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45°/35°

Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers.

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Mostly sunny, then cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and snow showers.

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Two more former LeNature's employees face sentencing

BY TONY SONITA
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Despite cooperating with federal investigators, former LeNature's Director of Accounting Tammy Andreycaak will be sentenced Tuesday with former Vice President Robert Lynn for their part in the over \$800 million scam that destroyed the former Latrobe bottling company.

Andreycaak, 47, of Unity Township, began to help federal investigators in 2000, with online court records filed with U.S. District Judge Alan Bloch showing that Andreycaak was key in bring down the "Pontzi-like" scheme used by former LeNature's CEO Gregory Podlucky, 51, of Ligonier, to make the company look more profitable than it was to lenders.

Bloch has been the federal judge in charge of all LeNature's criminal proceedings. In October, Bloch sentenced Podlucky to 20 years in prison and Andrew Murin, a former consultant for the company, to 10 years. Former chief operating officer Jonathan Podlucky and business associate Donald Pollinger were sentenced in May to serve five years in prison.

Andreycaak's attorney, Ed Bilik, said in online records that Andreycaak's cooperation should earn her home confinement, not prison.

In online records, Bilik said that Andreycaak came to LeNature's in 1997 "with a high school diploma and a secretarial certificate," working her way up from a \$10-an-hour job with LeNature's to become the company's director of accounting.

Bilik also said that Andreycaak took part in the fraud because she suffered from Podlucky's "fits of rage" and was constantly afraid for her job.

"We ask this Court to differentiate an actor that is completely educated and knowledgeable and who knowingly takes a risk from that of a naive, vulnerable defendant," Bilik said.

Andreycaak will be sentenced the same day as Robert Lynn, 67, of Ligonier. Officials said that Lynn, while serving as LeNature's vice-president, lied to investors about the company's financial state, despite knowing the truth.

In a memorandum of sentencing, Assistant U.S. District Attorney James Y. Farrell said that Lynn "exaggerated LeNature's performance, fully understanding this was intended to obtain funding and that his flagrant lies were relied on by those who agreed to provide it."

In his memorandum of sentencing, Thomas J. Farrell, Lynn's defense attorney, portrayed Lynn as "dignified" and a "good man."

"Mr. Lynn has lived a quiet, humble, dignified life," Farrell said.

Farrell asked Bloch to sentence Lynn to no more than 12 years in prison, saying a longer term would be a "life sentence."

Garrett did acknowledge Lynn's age, but said that "Lynn's age cannot justify a variance below whatever sentence is appropriate to achieve proportionality."

Garrett also said in reference to Farrell's description of Lynn that "a good man does not willfully lie to induce others to make loans and investment."

Garrett believes that Bloch should use Gregory Podlucky's sentence "as a point of reference" instead of Murin's sentence. Podlucky is currently serving his sentence in a federal correctional institution at Fort Dix, N.J., 40 miles from Philadelphia.

Gregory Podlucky's wife and son, Karla and G. Jesse Podlucky, were convicted in November of money laundering after prosecutors said that the two took part in the scam by buying gold and jewels with money diverted from the business, then selling three diamonds and seven Kashmir sapphires for \$2.9 million through Sotheby's Auction House in New York. The two will be sentenced on April 26.

Andreycaak's sentencing is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. this Tuesday and Lynn's is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. the same day. Both sentences will be handed out by Bloch.

Happy New Year!



Photo by Ernie Siatek

With such a big selection, 4-year-old Mitchell Russell just can't decide which hat will be the right one for his New Year's celebration. Mitchell and his parents, Clair and Tania, will be ringing in 2012 tonight at their home in Whitney.

Latrobe downtown shuttle rides free starting Jan. 2

BY CHRIS ULICNE
Bulletin Staff Writer

Latrobe is adding another incentive for employees to use the new shuttle service between the Latrobe Memorial Stadium parking lot and the heart of downtown, as city manager Alex Graziani this week announced that all rides will be free starting Jan. 2.

"The goal of the shuttle service is to open up more parking spaces for people visiting downtown Latrobe and to patrons of downtown Latrobe businesses," Graziani said.

"This is a temporary solution until the parking garage is back in service. We need the cooperation of downtown employees. We are disappointed with the response to the shuttle service to date, so we are offering a bigger incentive to our downtown employees. It will not cost anything to ride the shuttle. You can save the cost of a permit, a \$30-per-month savings, if you use the shuttle service."

The 12-person shuttle, which has been in operation since early this month, makes its rounds 6:50 to 8:50 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday every week.

At least 50 parking spaces are available at the stadium lot, where parking is free. Until the free rides were announced, riders could either show their monthly parking pass or pay \$1 each way (\$2 round trip) to ride the shuttle.

Riders can board the shuttle at the stadium, after which it will drop them off at a number of downtown locations, loop around town and then return to the stadium every 10 to 15 minutes.

"If ridership picks up, and the shuttle achieves its goal of freeing up parking lots and on-street parking meters for business patrons, patients and clients, it will continue until the parking garage reopens," Graziani said, adding that he hopes to increase ridership from the current rate of 5 to 10 people a day to 15 to 30 people a day.

The shuttle service is provided by the City of Latrobe in association with Veteran's Cab Company, the Latrobe Community Revitalization Program, the Latrobe Area Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Latrobe School District, and business and community sponsors.

For more information, contact the city offices at 724-539-8548. Business owners interested in helping to sponsor the employee shuttle service can contact Graziani at 724-539-8548 (ext. 17) or via email at agraziani@cityoflatrobe.com.

No paper Monday

The *Latrobe Bulletin* will not publish on Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Publication will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3, and the business office will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3. The *Bulletin* wishes everyone a Happy New Year.



Photo by Maryann G. Eldemiller

Christine Loughran of Hempfield Township and Beverly Hritz of Greensburg practice a Brahms piece on Loughran's grand piano. They are members of the Friday Evening Music Club, a group of musicians and vocalists who perform at the Campana Chapel at the University of Pittsburgh in Greensburg. There also is an outreach for musicians to perform at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

It's a labor of love for these musicians

BY MARYANN GOGNIAT EIDEMILLER
For The Bulletin

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They have monthly performances from October through May at UFG, where music professor Chris Bartley is their sponsor.

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Hritz calls herself “an enthusiastic amateur.” She studied as a child through her senior year in high school, then studied when she attended the University of Miami. She retired as a projects manager for Westinghouse in Waltz Mills, and still does contract work.

“I joined the club 10 years ago when I was taking lessons from Chris,” she said. “I really enjoy the camaraderie of other people who want to continue making music well into their adult years, and I like the continued challenge.”

She currently takes lessons from David Volker, 83, of Greensburg, whose wife teaches violin. Both are members of the club.

The club gives students who are learning a reason to perform, Loughran said.

“There are good students, special ones that you recognize, and it’s an honor for them to be asked to perform,” she said. “Music is a discipline, and they should be recognized and rewarded for their discipline.”

The Salon Series is a sub group of the club’s intermediate musicians who aren’t professionals and aren’t studying academically. Some studied in their earlier years and are taking lessons now. They meet two or three times a year at members’ homes, and Hritz hosted the last one in November.

Some members accompany other performers. Hritz will accompany one of Mary Volker’s students in January, and Sam Mraz of Latrobe will accompany a singer and harpsichordist in another performance.

Mraz retired from teaching science and math at Greater Latrobe Junior High School. He plays the recorder, a simple flute-like instrument that was popular from the medieval to baroque periods.

“I started playing it back in college,” he said. “I realized it was simple, cheap and easy to play.”

He also plays the viola da gamba, a stringed instrument from the Renaissance to baroque eras.

“I heard that much later, fell in love with the sound and that was it,” he said. “And I like early music.”

Other local members include Saint Vincent College student Andrew DeBroeck of Latrobe, who plays the flute and is scheduled to play in the January student recital. Thomas J. Maroon, a pianist from Latrobe, will play Sergei Rachmaninoff’s Etudes-Tableaux, Op. 33 at the March 2 performance.

“We are always looking for performers and new members,” Loughran said. “And we’re always in need of an audience.”

Every year, the group gives a \$1,000 scholarship through the Mildred G. Gardner Scholarship Award Competition to a student who will major in music.

For information about the club, schedule and scholarship: fridayeveningmusicclub.org.