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Construction under way at Aquetong Spring Park

Ancient spring to be restored as a free-flowing waterway

Nancy Albence

A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step so the saying goes.

Solebury began such a journey in 1993. After more than 20 years of commitment, persistence and hard work, the journey's end is in sight.

On April 24, the township supervisors broke ground, the first step in breaching the dam built in 1870, forming Aquetong Lake and restoring the Aquetong Creek to the jewel revered by the Lenape. The area will be known hereafter as Aquetong Spring Park.

On Monday, April 27, Flyway Excavating began draining the lake and breaching the dam.

The water from the spring now goes over the small dam near Lower Mountain Road into the lake before reaching Aquetong Creek. Once the dam is breached, the water will flow unimpeded into the Aquetong Creek towards New Hope.

Solebury has spent the last several months working with The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that removal of the dam meet their rigorous standards.

Many organizations, past and present supervisors, state and local elected officials and township residents invested extensive time, money and energy over a 20-year period to bring this historic event to fruition.

With the support of the Aquetong Watershed Association, Trout Unlimited, Bowman's Wildflower Preserve, the Native American Alliance, Bucks County Audubon, Solebury Township Historical Society, Solebury's Park and Recreation and Environmental Advisory Committees and the backing of past and present Bucks County Commissioners, Diane Marseglia, Jim Cawley and Charles Martin, Sen. Arlen Specter and Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, state Senators Joe Conti and Chuck McIlhenny and state

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River town welcomes spring shad run

Visitors jammed the streets of Lambertville, N.J., last weekend for the 34th annual Shad Festival, celebrating the return of the fish to the Delaware River after a period when the river was too contaminated for the shad to swim upriver for spawning. Photographs on page C1 and in next week's Herald.

PennEast to conduct geophysical survey

Kathryn Finegan Clark

PennEast will conduct a geophysical investigation along 12.9 miles of its proposed natural gas pipeline where it passes through certain limestone areas.

That was the news a geologist delivered to Durham Township's supervisors at their April meeting.

Meanwhile, a brightly colored bill-

board proclaiming, "Save Our Water," is posted along Route 611 in Durham. Some believe the entire Delaware Watershed will be damaged by the 100-plus mile pipeline that will travel from Luzerne County, cross under the river in Durham and continue to Mercer County, N.J.

Robert L. Zelle, director of environmental services for Maser Consulting of

Clinton, N.J., said, "PennEast did listen to the supervisors."

The supervisors, while under severe pressure from those protesting the pipeline, have chosen not to oppose the pipeline but to ask that special attention be paid to environmentally vulnerable areas comprising karst regions which often contain sinkholes, underground

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Parry's cologne

Wendy Gladston, left, gives a whiff of cologne originally created in 1859 by George Randolph Parry of the New Hope Mills, which gave the town of New Hope its name. Read "Chanel No. 5, Move Over," page A9.

Upscale market to open in Doylestown this spring

Dana M. Eckman

McCaffrey's Market will open in Doylestown this spring on West State Street.

The upscale market will take over the former Herb's Hobbies & Crafts store.

This will be McCaffrey's fifth location. The supermarket has stores in Yardley, Newtown, Princeton, N.J., and West Windsor, N.J.

The Newtown location opened in July 2012 in what was previously a Genuardi's. McCaffrey's is known for its prepared food selections, including soups, salad bar, sushi, deli and more.

Doylestown Borough Council approved the plans on April 20.

Smaller than its other markets - approximately 12,000 square feet,

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Closed bridge rankles Hilltown supervisors

Back in March 2011, transportation officials decided to close Rickert Road Bridge after a structural inspection revealed it was not safe for traffic. Four years later, residents are still waiting for the bridge to be repaired and opened.

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Supervisor claims "dirty politics" in Upper Makefield

Upper Makefield Supervisor Mike Tierney addressed his fellow township supervisors "from a resident's perspective" at the April 21 supervisors' meeting, claiming proof of dirty politics and charging identity theft of a fellow supervisor.

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Decoy carver presents at D&R Greenway

D&R Greenway Land Trust presents a lecture, video and slide presentation, "A True American Art Form," by decoy carver Ben Heinemann, on Friday, May 1.

Doors open at 4 p.m.; the program begins at 4:30 p.m.

Heinemann's life-like decoys can be viewed in the Jay Vawter Decoy Collection at D&R Greenway's Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place, Princeton, N.J.

Heinemann speaks passionately about perpetuating the tradition of

waterfowl decoy sculpture as the true American art form. Using videos and images, he will discuss the past, present and future of decoy carving.

For thousands of years, Natives Americans across North America used cattails, grasses, rushes and the tulle plant to make floating decoys to lure waterfowl to be bow-hunted, netted or snared, Heinemann says.

In recent years, decoys have become popular collectors' items. Heinemann carves both gunning and decorative decoys and is known for

his accuracy, detail and painting technique.

Admission is free, but guests are asked to register at 609-924-4646 or rsvp@drgreenway.org.

A black duck drake by award-winning decoy carver Ben Heinemann, who presents "A True American Art Form," Friday, May 1, at D&R Greenway Land Trust in Princeton, N.J.



Fair housing, hate crimes topic of Yardley presentation

The Bucks County Human Relations Council (BCHRC) presents "Addressing Fair Housing, Hate Crimes, and Police-Community Relations" 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, at the Yardley-

Lower Makefield Public Library 1080 Edgewood Road, Yardley.

The education event is being presented by BCHRC in cooperation with the PA Human Relations Commission, The Peace Center,

Interfaith Community of Lower Bucks, Bucks SAFE, NAACP Bucks County Chapter, Diversity Committee of Bucks County Association of Realtors and United Nations Association - Bucks

County Chapter.

BCHRC is dedicated to promoting the value of diversity and addressing discrimination based on age, race, color, gender, religion, creed, culture, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin and disability.

ing, police-community relations and hate crime activity.

Additionally, the host organization, BCHRC is actively seeking applicants for open council member positions who are committed to the council's mission and would like to become involved in promoting positive community relationships and working to dismantle discrimination, prejudice, and bigotry.

"Happiness Project" author to visit Doylestown

Bestselling author Gretchen Rubin, whose new book debuted at No. 4 on the New York Times Advice How-To list for the week of April 5, will visit Doylestown on May 1.

Hosted by the Doylestown Bookshop and the Women's Business Forum, Rubin will hold a talk followed by a question-and-answer session and book signing at noon at the James-Lorah House, 132 N. Main St.

For tickets, visit doylestown-bookshop.com/event/afternoon-gretchen-rubin.

Rubin is an influential and thought-provoking writer on happiness. Her pioneering work on the subject, which is at the heart of her bestsellers, "The Happiness Project" and "Happier at Home" (more than 2 million copies sold worldwide), has sparked powerful conversations about the human search for happiness.

As with her previous books, Rubin's new book, "Better Than Before: Mastering the Habits of Our Everyday Lives," blends cutting-edge science, humor and personal experimentation. Rubin

doesn't just focus on one or two aspects of habit change. Rather, she's created a comprehensive, concrete framework that includes every strategy that works.

Popular on social media, Rubin writes a lively daily blog, is a Top Ten "Influencer" on LinkedIn, and enjoys large followings on both Twitter and Facebook. Her work has been covered in national media and she speaks annually at major conferences.

Raised in Kansas City, she lives in New York City with her husband and two daughters.

The council is presenting the free community forum, which will include a presentation and questions and answers with human relations and anti-discrimination experts, Carl Summerson, permanent hearing officer of the PA Human Relations Commission; and Tameka Hatcher, housing program analyst of PA Human Relations Commission. The presentation will address unlawful discrimination, identifying challenges and strategies for improving fair hous-

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Rep. Bernie O'Neill, Solebury Township invested itself in restoring the stream to its original state as a cold water spring creek.



At the groundbreaking for the Aquetong Lake project are, from left to right, Les Isbrandt, president of the Aquetong Watershed Association; Jim Searing, vice chair of the Solebury Board of Supervisors; Dennis Carney, township manager; Dudley Rice, director of Solebury Township Parks and Recreation; Frank Nassetta, representative of Trout Unlimited; Helen Tai, supervisor; Paul Cosden, supervisor chair; Bob Heath Jr., supervisor; Ed McGahan Jr., supervisor; and Brian Keyes, a director and past-president of the Aquetong Watershed Association.

In 1997, Trout Unlimited proposed that the township breach the dam and restore the stream. In 2004, the BCTU submitted a detailed plan for the dam's removal and in 2005 drafted a site plan for an environmental and historical center.

In 1737 Logan leased 396 acres to Jonathan Ingham. Known as the Great Spring Tract, the property remained in the Ingham family until 1849 when it was sold to A.J. Beaumont.

In 1995 Solebury Township initiated steps to secure a long-term lease or outright purchase, specifically to ward off development contemplated by the Fish and Boat Commission. In 2009 the township reached an agreement to purchase the entire 45-acre site and in 2013 committed to restoring the stream to its original state as a cold water spring creek.

Hunterdon Bike to Work Month starts this Friday

Hunterdon County Bike to Work Month begins on Friday, May 1.

The annual event provides local commuters with an opportunity to leave their cars behind and consider bicycling to work instead. Commuters may bicycle as many times as they would like during the month.

Approximately 50 cyclists have already registered for the free event. Registrations will be accepted online throughout the month at harttma.com.

Participation in Hunterdon County Bike to Work Month is open to any individual 18 years or older who lives or works in Hunterdon County. Participants must bicycle to a Hunterdon

worksite or a transit station at least once during the month, but are encouraging to consider bicycling throughout the month. Routing assistance is available for those unsure of the best roads to travel to their worksite. All participants are required to wear a helmet. High visibility clothing is strongly recommended.

Participants will be asked to track their rides online throughout the month and to be eligible to receive weekly prizes. The first 100 participants to submit their tracking log will receive an event T-shirt. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Registration will be open through May 24.

The organization's volunteers engaged in tree plantings, invasive plant removal, riparian restoration, raising significant funds to underwrite restoration efforts.

In the 1870s the dam was built forming the lake to create a fish hatchery, a fishing camp and later, an amusement park and tourist attraction.

As of April 24, the entire site was closed until construction is completed.

Kickstarter launch party brings back "Art of Dressing Up"

Fashion designer and Bucks County native Victoria Wright will celebrate the launch of her Kickstarter campaign with a party, "The Art of Dressing Up," 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 1.

The soiree will be held at the Bazemore Gallery, 4339 Main St., Manayunk. Guests will get an exclusive preview of Wright's fall collection, and they will also have the opportunity to pre-order from the line - a feminine, sophisticated contemporary collection for the modern women - and enjoy art showcased by Sandi Neiman Lovitz. In addition, a special offer will be avail-

able exclusively for the attendees of the event.

Born and raised in Bucks, Wright studied at Parsons the New School for Design in New York City as well as Philadelphia's Moore College of Art and Design. Upon completing internships and freelancing for companies such as Rebecca Taylor, Urban Outfitter's, and Club Monaco, she was chosen as a finalist in the Philadelphia Magazine Fashion Project. After showing her first collection in Atlantic City Fashion Week, she was accepted into the Philadelphia Fashion Incubator.

Police News

Hilltown

Charged: James Christopher Handschuh, 25, of Horsham; with misdemeanor retail theft and receiving stolen property; after he allegedly removed and concealed nearly \$400 in store merchandise from Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, in bags, passed all points of retail sales and exited the store on April 7.

Charged: Tiffany Angelina Szabo, 31, of East Greenville; with misdemeanor retail theft, endangering the welfare of children and driving while operating privilege is suspended; after she, accompanied by a 1-year-old child, allegedly concealed in excess of \$800 in store merchandise from Walmart, 1515 Bethlehem Pike, in her baby bag and passed all points of retail sales on April 13.

Charged: Troy B. Myers, 26, of Perkiomenville; with DUI and possession of a controlled substance; after police said he failed to negotiate a curve in his pickup truck and impacted a tree on the 200 block of Rickert Road on Nov. 25.

New Hope

Arrested: Stephanie Rojas, 30, of Philadelphia; March 7 for suspicion of DUI; after she was involved in a one-vehicle traffic accident at the intersection of routes 32 and 232.

Assault: Police said they are investigating a reported assault that occurred in the parking lot of a West Bridge Street establishment shortly after 2 a.m. March 15. Police said, following a confrontation in the parking lot, a man dressed in a red dress and white stockings and wearing a blonde wig punched the victim in his left eye.

Theft: A woman reported her pocketbook, containing three cameras, a phone charger, gloves, prescription glasses and her passport, was stolen the evening of March 16 while she was at a West Bridge Street establishment.

Quakertown

Cited: Kelsey Tempesta, 23, of Quakertown; April 23 for disorderly conduct; for allegedly arguing loudly in the street and disrupting residents in the area of West Mill Street at Brookfield Circle.

Charged: Michael Tarantino, 36, of East Greenville; April 25 with possession of a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia and prohibited offensive weapon; after police responded to the 400 block of East Broad Street regarding a suspicious occupied vehicle.

Arrested: Tony Nordquist, 44, of Quakertown; April 25 for suspicion of DUI; after he was stopped in the area of 2 N. West End Blvd. for speeding. Drug paraphernalia was found in his possession, police said.

Cited: Alec Sabatini, 19, of Bethlehem; April 25 for disorderly conduct; after he allegedly rolled down his window and pointed an air soft gun (which appeared to look like a shotgun type gun) out his vehicle window toward his friend while traveling in the area of Route 309 and Trumbauersville Road.

Arrested: Patrick Doyle, 28, of Quakertown; April 25 for suspicion of

Richland

Cited: A female juvenile (another female juvenile was referred to the Youth Aid Panel); April 27; for their alleged involvement in a physical altercation that occurred on April 22 at approximately 2:20 p.m. off school property in the location of Park Avenue and South 7th Street.

Theft: A woman reportedly stole a \$40 hanging basket from the greenhouse of Brick's Wholesale Market on April 17.

Charged: Francis Earl Templin Jr., 60, of Milford; April 11 with retail theft; after he allegedly stole \$47 in merchandise from Giant Food Store, 901 S. West End Blvd. He was later transported to Bucks County Prison for a Montgomery County probation violation.

Cited: Michael Delaney, 59, of Richland; April 16 for a nuisance ordi-

nance violation; after he allegedly allowed a horse to wander off his property several times and onto a neighbor's property causing damage to said property.

Charged: Jaeline Milagros Rivera, 26, of Bethlehem; April 18 with retail theft and receiving stolen property; after Rivera allegedly stole a \$328 TV in March and attempted to steal another TV on April 8 from Walmart. Police said both incidents were caught on store surveillance.

Arrested: Heather Marie Hosgood, 34, of Richland; April 20 for retail theft; after she allegedly attempted to steal two pairs of shoes, valued at \$18, from Walmart.

Arrested: Levi Antonuccio, 18, of East Rockhill; April 20 for retail theft; after he allegedly attempted to steal electronic items, valued at \$488, from Walmart.

Cited: Tywuan Hendricks, 32, of Hilltown; April 22 for retail theft; after he allegedly attempted to steal an electric razor, valued at \$40, from Walmart.

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