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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 Bornaschella; Rebekkah 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 Campana, township tax collector for 24 years, was also honored for her service at a ceremony marking her retirement. Campana 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 an honor," Campana said, adding that while she would not miss the work, she would miss the people.

Supervisor Maggie Rash 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."

Rash and Rowan, along with

Supervisor Jon Forest, comprised the members 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 Republican Charles McIlhenny for state representative of the 143rd district. He has since remained as a Buckingham Township supervisor and McIlhenny is a state senator.

Rowan's supporters enthusiastically

expressed their appreciation. Buckingham Zoning Hearing board member and self-described "Pineville neighbor" George Michael said emphatically, "Henry Rowan, your civic legacy lives on in Buckingham."

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 bonding 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.

Wycombe 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 direct-

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Friends and strangers open wallets for Tinicum family after house fire

Jodi Spiegel Arthur

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

Valor, Mustafa, Reily, Isaac and Laynee all perished, the house was a total loss and all of the family's possessions and photographs were destroyed.

Nearly a year after recovering from a major illness and multiple surgeries, Schuster said she didn't think life could get any tougher. "I was wrong," she said.

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

Accepting what has been offered is a humbling experience for Schuster, 41, who said she was raised to give and not ask for help. "As shattered as my heart is with the loss of my animals, that's how overwhelmed it is with gratitude and joy," she said, due to the community's support and generosity. "Those two little words, thank you ... in a situation like this, it doesn't feel big enough."

Speaking from her parent's house in Tinicum, where she and her daughters are staying, Schuster said she wants to hug everyone, including members of the Ottsville Fire Co., who fought the blaze at her house and then took up a donation for her and her daughters and brought it to them two days before Christmas.

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At the Buckingham Township supervisors' meeting last week are, from left, Supervisor Maggie Rash, Tax Collector Dorothy Campana, and Supervisors Henry Rowan and Jon Forest.

Bedminster services up

2014 budget reflects response to increase in requests for service.
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First Day Hikes

First Day Hikes are showing up all over Pennsylvania.

Delaware Canal State Park among parks scheduling winter walks Jan. 1.
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Stop signs and parking restrictions expected.

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