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RV Chamber names top citizen, business

By JOSH WALZAK
 L-V Editor

NEW BETHLEHEM — With record attendance, and a theme of business growth and expansion in the area, the Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner last Saturday, presenting awards to the area's top citizen, business and more.

With nearly 120 people attending the event at Ever-Moore's Restaurant in New Bethlehem, chamber officials said that the organization — and the local business community — if off to a good start this year.

"Our chamber is very vibrant, strong and growing," said chamber board member Tim Murray, who served at the evening's master of ceremonies. "We're excited for what's ahead of us."

Chamber president Bill Willis said that the chamber has welcomed 10 new members in the past year, and that the organization and local businesses continue to



By JOSH WALZAK/L-V Editor
DIANNA BROTHERS (RIGHT) was presented with the Redbank Valley Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year award by chamber board member Amanda Coon at the chamber's annual dinner on Saturday.

be vital to the success and survival of the community. The annual celebration also featured the

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GETTING READY for their holiday break, kindergarten students in Val Jacobson's class at Redbank Valley Primary School were all ears on the playground.

SLEEPING THROUGH her first visit with the Easter Bunny, six-week-old Kenna Swartfager of Knox (left photo) was one of many children who attended the Rimersburg Chamber of Commerce's annual Easter event Saturday at the Rimersburg Community Building. The event also included crafts, games and a snack. For more photos, see B10 and The L-V's Facebook page.

By JOSH WALZAK/L-V Editor

Route 28 project to begin

NEW BETHLEHEM — Work on Route 28 in New Bethlehem Borough and Redbank Township (Clarion County) is scheduled to begin next week.

PennDOT District 10 recently announced that the project includes paving operations, drainage, and the installation of ADA ramps on Route 28 from approx-

imately the Clarion-Armstrong county line to near Rhodes Salvage in Redbank Township

Officials with Derry Construction Co. of Latrobe said that the work would begin, weather permitting, on Monday, March

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Union considers new marching band uniforms

By JOSH WALZAK
 L-V Editor

RIMERSBURG — After formalizing plans on how the Union and A-C Valley marching bands will coordinate performances during the fall's first cooperative football season between the schools, Union School Board members agree to

take the next step in supplying new uniforms for the Union band.

During their meeting on March 17, school officials approved an agreement between the two schools that spells out how the Union and A-C Valley bands will function during the next football season. The agreement became necessary when the districts joined together

for varsity and junior varsity football in the 2016-2017 season.

The agreement explains that bands from both schools will attend all five home varsity football games, including three at Union and two at A-C Valley. The ACV band will then attend three away games during the season, and the Union band will travel to two

games.

At the home games, the two bands will perform together for the National Anthem, and will each perform their school's alma mater. The bands will be seated adjacent to each other at the games, and the band directors will work together to select music that the bands will play from the stands during the

games.

The agreement noted that a new composition, which combines elements of each school's current fight song, will be written.

During half-time of the games, the host school will perform the half-time show. If the visiting

See Uniforms, A6

RVHS seniors shine at Search for Work Day

By EVANNE GAREIS
 L-V Staff Writer

NEW BETHLEHEM — Seniors at Redbank Valley High School were given a glimpse into the real world as they recently had the opportunity to practice applying for and interviewing for jobs with the help of more than 40 business represen-

tatives. During the school's second annual Search for Work Day, representatives from 47 business, from as close as New Bethlehem and Clarion to as far away as Pittsburgh, Franklin and Butler, packed the gymnasium to conduct six rounds of 20-minute

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AFTER WEEKS OF preparation, Redbank Valley High School seniors got a glimpse of the real world at last week's "Search for Work Day." As part of the event, 47 business representatives filled the high school's gymnasium to conduct six rounds of 20-minute mock interviews for each student. During one of her interviews, senior Bailey Adams (right) received resume and cover letter advice from interviewer and Cancer Center at Clarion Hospital nurse Colby Hunsberger.



It may seem earlier this year, but regardless of the dates, the celebration of Easter is just about here.

Following Holy Week observances over the next few days, the area's faithful will begin the joyous season of Easter on Sunday, March 27.

We wish everyone a very blessed and a very happy Easter, and hope that all can enjoy the holiday with their loved ones.

The arrival of Easter also marks the return of the very popular Easter Egg Hunt in

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Are local counties feeling the 'Trump effect?'

By EVANNE GAREIS
 L-V Staff Writer

NEW BETHLEHEM — Does the recent surge in political party switches reflect Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump's influence as many political pundits have recently suggested?

Stopping short of speculating on such a causal relationship, election directors in Clarion and Armstrong counties expect to see the trend of political party switches, as well as new voter registrations, continue right up until the Nov. 8 General Election.

With only a few short weeks un-

til Pennsylvania's Primary Election, to be held April 26, election officials in both local counties have reported almost daily changes in the number of party-switching applications and new voter registrations received.

"During a Presidential Election we always have a large increase in

voter registration," Clarion County Director of Elections and Voter Registration Cindy Callihan explained last week. "After this primary and prior to this upcoming 2016 November election, we anticipate receiving hundreds more

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