

MBIT Student-Built House for sale

The Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT) Student-Built House Project is for sale. This year's house is a four-bedroom, two and a half bath, ready-to-move-and-assemble modular house. The house is 2,240 square feet and includes a kitchen, dining room, living room, family room and laundry room.

The minimum bid for this year's house is \$82,500. Bid packages are currently available on the school website, www.mbit.org, or by calling 215-343-2480, x103. The project is constructed by MBIT students under the careful instruction and supervision of Middle Bucks instructors. The Construction Carpentry class has

primary responsibility for the project and they work collaboratively with students in the computerized drafting and engineering graphics, HVAC/plumbing technology, and electrical and network cabling programs. The house is built to the highest residential specifications, and is inspected and certified by the Pennsylvania Department of

Community Affairs, Division of Manufacture Housing. The completed house is then sold via sealed bid process. To see the MBIT Student-Built House, visit mbit.org and select the "Student-Built House Project Bid Package and Specifications" link in the shortcuts section. Bids for the house are being solicited by formal legal adver-

tisement and distribution of the Official Bid Specifications to anyone requesting them. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 3 p.m. The home will be awarded to the highest responsible bidder. For information or to schedule an appointment to see the house, contact Robert Vining at 215-343-2480.

Step right up to the big top at Mercer's new circus exhibit

In an era spanning the early 20th century, through depression-ridden times and a Dust Bowl, one form of revelry thrived — the circus. Beginning Jan. 25, visitors to the Mercer Museum's new exhibit, Step Right Up! Behind the Scenes of the Circus Big Top, 1890 — 1965, will get to explore another side of this spectacle and a history fraught with intrigue and majesty. It will be on view until March 16. In addition to Step Right Up, the museum also opens the hands-on exhibit, Playing Together: Games on Jan. 25. Developed by the Children's Museum of Memphis, the exhibit invites visitors of all ages to play a multitude of games

that span generations and cultures. It runs until May 11. As one of America's oldest theatrical traditions, the circus started as a European transplant in the late 1700s and was perfected in the United States by the likes of John Bill Ricketts and P.T. Barnum. By 1900, there were more than 100 circuses crisscrossing the country. The romanticized imagery, backstage stories, costumes and photographs featured in Step Right Up! reveal both the fantasy and reality of circus life, exploring the illusions that played to the imaginations of so many. The Mercer Museum, once the site for many circuses that visited Doylestown, will supplement the

exhibit with its own collection of Bucks County circus posters dating from the 1950s to the 1970s. To accompany the exhibit, the museum is collaborating with the Philadelphia School of the Circus Arts, and with the exhibit's curator, Timothy Noel Tegge. Tegge will present the programs, "Hollywood Goes to the Circus" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, and the children's program, "Be A Clown," from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Jan. 27. The Philadelphia School of the Circus Arts will perform "Circus Aerialist Demonstrations" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sundays: Feb. 2 and 16, and March 2. The school also will host a "Circus Arts Workshop

for Adults," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, and a "Circus Arts Workshop for Kids," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15. The presentation, "The Circus—Past, Present and Future," takes place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15. All programs require registration except the Circus Aerialist Demonstrations. To register, call 215-348-9461. Playing Together: Games is divided into games categories of strategy, math, coordination and physical skills, and racing to the finish. The focal point of the exhibit is an oversized chessboard with giant game pieces. In one area, visitors invent their

own games using various playing pieces, game boards and timers. "Senet" is one of the earliest racing games, dating back more than 3,000 years. It was discovered in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs and carved into roof tiles of ancient temples. The Mercer Museum will supplement the Games exhibit with a display of original board games from the 1800s to the 1900s from the Judy and Bud Newman Collection. Both exhibits are included with museum admission. The museum is located at Pine Street and Scout Way in Doylestown. For information, call 215-345-0210, or visit the Mercer Museum online.

Utility improvements to close highways in Hilltown

Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority will close Route 113 (Souderton Road) and Diamond Street in Hilltown Township starting Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Feb. 4, respectively, for utility improvements, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) said.

Route 113 (Souderton Road) will be closed and detoured between Diamond Street and Green Street in Hilltown Township, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 28 through Feb. 11. On Saturday, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, the road closure will be in effect throughout the day. During the clo-

sure, Route 113 (Souderton Road) motorists will be detoured over Diamond Street and Route 152. Diamond Street will be closed and detoured between Route 113 (Souderton Road) and Schultz Road in Hilltown Township Feb. 4 to March 11. During the closure, Diamond Street motorists will be

detoured over Route 113 (Souderton Road), Route 152 (Baringer Avenue/Limekiln Pike) and Hilltown Pike. Motorists are advised to allow extra time when traveling through the construction areas. The construction schedule is contingent on the weather.

Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority will complete the work under a PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit. PennDOT reminds motorists they can log on to 511pa.com or call 511 from any phone to check traffic conditions on major highways.

Pennridge group seeks Friend of Education nominations

The Pennridge Community Education Foundation (PCEF) is seeking nominations for its annual Friend of Education award, which recognizes individuals and organizations who have made a significant contribution to the education of students in the Pennridge School District. Winners will be honored April

29 during a reception featuring entertainment by the district's finest student performers at the Sellersville Theatre. Teachers, administrators and community members who have made a significant, sustained contribution to education in the Pennridge School District are eligible to be nominated. The dead-

line for nominations is Friday, Jan. 31. Previous winners of PCEF's "Friend of Education" award include Penn Central Middle School Principal Dr. Thomas Rutter, longtime coach Wayne Hellman, teachers Randy Swope, Patricia Yost and Cathy Moyer, school director Dr. Peter Yarnell,

former Superintendent Dr. Robert Kish, parent volunteer Jackie Firuta and the Pennridge-Perkasie Rotary Club. Founded in 2008, PCEF exists to encourage excellence and provide educational enrichment opportunities that benefit the students of Pennridge School District and are consistent with the district's cur-

riculum and strategic plan. To date, PCEF has contributed more than \$15,000 in Innovative Learning Grants, scholarships, sponsorships, and educational opportunities to students and teachers in the Pennridge School District. For information and a nomination form, visit pennridgefoundation.org.

Comcast skyscraper called "transformative" for region

Philadelphia: The Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Rob Wonderling called Comcast's Jan. 15 announcement to build a world-class media, technology and innovation center in the heart of the city a transformative time for this region.

"Today's announcement further strengthens Comcast's outstanding commitment to the Greater Philadelphia region. We are fortunate to have in Comcast an extraordinary business and civic partner helping not only advance innovation and technology, but the economic growth of the city and

state," Wonderling said. The proposed \$1.2 billion 59-story, 1,121-foot tower will neighbor Comcast Center, Comcast Corporation's global headquarters, and become a dedicated home for the company's growing workforce of technologists, engineers, and software architects.

The facility will be home to the operations of local broadcast television stations NBC 10/WCAU and Telemundo 62/WWSI and offer space for local technology startups. According to Comcast, the Innovation and Technology Center will generate economic

activity during the project's construction period alone, including \$2.75 billion in economic activity within the Pennsylvania and the creation of more than 20,000 temporary jobs, almost 4,000 new permanent jobs within the state and 2,800 new permanent jobs within the city.

Words Anyone?

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Puzzle by G R

- ACROSS**
- Where dogs go to have fun.
 - Play games with their owners.
 - Don't mail a letter without it.
 - Say what's on your mind.
 - Measure of electric current.
 - European mountain peak.
 - 1947 film comedy "The ___ and I"
 - Touch rudely or improperly.
 - Child's amusement (2 words).
 - Tallahassee is its capital.
 - Sinatra Rat Packer ___ Davis Jr.
 - Exhausted, ready for bed.
 - Your home before a house.
 - Attention getters (2 words).
 - 16th century Scottish word.
 - Use a needle and thread.
 - Memorable time period.
 - 35 Canadian province (abbrev).
 - 5-time boxing champ Johnny ___
 - Feed or taunt harmlessly.
 - Begin a project or a race.
 - Don't change that correction.
- DOWN**
- Boy Scouts of America.
 - Bank cash deposit machine.
 - Strip work words set to music.
 - Cowboy singer Maynard int.
 - Dog biscuit purpose (2 wds).
 - Meet me ___ the movies.
 - 76 or 95, for example.
 - Beer container.
 - Short for Army rank.
 - Festive surprise (2 wds).
 - English bathroom.
 - Athlete's exercise room.
 - Public service notification.
 - Toddler's favorite seat.
 - Cash register total.
 - Child's swags go to and ___
 - Ballroom dancer Goodman.
 - Print and TV sales pitches.
 - Insurance, for short.
 - United Socialist's Republic.
 - Area crossers.
 - ___, drink and be merry.
 - Among FDR's work projects.
 - Feed or taunt harmlessly.
 - Opposite compass SNW.
 - 37 New Year in Vietnam.
 - 39 Internal Revenue (abbr).
 - Mr. Scissors' hands initials

(See answer next week)

Jan 16 / Last week's answer

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Tables made of Gayman bridge wood available for purchase at tech school

The Upper Bucks County Technical School (UBCTS) and the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society will once again offer hand-crafted shaker-style trestle tables, dinner tables, end tables and coffee tables. The tables will be built by the cabinetmaking students of the UBCTS from 100-year-old white oak sourced and recovered from the Gayman Road Bridge that is currently undergoing reconstruction.

The last time tables constructed from bridge materials were offered more than 60 tables were purchased. The Gayman Road Bridge is one of 115 bridges that are owned and maintained by Bucks County. Once the site of a ford, the 60-foot steel and cast iron bridge spans the Neshaminy Creek. The bridge constructed in 1887

and reconstructed in 1934 is now being rebuilt. By purchasing one of these tables, community members have the opportunity to own a piece of local history constructed by local student craftsmen. Information regarding the purchase of the tables can be found on the Bucks County Covered Bridge Society website or the UBCTS website in the cabinetmaking program section of ubtech.org.

Possibility Coaches host lecture on thriving during divorce

The law offices of Karen Ann Ulmer in Langhorne are teaming up with Jon Satin and Chris Pattay, the Possibility Coaches, to assist people who are struggling emotionally during and after the divorce process. The Possibility Coaches are offering a free lecture, "How to Emotionally Thrive During and After Divorce!" at the Ulmer offices 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The lecture is not about the legal side of divorce; it is for emotional support and assist individuals in staying balanced and grounded during the process and as they rebuild their lives afterward. Relationship, divorce and life coaches, Satin and Pattay focus on empowering men and women alike to lead meaningful lives and engage in healthy, successful relationships. They started coaching together in 2002. The Ulmer offices are at 174 Middletown Blvd., Suite 300. RSVP at 215-752-6200.

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Week of Thursday, January 23 - Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Aries (March 21 - April 19) You could have fun getting together with old friends or family members you haven't seen for a while. It's time to be social. **Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Don't take any big steps without thinking things through. It's important to consider all your options. **Gemini (May 21 - June 20)** You could feel like you're stuck in a rut. It's time for a change. Shift things around in your schedule. **Cancer (June 21 - July 22)** Pay attention to tiny details. If you're signing a contract or making a deal, make sure you're getting favorable terms. **Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Don't let peo-

ple pressure you into doing something that doesn't feel right. You could have some toxic people in your life. **Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** You're going through some old projects or reexamining past relationships. It's good to take personal inventory this week. **Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** A love relationship might feel awkward. Maybe it's just a timing issue. Wait a little while for the stars to align. **Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Your professional skills and talents will bring you rewards. Others are noticing just how good you are at doing something. **Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** You

might cross paths with someone who is just as stubborn and persistent as you are. Sparks will fly. **Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** You and your honey could be getting closer. Share your hopes and dreams and focus on helping each other succeed. **Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** If you're having fun spending time with someone, keep exploring this friendship. You deserve to be with a soulmate. **Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** A kind energy is in the air. You could receive a nice compliment from someone when you least expect it. For mystical fun and psychic insights visit lipstickmystic.com.