Staff of the Bucks County Sheriff’s office spent time at the Bucks County Children’s Museum Saturday, fingerprinting, photographing and measuring children for identification records. At the end of the sessions, boys and girls left with their own ID cards. In the photos above, clockwise from left, Anna Cosner with her mother is fingerprinted by Deputy Sheriff BonscHELL and RebelieKlay Hayes is measured by her father and told she is 2 feet 9 inches tall. Cecelia Hayes stands still to be measured, and Savannah Hayes is photographed by Deputy Sheriff Boyle.

After 18 years, Henry Rowan bows out in Buckingham

Stuart Lee Friedman

Residents of Buckingham Township turned out to bid a fond farewell to Supervisor Henry Rowan, who was retiring at the end of December. Rowan was one of two outgoing township officials to be recognized at the supervisors’ meeting Dec. 17.

Dorothy Campa, township tax collector for 24 years, was also honored for her service at a ceremony marking her retirement. Campa accepted with a compliment to the township residents.

“Over the years, the residents have always been very gracious and very helpful, and it’s been as fun,” Campa said, adding that while she would not miss the work, she would miss the people.

Supervisor Maggie Raish bid an emotional farewell to Rowan, who is stepping down after 18 years with the board. “I especially thank you, because I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for you.”

Raish and Rowan, along with Supervisor Jon Forest, comprised the membership of the township board of supervisors, and Rowan was often the dissenting voice on board decisions. The disagreements at township meetings were sometimes acrimonious.

When Rowan was re-elected in 2011, Forest acknowledged his victory by asking him to either work with the other supervisors or resign.

Rowan stepped into his role as supervisor in 1995. He replaced George Collie, who resigned after being charged with tax evasion. While Rowan was elected as a Republican, he changed his political affiliation to the Democratic Party in 1997.

Rowan made an unsuccessful bid as a Democrat against a Republican, Charles McLimley, for state representative of the 143rd district. He has since remained as a Buckingham Township supervisor and McLimley is a state senator.

Michael maintained that Rowan’s attention to conservative financial management “directly led to our municipality weathering the recent economic slowdown much better than any others,” adding that the sound bond rating of the township also reflected Rowan’s vigilance.

Michael also said that Rowan’s approach to land use policies fostered community growth, environmental protection and an enhanced general welfare for the communities and neighborhoods around Buckingham.

We welcome resident Tom Baldwin thanked Rowan for “the energy, the care and the love” that he gave to the community, adding that Rowan would often go directly to help those in need of assistance.

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Friends and strangers open wallets for Tinicum family after house fire

Jodi Spigel-Arthur

Tinicum resident Heri Schuster and her two daughters returned home Dec. 17 to find their house on fire with five of their beloved dogs trapped inside.

Despite the difficulty, Schuster and other responders, Schuster and her daughters, Caitlin, 14, and Emma, 12, are heartened by the kindness of friends, family and strangers who have opened their hearts, homes and wallets.

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Winter hikes are showing up all over Pennsylvania

First Day Hikes

At the Buckingham Township supervisors’ meeting last week was, from left, Supervisor Maggie Raish, Tax Collector Dorothy Campa, and Supervisor Henry Rowan and Jon Forest.

Bedminster services up

2014 budget reflects response to increase in requests for service.

Richland initiates traffic calming measures

Stop signs and parking restrictions expected to slow down fast-moving vehicles.

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