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In Ian's Boots

Program provides shoes to needy in honor of sledding accident victim

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NORTH COVENTRY — It was earlier this year that Ron and Holly Miller received the phone call that every parent dreads.

Their son Ian, a 7th grader at West-Mont Christian Academy, was killed in a sledding accident Jan. 16, while on a trip with the local Boy Scout troop.

Found carefully folded inside his boot was a Bible verse which read: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face

trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

"It really is a message to us, to be strong, to persevere," Ian's mother said at the time of his death, his parents having decided to share the circumstances and who were subsequently amazed at the outpouring of support it engendered.

In addition to sharing his faith, Ian also shared himself and gave a final gift in death by donating his organs.

Now, his parents have founded a non-profit to demonstrate the perseverance of their faith and to ensure that Ian's memory lives on in good works.

Called "In Ian's Boots, A Mission for Soles," the organization's mission is simple, "to provide shoes and boots to those in need."

The organization (www.inians-boots.org) solicits manufacturers and retail sellers for donations or deep discounts on surplus stock and overruns, arranges for the distribution of the shoes and boots and uses donations to purchase and ship

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Ian Miller, center, loved to play soccer.

Submitted photo

PHOENIXVILLE

Council waits for apology by business group

Offensive blog led to reprimand of community board's director

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PHOENIXVILLE — Borough Council is still waiting for the public apology from the Main Street Community Development Corp. as a result of a letter of reprimand sent last month to CDC Director Barry Cassidy regarding an offensive comment on Cassidy's personal blog.

Council President Richard Mark Kirkner (D-North) said during Tuesday night's council meeting that the public apology is one of three things that were listed in the letter of reprimand that was sent to CDC on June 11.

The letter stipulated that if the conditions are not met, the borough could terminate its contract with the community development group.

Borough Council agreed on June 8 to send a letter of reprimand to Cassidy

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Gone fishin'

Keith Myers and his son, Jacob Myers, of Birdsboro, fish at Hopewell Lake. It was the first time that Jacob ever went fishing on his dad's boat.

John Strickler/The Mercury

BP chokes off the oil leak; now begins the wait

By Colleen Long and Harry R. Weber
Associated Press Writers

NEW ORLEANS — BP finally choked off the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday — 85 days and up to 184 million gallons after the crisis unfolded — then began a tense 48 hours of watching to see whether the capped-off well would hold or blow a new leak.

To the relief of millions of people along the Gulf Coast, the big, billowing brown cloud of crude at the bottom of the sea disappeared from the underwater video feed for the first time since the disaster began in April, as BP closed the last of three openings in the 75-ton cap lowered onto the well earlier this week.

"Finally!" said Renee Brown, a school guidance counselor visiting Pensacola Beach, Fla., from London, Ky. "Honestly, I'm surprised that they haven't been able to do something sooner, though."

But the company stopped far short of declaring victory over the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history and one of the nation's worst environmental disasters, a catastrophe that has killed wildlife and threatened the livelihoods of fishermen, restaurateurs, and oil industry workers from Texas to Florida.

Now begins a waiting period during which engineers will monitor pressure gauges and watch for signs of leaks elsewhere in the well. The biggest risk: Pressure from the oil gushing out of the ground could fracture the well and make the leak even worse, causing oil to spill from other spots on the sea floor.

Ultimately, the cap may have to be opened up, allowing oil to spill into the sea again.

"For the people living on the Gulf, I'm certainly not going to guess their emotions," BP vice president Kent Wells said. "I hope they're encouraged there's no oil going into the Gulf of Mexico. But we have to be careful. Depending on what the test shows us, we may need to open this well back up."

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NORTH COVENTRY

Township considers archery hunting in Coventry Woods

By Laura Catalano
Special to The Mercury

NORTH COVENTRY — Township officials are considering adopting a program that would allow archery hunting for white-tailed deer on township-owned open space.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed 2010-11 White-Tailed Deer Regulated Archery Hunting Program rules and regulations at a board meeting Monday, but tabled a decision on the matter after several questions and concerns arose that could not be answered.

The proposed program was designed over a period of several months by a township committee form-

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Trimming the tree

Norco Fire Company firefighters cut down a large tree limb that fell across East Cedarville Road near South Keim Street in North Coventry Thursday morning closing the roadway for about an hour. Police and fire police directed traffic around the scene.

Photo by Tom Kelly III



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