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Greater Latrobe's Luke Pletcher, Zack Zavatsky capture national titles, Derry Area's Micky Phillippi runner-up in Super 32 national wrestling tournament; depleted by injuries, Ligonier Valley looks to end 3-game losing streak as playoffs loom, Greensburg Central Catholic goes against unbeaten No. 1 seed South Fayette while undefeated No. 4 seed Mount Pleasant meets Valley in first round of WPIAL Class AA football playoffs; St. Vincent College men's soccer playoff hopes come to end.

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Derbytown sanitary sewer design complete, ready to bid

BY SEAN MEYERS
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The design for the Derbytown sanitary sewer has been completed, and the project is ready to bid for construction.

Edward Schmitt, of Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co. Inc., told Derry Township Municipal Authority (DTMA) on Wednesday that he hopes bids will be accepted prior to Jan. 1, and that construction can begin shortly after the new year.

At a total cost exceeding \$2.3 million, Derbytown will serve homes in the area between the third bridge and Holiday Acres. \$1 million of that total has been funded through an H2O grant.

Moreover, the board approved requisition No. 5 for the project in the amount of \$87,658.93. The H2O grant-funded portion of that amount is \$15,485.17, and the remaining balance will come through local funding.

Over 50 right-of-ways exist for the project, and more than 40 have been signed at this juncture.

In other business, the New Alexandria sanitary sewer project is winding down, according to Schmitt. The contractors are waiting to start an estimated \$62,000 extension to serve homes out on West Penn Road. This extension will be paid from remaining funds still available for the project, as

approved by Rural Utilities Service.

Furthermore, the contractor has to extend a 146-foot water line to the pump station by Union Cemetery. To accomplish this, DTMA approved change order No. 8 for \$4,088. The agreement with Westmoreland Water did not include the extension through the station.

More than 315 tap fees have been paid for the project, and more than 125 taps have already been connected.

Test procedures have begun for the New Alexandria sewage treatment plant. The new plant is officially operating, and the discharge process is under way.

In other business, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a consent order requiring representatives from all parties to attend four meetings on the Act 537 Plan. The first three meetings will be held in December, January and February, and the final meeting has been slated for Feb. 19. DTMA must provide progress reports at each of those meetings.

Also, DTMA approved legal fees in the amount of \$28,943 for the Bryan Gordon case. The authority settled with Gordon for \$15,000, after more than a week of proceedings in September at trial. The case spanned nearly a decade.

Latrobe psychic detective has many ghostly stories to tell

BY MARYANN GOGNIAT EIDEMILLER
For The Bulletin

Nancy Myer has seen lots of ghosts over the years. "Some are nice and some are not nice," she said. As a renowned psychic detective, she has seen, heard or felt ghosts who were still in agony from being brutally murdered. She has felt the presence of an unidentified angry ghost that tried to attack her. And she has been contacted by sad ghosts and by friendly ghosts who had messages to convey.

Her father, Frederic Myer, contacted her four days after his funeral in 1971, a story that she tells in her recently released book, "Travels With My Father: Life, Death and a Psychic Detective."

Myer calls it a love story about her parents, and of growing up around the world when her father worked in U.S. Foreign Services. It's also a spiritual memoir that chronicles the beginning of her professional psychic career that often came under the guidance of her deceased father, she said.

Myer always felt different as a child and thought that she could "see" things that others couldn't. Her father understood and encouraged her psychic gifts. She was in her 20s when he died, and had already experienced a number of incidents. She later became sought-after for private consultations, and gained such a reputation that police investigators began calling on her, initially in Delaware where she once lived.

She has since worked on over 800 investigations locally and out of state. Many lead to evidence and tips, but never happy endings, considering the cir-

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Nancy Myer displays her recently released book, "Travels With My Father: Life, Death and a Psychic Detective."

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cumstances of accidents, murders and other violent deaths and crimes. Some information is based on psychic impressions, and others involve spirits.

In Wilmington, Delaware, investigators asked Myer to go to the scene of a brutal murder. As soon as they approached the house, she told them that she didn't want to go in.

"All I could hear was screaming, this horrible non-stop screaming," she said. "I started to get sick to my stomach. I told them I wanted out of there, that there was something really nasty."

When they drove her a short distance away, she told them that the victim, who had been brutally murdered, was haunting the house. "She was there, I told them, and she was terrified of anybody who came in," Myer said. "She knew her assailant and she was afraid of everyone. And she was angry at all of us for being in her house."

In another case, homeowners in eastern Pennsylvania called Myer after experiencing a lot of poltergeist activity.

"The final straw was that whatever was doing it lifted up a shelf and slid off all the Delft plates and broke them," she said. "The family had lived there for years, and there had never been any problems before. So as the woman was telling me about the shelf, she had her silver tea set out and was handing me a piece of cake with a silver fork on the side. As she held the plate to me, the fork came off the plate, hovered and headed for my eyes. I heard my dad say, 'I'm going to tell you which way to move,' and he said, 'Move your head to the left.'"

The fork whizzed right past her head and impaled itself into the wall all the way up to the tines without even bending.

"It was scary," Myer said.

She realized that the haunting came from an old and valuable piece of furniture that the homeowner had just purchased, and that was soon returned to the antiques dealer.

Myer doesn't do trances and she doesn't conjure up ghosts.

"I have transferred information on just hearing it said to me, or having some visual images given to me," she said. "But don't ask me to lie down and go into some sort of a weird trance because I won't do it. The dead speak to me on the abilities of the soul itself. Some can transfer images that are very helpful. Some can actually say stuff and I hear it. Then there are those who transfer a sense of smell. For

instance, it's not unusual for someone to smell perfume or cigar smoke, and when they smell it, they realize that the person is there."

Myer has met clergy and Christians who are "worried about what I do." People wonder who she is and ask her if she believes in God.

"My belief in God is unshakable," she said. "I know God is there."

That strong belief goes back to when she was 17 and on a school field trip to Jerusalem around Easter. After visiting the Church of All Nations (also known as the Basilica of the Agony), she went into the adjacent olive grove (Mount Olive) where Jesus Christ was said to have prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before his arrest.

"There were these little white landscaping rocks on the path, and the sunlight on them was excruciating. I thought the sunlight was blinding me," she said. "Then all of a sudden I was in the darkness of night and feeling a great sadness, the kind of sadness that brings you to your knees. I felt as if someone had kissed me on the cheek, and then the weight of the world came down on top of me. I heard a voice tell me, 'It's not your pain. Give it back to me.' And I heard a voice telling me about this career I didn't know about, and it showed me visions of my work as a psychic, that I was going to teach people about the gifts that I had."

When she came out of it, she was surrounded by Catholic priests who all started talking to her. One who spoke English questioned her about what happened.

"They told me that people had transformations on that exact spot, not just me, but others," she said. "At that time in my life, I wasn't sure if the Bible was real or not. Ever since then, I have never doubted it. That, and the experiences that I had over time with my father convinced me that a loving soul from the other side doesn't stop loving their family and does not stop trying to come back to help."

Myer cautions against the occult, like playing with the Ouija board and trying to contact the spirit world.

"What people can learn from ghosts, she said, is that this plane is not all there is."

"The soul continues," she said. "And if that's true, and I believe it is, then you have to think about what you are doing now and how you are effectively going to live the life that you have. Don't be careless with your opportunities."