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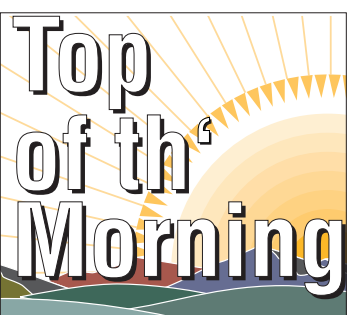
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“Tussey’s Got Talent” has had to cancel its Saturday performance.

Due to what were described as unforeseen circumstances, the Tussey Mountain “Tussey’s Got Talent” show for Saturday, May 14, has been canceled, according to the organizers. Friday’s performance will go on as scheduled in the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. Advance Saturday tickets will be honored at Friday’s performance or can be refunded in the high school office.

Numerous campaign signs were stolen in Bedford overnight Wednesday.

Bedford Police said that at 2:25 a.m. Thursday, an unidentified white male operating a dray gray or green older Ford Bronco with a light colored roof was observed in the Meadowbrook Terrace area removing signs. Reports of additional signs being removed were later received from residents in the South Richard and South Juliana streets area. Anyone with information is asked to contact Bedford Police at 623-1105 or bedfordpd@bedboro.com.

The open house at this Sunday’s Everett Railroad station will feature ... railroads.

Ron Johnson will discuss “Railroad Tales and Experiences” on area railroad lines. The program sponsored by the Bloody Run Historical Society begins at 2 p.m. the program is free; donations are appreciated. The museum and gift shop are open from 1 to 4 p.m.



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More commonly known as the Yellow Creek or Langdon Bridge, this single-span iron and steel pratt thru truss built in 1889 was rehabilitated through the 12-Year Transportation Program developed by PennDOT.

New era begins for Langdon Bridge

By Elizabeth Kohler
Gazette Staff Writer

HOPEWELL — Bedford County’s last 19th century steel truss bridge was the center of attention Thursday.

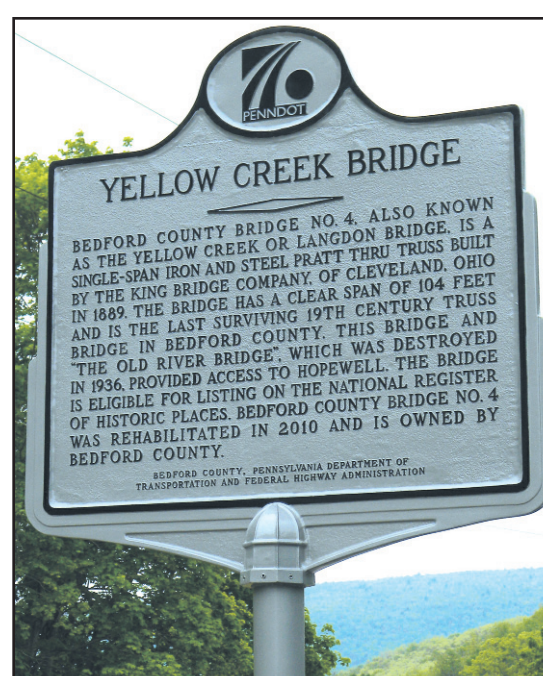
“It’s a great day in Hopewell Township,” said Hopewell Township supervisor Jeff Norris at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Yellow Creek Bridge.

Bedford County Bridge No. 4, better known as the Yellow Creek or Langdon Bridge, went through a rehabilitation and was completed in 2010. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held by P. Joseph Lehman, the consulting engineer for the project, on Thursday at the bridge, owned by Bedford County.

“The Yellow Creek Bridge is special in the hearts of many folks here today and around the county,” Marty Malone, P. Joseph Lehman spokesman, said.

According to Malone, the Yellow Creek Bridge was originally constructed in 1889 by King Bridge Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

The King Bridge Company, originally named the King
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A Pennsylvania Department of Transportation sign explaining the history of Yellow Creek Bridge stands at the entrance to the bridge.

Everett eyes ways to erase \$1.5M deficit

Teachers offer wage freeze

By Elizabeth Coyle
Gazette Associate Editor

EVERETT — Everett Area School District is looking at using its savings, a tax increase, staff attrition, an administrative pay freeze and a couple other budget tools to try to erase a \$1.56 million deficit.

The school board on Thursday received a budget presentation from business manager Steven Foor outlining the challenges the district has under funding from Gov. Tom Corbett’s proposed 2011-12 budget that would mean nearly \$1 million less in state funding than the current year which ends June 30.

The deficit for the proposed \$18.5 million budget had been \$2.37 million when talks began, Foor said. A pay freeze from administrators, a lower health insurance increase than first anticipated, flatlining of each school’s spending, a savings in a contract for Intermediate Unit students’ transportation and the cutting of a net of six positions through retirement and shifting of hours has helped to cut into the deficit.

Superintendent Dixie Paruch said during a discussion that the budget as presented does not include any other savings that were to be part of the board’s closed session talks.

One of those savings the board may have discussed, comes from the teachers. Everett Area Education Association president Fred Baca said his union voted April 4 to offer a pay freeze to help the 2011-12 budget. According to Foor, that would mean about \$130,000 in savings.

Paruch and Corey Reffner declined to comment at length as to whether the school board will accept the pay freeze. Both noted that it was not an agenda item for next week which may be an indication that the board isn’t accepting the offer. A notation on the tentative agenda for May 19 says “There may be additional items in regard to personnel changes.”

“We’re in the middle of contract negotiations, I can’t talk about that,” Reffner said of the wage freeze offer.

The board is bargaining with the union to hammer out a new contract. The current one expires June 30.

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From left, Steve Howsare, Bedford County commissioner; Gillian Leach, Bedford County Historical Society executive director; Glenden Casteel, Bedford County Historical Society president; Alice Hammond, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 9 engineering project manager; Michael Herline, Bedford County commissioner; Gary Ebersole, Bedford County commissioner; Jeff Norris, Hopewell Township supervisor; and P. Joseph Leham Jr., president cut the ribbon on Thursday for the completed Yellow Creek Bridge in Hopewell Township.

New era for Langdon Bridge . . .

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Iron Bridge and Manufacturing Company, was a late 19th-century bridge building company founded by Zenas King in 1858 and subsequently managed by his sons, James A. and Harry W. King, and then his grandson, Norman C. King, until the mid-1920s.

Many of the bridges built by the company were used during America's expansion west in the late 19th century and early 20th century. The Yellow Creek Bridge is the last surviving 19th century truss bridge in Bedford County, Malone said.

A replica of the original

plaque bearing the King Bridge Company name and year it was completed can be seen at the top of both ends of the bridge.

Malone said the bridge is included in PennDOT's historic bridge inventory and eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Yellow Creek Bridge is a one-lane, single span steel Pratt thru-truss structure with a transverse timber plank deck on mortared stone abutments.

As part of the rehabilitation project, the bridge was lifted off the substructure and taken to a staging area where the

repairs and rehabilitation were made, Malone had previously explained.

Contractor J.D. Eckman completed the rehabilitation for approximately \$1.3 million. Malone previously said the funding for the bridge project utilized both federal and state funds through the 12-Year Transportation Program developed by PennDOT. County contribution was very minimal.

"This has been a long time coming," said Norris. "It's a very valuable bridge and now it's safe for both emergency and township vehicles."

Malone said the Bedford County Historical Society played a huge role in the rehabilitation of the bridge. Historical Society president Glenden Casteel thanked everyone who wrote letters of support for the project. "After looking into it, we realized it would cost just as much to rehabilitate the bridge as it would to rebuild," Casteel said.

education programs.

Anyone with questions regarding the park or park programs should stop by the park office at 132 State Park Rd., Schellsburg or call 733-4218. Park hours during the spring season are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Shawnee Park Friends to meet

The new Shawnee State Park Friends group will meet Thursday, May 19, at 6 p.m. in the Environmental and Historical room at the Shawnee State Park office.

Topics to be discussed include recently completed projects, current and future projects as well as the forma-

Vandals strike Everett properties

Multiple homes were vandalized in Everett sometime overnight Wednesday.

Sometime between midnight and 3:30 a.m. Thursday, vandals tipped over potted plants and swing sets, pulled up fencing, flags, yard lights and other lawn ornaments, said Everett Borough Police.

Some items were stolen, police said. In addition, the vandals hooked up hoses and

turned on water at several properties, and at a residence along Water Street they intentionally put a hose at the foot of a door so the water would run into the home, police said.

The incidents occurred along East Main Street, East Foundry Street, East Water Street, West Foundry Street, North Ridge Avenue and West Main Street.

The most dangerous vandalism occurred when a meter box was smashed on a South River Lane building, police said. In addition, the vandals tore down signs on the Linda's Lunchbox business along East Foundry Street.

At least 15 properties were hit. Anyone with information is asked to contact borough police.

Police

A Saxton man was jailed after convincing a teenaged girl he spoke with on Facebook to meet him.

Spencer Charles Elder, 22, allegedly communicated with the girl on the social network for several day and asked her to meet him, state police reported. He allegedly discussed with her how they would arrange for her to leave her residence without her parents' knowledge. On Wednesday, about 10:30 p.m., Elder allegedly drove to the girl's residence and then she returned with him to his house where they engaged in sexual acts, police said. Elder was arraigned and jailed on charges of interfering with the custody of a child and corruption of a minor.

One person was hurt in a two-vehicle accident in Bedford Township Tuesday.

day.

The accident happened about 1:15 p.m. on Route 30, state police said. A Toyota Camry, operated by Leah R. O'Connor of Chicago, Ill., was pulled off the edge of Route 30 facing east, waiting to make a left turn into a driveway to turn around and go west. O'Connor thought traffic had cleared and didn't see an F-250 truck operated by Vincent Russo of New Castle approaching from the east, police said. O'Connor's vehicle struck the right side of the truck. The Toyota was disabled. Russo complained of minor back pain but was cleared by Bedford ambulance personnel, police said.

A Bedford woman was cited for simple assault last week.

Bethany Ann Rayev Bingham, 20, allegedly threw a baby monitor at a 21-year-old

Hopewell woman on May 3 about 4:20 p.m., state police said. The unnamed victim sustained a minor injury, police said.

Someone broke into a Harrison Township recently home and then stole a vehicle.

The Route 31 home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Will was burglarized after someone forced their way through a secured back door, state police reported. The burglar/s then located a set of vehicle keys and stole the vehicle. The theft happened sometime on April 30 or May 1.

No one was hurt in a traffic mishap Wednesday in Snake Spring Township.

A Honda Civic, driven by Eric M. Milburn of Everett, reportedly backed up into a second vehicle in the SAC parking lot, Snake Spring township, about 4:10 p.m., state police reported. Milburn's Honda struck the front of a Buick Lesaber, driven by Amy J. Foor of Loysburg. Milburn then left the scene and traveled west on Route 30, police said.

Outdoor programs at Blue Knob

The weekly Silver Series will begin at Blue Knob State Park Chappell's Field parking area Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. with biking.

The Silver Series consists of outdoor recreation programs designed for older participants. To celebrate National Bike month, a leisurely trail ride through Blue Knob State Park will be held. Trails for the ride will be easy, mostly single track trails. Bring plenty of water.

Visitors can bring their own bikes along or borrow one of the park's bikes. Bike helmets are required for all program participants and are available

for participants borrowing park bikes.

All programs are given, weather permitting.

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