing on Friday at St. Anne's Chapel from 2:00 P.M. until the time of the service.

Please omit flowers. Contributions in Maude's memory may be sent to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 27 E. Main St., Mount Joy, PA 17552 or St. Anne's Retirement Community, Maude Kunkle Memorial Fund, 3952 Columbia Ave., Columbia, PA 17512. The Heilig Funeral Home, Mount Joy, PA is in charge of arrangements. For further information or to send the family a message of condolence, you may visit our website at:

www.heiligfuneral.com



are proud to stand with California and fight this unlawful decision by the EPA that will hamper the commonwealth's ability to battle global warming."

EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson said the federal government had a national plan to raise fuel economy standards and dismissed California's arguments that it faced extraordinary threats from climate change.

"I think we are coming back strong not only with our legal case, but our technical justification," California Air Resources Board chair Mary Nichols told reporters in a conference call Wednesday.

Johnson said energy legislation signed by President Bush will raise fuel economy standards to an average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020, which he called a far more effective approach to reducing greenhouse gases than a patchwork of state regulations.

California's more aggressive law would have required the

in California and the 12 other states that have adopted the rules.¹ That's nearly double the 23.4 million metric tons the report forecast would be cut under the federal fuel-efficiency standards, according to the analysis, which was based on EPA air pollution modeling.

By 2020, the California law would achieve a 44 mpg standard if the state extended its law as regulators have suggested, the report said.

Nichols said the report shows the EPA's rationale for denying the waiver was wrong. She and a coalition of environmental groups also challenged Johnson's claim that California does not face extraordinary conditions from climate change.

Scientists say rising seas could erode the state's coastline and top its levees, while warming temperatures are expected

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New York Attorney General

Illinois, said Wednesday that they plan to intervene in support of California.

"Today, there is simply no environmental issue more compelling — or extraordinary — than the increasing threat of climate change," New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said in a statement.

The EPA's decision was a victory for automakers, who had argued they would be forced to reduce their selection of vehicles and raise prices in states that adopted California's standards.

It was the first time the EPA had fully denied California a waiver under the Clean Air Act since Congress gave the state the right to obtain such waivers in 1967.

Brown filed the suit Wednesday in San Francisco's 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which is viewed as more friendly to

Air Act.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., on Wednesday called on the agency's inspector general to investigate allegations that Johnson acted against recommendations from his technical and legal staff in denying the waiver.

Last week, the EPA said it would turn over all documents about its decision to congressional committees that have promised hearings, including its communications with the White House.

The auto regulations are a major part of California's global warming law, which aims to reduce greenhouse gases statewide by 25 percent by 2020. Auto emissions account for about 17 percent of the state's proposed reductions.

Nichols said the California air board is reviewing other measures it could impose on automobile manufacturers if the lawsuit fails or delays the state's regulations from taking effect.

Nature shares blame for Arctic warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's more to the recent dramatic and alarming thawing of the Arctic region than can be explained by man-made global warming alone, a new study found. Nature is pushing the Arctic to the edge, too.

There's a natural cause that may account for much of the Arctic warming, which has melted sea ice, ice sheets and glaciers, according to a study published today in the journal

Nature. New research points a finger at a natural and cyclical increase in the amount of energy in the atmosphere that moves from south to north around the Arctic Circle.

But that energy transfer, which comes with storms that head north because of ocean currents, is not acting alone either, scientists say. Another upcoming study concludes that the combination of both that natural energy transfer

increase and man-made global warming serve as a one-two punch that is pushing the Arctic over the edge.

Scientists are trying to figure out why the Arctic is warming and melting faster than computer models predict.

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best of our ability," she said.

West, 52, is a former president of Humane League of Lancaster County's board of directors and current member at large. She served on a county kennel task force from 2005-06 and last year was tapped to serve on the state's 16-member Dog Law Advisory Board.

West, who will leave her job at Westfield Insurance Co. — where she has worked for 27 years — to take the new post, said the change is exciting and scary.

"It's a pretty significant career change at this point, but I feel it's the right thing," she said. "I've been interested in these issues for a long time and it will be exciting to be at the core of what's going on. I feel privileged to be in a position where I can really make a difference in the lives of dogs."

She does not consider herself an animal welfare advo-

cate, West said, but a humane advocate.

"There should be regulations that dogs that are kept in cages 24/7 have to be left out of their cages for a certain period of time each day to stretch their legs, jump around and run and, well, be a dog, rather than just be bred all the time."

A dog lover all her life, West knew she wanted to get involved helping animals. After talking to her veterinarian several years ago, she began volunteering with Humane League of Lancaster County in 1996. There she was soon heading up the auxiliary and then served on the board.

"I never saw it turning out this way," West said. "It just kind of took off and spiraled into something so much more than a few hours of volunteering. I'm glad it did though."

A native of Lebanon County, West has lived in the Lancaster area for 32 years. She currently lives in Lititz with her husband, Don, and 12-year-old son, Chris.

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Art

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the partially restored building for about 18 years.

In 1988, a group of Elizabethtown preservationists came together to save the original log structure from being demolished. Since then, the Elizabethtown Preservation Associates formed as a non-profit membership association governed by a board of directors.

The group of Elizabethtown residents saved the two log houses, built circa 1750s in the Scots-Irish tradition. The property became known as Heritage House in 1991, at which

time the fully restored house opened to the public.

The museum is also home to the Seibert Library and Resource Center, which collects and preserves oral histories and other documents related to the history of the Elizabethtown area.

"We're a teaching museum," Donofrio said. "And we'd like to see the artists teaching their skills to visitors as well."

"I do think there will be interest," Donofrio added. "We just held a craft show in December that went very well. So, the co-op is a good fit for us — marrying history and art for the benefit of the community."

For more information about the Winters Heritage House Museum, visit www.elizabethtownhistory.org.

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