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New Look For Lumber Museum Unveiled

Officials Say Expansion/Renovation Project Will Not Be Affected By State Budget Cuts

The multi-million dollar expansion and renovation project at the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum will transform the current visitors center and exhibit gallery into a showpiece for the northern tier...

...vania Historical and Museum Commission at a meeting at the Lumber Museum last week. "The money cannot lapse to the best of my understanding."

"The construction process will probably take 360 days... and there are literally 5,000 things that can happen to slow that down."

didn't like. The brick steps leading to the entrance of the current visitors center and exhibition hall will be replaced with a brand new two-storey wood-framed plate glass entranceway that will allow people to walk directly from the parking lot into the building...

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Final Tally: Minor and Glassmire Will Face Off, Watson And Dusenbury Unopposed

BY KIMBERLEY HOAK
STAFF REPORTER
The Canvassing and Computing Board finished their work last Thursday afternoon at around 4 p.m., but Director of Voter Registration Sandy Lewis, still has a lot of work to do before all of the election results are tallied and all of the official results are released.

"I can give you what I have right now, which are the county-wide race results, but it will be sometime probably late in the week before I have tallied everything else," Lewis told the Leader-Enterprise.

of Judge of the Potter County Court of Common Pleas show that Steve Minor won the Republican nomination against Dan Glassmire by a vote of 1739 to Glassmire's 1127, but Glassmire won the Democratic nomination by 20 votes - 582 to Minor's 562 votes.

and 552 Republican votes. In the race for Potter County District Attorney, former Assistant District Attorney and challenger Andy Watson has won both the Republican and Democratic ticket nominations.

EMA Coordinator Charged With Child Porn

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James Perry Steiner, 41, of Coudersport, was charged last week by Coudersport-based State Police with three felony counts of possession of child pornography and three felony counts of using a communications facility to commit, cause or facilitate the commission of a crime.

Coudersport Ambulance Association, told the Leader-Enterprise yesterday that Steiner has been "placed on administrative leave from both the Coudersport Regional Advanced Life Support Team, where he was employed as a paramedic, and from the Coudersport Volunteer Ambulance Association, where he volunteered his services."

According to a press release issued by the State Police last week, "The Pennsylvania State Police Troop F - Coudersport station and the Pennsylvania State Police Computer Crimes Unit served search warrants for computerized child pornography being possessed by Steiner. It was determined that Steiner was in possession of child pornography at his residence."

"The Board of Directors made the decision to place Jim on administrative leave for the time being," Schoonover said.

Steiner was arraigned last Wednesday evening before District Judge Annette Easton and released on \$25,000 unsecured bail. Steiner was represented at the arraignment by Coudersport defense attorney Robert Kuhl.

In the affidavit, police reported that Steiner told police "that her husband had moved out of the residence around May 2 or 3d." She told police she and her husband had been having marital problems for "approximately the last two years" and that she had "been receiving marriage counseling since approximately August 2007."

Steiner is the Emergency Management Coordinator for the Potter County Department of Emergency Services. He has been placed on "administrative leave" by the county.

Christy Steiner told police that during the week after Jim Steiner moved out of their home, "she discovered more discs in a file cabinet on the charges."

Todd Schoonover, President of the

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Wagner's Ace Hardware Promotion Goal Is To Donate Appliances To Christmas House

BY KIMBERLEY HOAK
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"We just want to do something that helps out the community - it's rough for everybody right now. We really hope we get some good response from the public," said Mike Wagner of Wagner Ace Hardware, of Coudersport and Ulysses in announcing their plan to help the Christmas House.

stores sell, they will donate one major appliance to the Christmas House to be used to help local families in need. Major appliances include washers and dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and stoves.

time comes," said Christmas House volunteer Barb Heibel. When Wagner was being asked by the Leader-Enterprise what gave him the idea to do something like this, Heibel spoke up and said, "They've been helping the Christmas House for years and years - they've done all kinds of things - things people don't know about, I'm sure. The Wagner's

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State Park Visitors Hope Closings Are Just Talk



STATE PARK VISITORS MULL BUDGET BATTLE
From left, Leah Willis, Judy Nichols, Ted Nichols, Dean Abel and George Willis chat at Sizerville State Park on June 4. That park is on the list of possible closings if the Senate GOP budget becomes law.

BY ALEX DAVIS
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For more than three decades, George and Leah Willis from near Pittsburgh have visited Sizerville State Park.

They have made some long-lasting friendships and have brought their kids and grandchildren with them on trips. And they have gone camping here for almost a decade. Now with the Senate GOP budget proposing deeper cuts at the state level, the Willises and many other park visitors could see their traditions become a thing of the past.

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources recently released a list of 50 state parks that could be shut down if Senate Bill 850 becomes reality. Included are Sizerville, Ole Bull and Keetle Creek in Potter County.

"I think it is a ploy," George said, who stays in a trailer at Sizerville at least once a year. "They got an investment in it (the state parks) and should keep it."

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New Coudersport Librarian Brings Expertise & Passion

BY NEIL LINDERMAN
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Although she took a circuitous path to her new job as director of the Coudersport Public Library, Keturah Cappadonia has had an affinity for libraries from a very young age.

the research aspect, which took me to libraries and archives, more than I actually liked teaching or the hands-on stuff," Cappadonia said. "So after grad school, with my history degree, I thought of ways in which I could use that degree and yet integrate my interest for doing research and sources of information. So I decided to go to school and get a library science degree."

"I spent a lot of time in the library in Shinglehouse," Cappadonia said. "My mom works there now and worked there then, so I always had a real fondness for libraries and the environment."

"While doing that," she said, "I wasn't sure what avenue I wanted to go down - whether I wanted to be in academic libraries or public libraries or museums. It was sort of a learn-as-you-go. I spent some time in academic libraries, and that was great, but I decided I wanted to get some experience working with public

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an elevator to get to the main exhibit level will have one. Others may climb a grand staircase with views of special exhibits inside and the rugged Potter County hills outside.

The ticketing area will be adjacent to and combined with the museum store, allowing both to be staffed by one person during off-peak days.

A glass-enclosed hallway to the left will lead visitors to a multi-purpose room and adjacent professional kitchen that can seat approximately 130 for banquets – or be cordoned off into three separate rooms for use by smaller groups.

To the right of the entranceway will be the exhibit galleries, modestly expanded from the square-footage currently in use, but able to be locked to allow independent evening use of the conference and banquet facilities at the other end of the building.

“We put more money into the footprint rather than the exhibits,” noted Bruce Bazelon division chief for the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. “The exhibit has been shorted, no question, but if we don’t do (the expanded footprint) now, we can’t make it up.”

He said he learned during the multiple discussions with museum staff, volunteers and community leaders last year that the consensus was “it needed the community room more than it needed another exhibit.”

The plan has increased and improved storage for exhibits, space for changing exhibits, and increased storage for the gift shop and museum staff.

The building, which incorporates wood, “simulated stone” and glass, conforms to the design guidelines for the PA Wilds and will be heated by geothermal energy.

Those present at the meeting discussed details of fire suppression, location of doors and windows for the kitchen, paving of staff parking areas and other minor aspects of the plan, but the general response was the people liked what they saw.

Former Potter County Commissioner John Torok said, “After forever and a day, I like what I’m looking at. It’s looking good, thank you.”