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Dutch Corner group earns Historians of Year honors

By Elizabeth Coyle Gazette Associate Editor IMLERTOWN—It's the burial ground of the woman known as Indian Eve. One of its chief neighborhoods was the location of an iron mine, and Dutch Corner once used to be dissected by railroad

The Dutch Corner History Group has been highlighting the rich heritage of this mostly farming community since it formed in 2009, but for its work to restore cemeteries and research the old schoolhouses, the group has been named Historians of the Year.

"Surprised and shocked," co-president Carl Sellers said of his reaction.

"I think it's pretty cool," copresident Frank Antonson added. "I think they're deserving.'

The Bedford County Historical Society will honor the group at the society's annual banquet March 29. The Dutch Corner group

was born out of another group that wanted to gain historic designation for the area to ward off wind turbine development. Sellers said the historic

group wanted to stay away from politics and highlight the many historic features of the area which the group considers to be about seven square miles of Bedford Township.

Antonson said the rural area drew him back from the upper echelons of academia. A Harvard graduate, he decided to return to Bedford Township, become a teacher and settle at the farm his grandfather bought in the

The residents of Dutch Corner are unique, he said. "There's always been a difference between Dutch Corner and the town of Bedford." The people who live in Dutch Corner "have an identity of their own," Antonson said.

Predominantly, the settlers weren't Dutch, they were German, Antonson said. One of the first settlers was George Michael Imler Jr., born in Germany in 1705, according to the group's information. Church records were written in German through the 1800s, Antonson noted.

The group is developing a tour of the area that will highlight the area's 14 schoolhouses and quarries, or their locations, as well as locations of the railroad, cemeteries, the Triplett Mill and other points of interest. It also has a website.

Sellers said the photo book of the area's school houses took about 200 hours of work. The organization originally was to sell 50 copies but had to reprint the volume which now has sold 200 copies and

counting. Nancy Hinson, member of the group, said her family tree has roots in the area

that stem back to the 1700s. Preservation is important to her, she said, "because my history is in Dutch Corner." -Continued on Page 7





Members of the Dutch Corner Historic Group have been recognized as the Historians of the Year by the Bedford County Historical Society. Among the efforts the group has put together are a book of photos of the old schools of the area and a restoration of 14 cemeteries. Members are, seated, from left, Allan Semanek, Nancy Semanek, Carol Morgan, Bonnie Harclerode and Nancy Hinson; standing: Bob Morgan, Alan Hammond, John Imler, co-presidents Carl Sellers and Frank Antonson; Donald Hoagland and Gary Sellers. Lora Sellers was absent for the photo.

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"HIGH School Musical" will be staged by the Forbes Road High School drama club. The club's fifth presentation of the musical will be presented at 7 p.m. March 6 and March 8 and 2 p.m. March 9 in the high

school auditorium. The musical centers around two teens, who are worlds apart, when they meet at a karaoke contest on New Year's Eve and discover their mutual love for music. Tickets, costing \$7 each, may be purchased by contacting Stephanie Becker at sbeckner@ frsd.info or Lynnette Beegle at lbeegle@frsd.info or by calling 685-3866 Ext. 1111 or Ext. 1215. Tickets also will be sold at the door prior to the event.

"PINK Ice" dinner and dance to benefit Making Strides Against Breast Cancer will be held April 5 at the Breezewood Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the buffet meal is served at 6 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, \$10 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. For tickets, contact Nicole Abbott at coleabb 0714@ aim.com or 652-6032 or Angela Conner at green acres@hot-

DANCE featuring the music of Country Gentlemen will be held from 7 to 10:30 p.m. March 8 at the Alum Bank Fire Hall. Admission will be \$5 per person 12 and older and free for children under 12. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. Smoking and alcohol use are prohibited. The dance will be hosted by the fire company auxiliary. The fire hall is located along Route 96 just north of Route 56 in Pleasantville. For more information, call 839-2358 or visit the fire company's Facebook page.

EVENING of original acoustic music featuring Milkweed and The Falconers will be presented March 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horn of Plenty Restaurant in Wolfsburg. Jacqueline Colombo, Bess Greenberg and Joe Alston are Milkweed, while The Falconers are Jimmy John McCabe and Bess Greenberg. The restaurant will be open for dinner. There is no charge for the performance; donations will be accepted. For more information, call 623-0522.

HYNDMAN Lions will stage its 29th Annual Hyndman's version of the "Hee Haw" show at 7:30 p.m. March 7, 2 p.m. March 8 and 7:30 p.m. March 8 at the HOPE for Hyndman Charter School auditorium. Tickets are available at Corley's Barber Shop in Bedford and at B&B market, Hornet's Nest Restaurant, State Line and Hobo's Restaurant in Hyndman. Reserved seating tickets are

available at Standard Bank. Tickets also will be sold at the door. John Topper and Baron Leap will co-host the show. The Hee Haw Band has been providing music for the show's 28 previous years and will be back again this year. Talent from the tri-state area will be showcased. and there will be some new faces. Robert Willison will direct his 29th show.

DRUMMING Workshop, "Rhythm Renewal," with Jim Donovan, former drummer for the band Rusted Root, will be held 7 to 9 p.m. March 15 at Yoga Bedford Studio, 106 S Richard St, Bedford. Beginners welcome; drums provided. Registration is required by calling 494 6276. Cost is \$35 or donation to the Community Drum Fund. Participants will learn how to use sound to unblock, transform and increase energy.

MOUNTAIN Playhouse in Jennerstown will celebrate its 75th season this year with six shows. This year's schedule of public performances includes "The Marvelous Wonderettes," June 17-29; "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," July 8-20; "Funny Money," July 22-Aug. 3; "Tuesdays with Morrie," Aug. 5-17; "Driving Miss Daisy," Sept. 16-28; and "Midlife! The Crisis Musical," Sept. 30 to Oct. 12. Curtain times are 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Wednesday and Friday; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Reservations can be made by calling 629- 9201. Tickets also are available online at www.MountainPlayhouse.org.

STUDENTS of the Chestnut Ridge High School Drama Club will stage "Disney's High School Musical On Stage!" at 7:30 p.m. March 14 and 5:30 p.m. March 15 in the auditorium at Chestnut Ridge Middle School. Seating will be reserved. Tickets will be available in the high school office after Feb. 24. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for students and children. Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends, and family while balancing their classes and extra-curricular activities. It's the first day after winter break at East High. Chad (JD Weyant) & The Jocks, Taylor (Dakota Kelso) and Brainiacs, Sharpay (Theresa Mitchel) and Ryan (Austin

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Miller) and Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations, and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock Troy (Dustin Heller) discovers that the brainy Gabriella (Kylee Snyder), a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical, led by Ms. Darbus (Bryce Grasser). Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well. The whole show is moved along through commentary by East High's resident disc jockey, Jack Scott (Tom Sims).

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She said she loves watching and following the Penn State Nittany Lions, but also enjoys spending time with Gena, Dorie, Kim and Kassie, and the rest of her fellow teammates when participating in bowling.

When not participating in Special Olympics PA-Bedford County activities, Thompson can be found serving as secretary at Bible school as well taking care for and spoiling the family dogs, Casper and Skip-

Thompson also said she likes to watch TV, play games on the computer and eat at Chinese Buffet restaurants. She also enjoyed helping to clip

Matt Kagarise, head bowling coach, and Pam Kagarise, assistant bowling coach, with Special Olympics PA-Bedford County, said that Thompson is a ray of sunshine and very well-liked by her fellow teammates. They also said she has a caring heart for everyone she comes in contact with. Matt and Pam also mentioned that Thompson enjoys going to Blair County and the Harrisburg area for competition with her teammates and loves

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meeting new people.



THOMPSON

Bedford firm promotes two

Bedford Reinforced Plastics, a Central Pennsylvania fixture since 1974, announced key staffing promotions designed to continue the company's suc-

Rhett Funston, known to his co-workers as

Spike, will celebrate 25 years with the compa-

ny this year. He has been appointed operations manager of Bedford's south facility.

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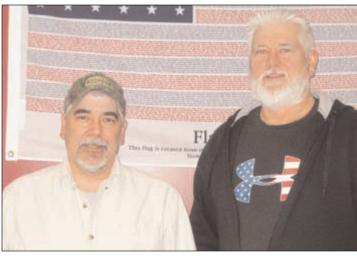
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Dutch Corner group honored as Historians of the Year ...

-Continued from Page 1 It's essential for the area's historians to preserve the narrative, said Guy Calhoun, Bedford County Historical Society board vice president and member of the committee that selected the Historians of the Year.

The Dutch Corner group, through the variety of ways members are sustaining the area's story, will allow subsequent generations to know about the iron mine, research their ancestors and celebrate the heritage of the area. "The Dutch Corner group

stuck out because they did such a variety of things," Calhoun said. The group not only restored 14 cemeteries but also maintains several of them. "Thinking of the labor and hours it takes, that says a lot about them," Calhoun said. The group produced a map

for the tour and also put up signs, marking the sites on the tour, Calhoun noted. "They've done so much. I don't think they're that large a group," Calhoun said.

The three-member committee unanimously chose the Dutch Corner group but Cal-

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