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Preservation site closer

York County chipped in the final \$150K needed to try to save Camp Security at Rowe farm.

By **TERESA ANN BOECKEL**
Daily Record/Sunday News

A farm where historians believe a Revolutionary War prison camp once stood is close to being preserved because the Conservation Fund has secured the money needed to buy the property.

The York County commissioners

voted unanimously Wednesday to give \$150,000 toward the preservation of the 116-acre Rowe farm off Locust Grove Road in Springettsbury Township.

It was the last commitment the Conservation Fund needed to purchase the property for \$2.1 million — a lower price than the original

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offer, said county officials and Todd McNew, state director for the Conservation Fund.

Historical researcher June Lloyd cheered upon hearing the news, saying that not only will it preserve open space but also give archeologists a chance to search for the exact

location of Camp Security.

The farm surrounds the Schultz House, owned by Historic York, and is adjacent to a parcel owned by developer Tim Pasch. Historians believe part of Camp Security lies on Pasch's property as well, and his plans to build houses on it has sparked controversy. A limited archeological dig in 1979 revealed artifacts, such as pottery shards, buttons and gold coins.

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About Camp Security

Camp Security has been nationally recognized as one of the most historically significant and endangered sites.

The National Trust identified it as one of the nation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places in 2005.

Two years ago, a 114-page report to Congress about the historic preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 sites listed the camp as a priority for preservation.

It was one of only five considered to be threatened in both the short and long term for being damaged or destroyed.

The 'star of the show'



Being a cheerleader on Central York High School's varsity cheerleading squad was a dream come true for Amber Delp, who has Down syndrome. The 4-foot, 4-inch, 80-pound senior started her cheerleading career recently, and Monday was her third game.

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Cheerleader living the dream

A teen with Down syndrome motivates those around her with her enthusiasm for life.

By **AMY MARCHIANO**
For the Daily Record/Sunday News

Amber Delp doesn't need a cheerleading uniform to motivate others. She does it simply by being her enthusiastic self.

The 20-year-old has Down syndrome and is a cheerleader for the Central York High School varsity boys' basketball team.

The 4-foot, 4-inch, 80-pound senior started her cheerleading career recently with the team. Monday was her third game.

"She's the star of the show," said Jacki Belker, 17.

"She's really sincere. I've never once seen her bring anyone down," said sophomore Korissa Herrold, 15.

Beth Oster, her mother, said Amber has

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KORISSA HERROLD, fellow cheerleader

dreams and aspirations just like anyone else. "She wants to get married. She has a boyfriend."

When Amber was younger, she watched her older sister during cheerleading practice, and that sparked her interest, Oster said.

When she practices with teammates, Amber's enthusiasm is evident. Coach Cathy Trimmer says Amber brings enthusiasm and spirit to the team.

"She runs down the hall to get here," Trimmer said.

What is Down syndrome?

Down syndrome is set of mental and physical symptoms that result from having an extra copy of Chromosome 21.

Normally, a fertilized egg has 23 pairs of chromosomes. In most people with Down syndrome, there is an extra copy of Chromosome 21 (also called trisomy 21 because there are three copies of this chromosome instead of two), which changes the body's and brain's normal development.

Source: National Institutes of Health

Knowing that she brings joy to others "makes me feel very happy and excited," Amber said.

Still, she said, she's scared when her sneakers touch the hardwood.

"There's a lot of people here," she said.

Before Amber was born, routine prenatal tests showed no abnormalities, Oster said.

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York City teachers

Union reopens contract

Educators have agreed to discuss budget shortfalls and possible concessions for the next school year.

By **ANGIE MASON**
Daily Record/Sunday News

York City teachers have agreed to reopen their contract for the next school year and discuss possible concessions with the financially strapped district, according to union officials.

Clinton Gibbs, a Pennsylvania State Education Association representative for the city teachers' union, said the district asked teachers and support staff for salary concessions. Teachers voted to give the union leadership permission to talk about it with the district and board, he said.

"Teachers are willing to have the conversation," he said.

Amy Wolfgang, president of the York City Education Association, said the teachers want to do what's best for students and the district.

"We want to avoid having furloughs like we did last summer, and we want to try to keep as many essential programs in place for our students as possible," Wolfgang said in an e-mail. Opening the contract allows teachers to be a bigger part of decisions that will impact the schools, she said.

Jonathan Heintzman, York City School District spokesman, said Tuesday the district had no comment.

Officials have previously said the district is looking at potentially \$15 million budget deficit for the 2011-12 school year.

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Support staff

Clinton Gibbs, representative for the Pennsylvania State Education Association, said the city support staff association also was asked about concessions. Members voted against having any discussion, Gibbs said.

York City School Board member James Morgan said he wished the support staff would consider it, too.

"We're all in this together," he said.

Ethnic intimidation cited

A Dover teen is being charged in connection with graffiti and threatening phone messages.

By **TED CZECH**
Daily Record/Sunday News

A 14-year-old boy faces charges in two cases of ethnic intimidation in Dover Township, Northern York County Regional Police said Wednesday.

Police said the teen, who is white, wrote "KKK" and "White Power" and drew a swastika in a boys' bathroom at Dover Area Intermediate School.

The same teen left a threatening phone message on a 12-year-old black boy's cell phone, according to police. The victim told police the 14-year-old left a message in which he used the "n-word" and also said, "I'm going to hang you and light you on fire."

Both boys are students at the Dover Area Intermediate School. Police worked with school officials to investigate, they said.

In the graffiti case, the 14-year-old will be charged with ethnic intimidation, criminal mischief, institutional vandalism and disorderly conduct through the York County Juvenile Court System, police said. The boy will

be charged as a juvenile with ethnic intimidation and terroristic threats for the phone message.

Notification was made to community partners, including the Pennsylvania and York City human relations commissions, police said.

Administration responds

Dana Baker, assistant superintendent for Dover Area School District, called the case "a pretty flagrant violation . . . I have no room for this. Kids do not have a right, regardless of race or color, to harass others."

Baker said the 14-year-old has been removed from the intermediate school and placed in an alternative education program.

"Anytime there's ethnic intimidation, there's a concern; this is a very serious type of offense," he said.

The district debuted a new program this fall called WEB — Where Everybody Belongs — in the middle and high schools, which Baker called a "peer mentoring program."

"It's a program specific to school attendance, school violence and tolerance — understanding others is a big piece of it," he said.

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Nation



'Don't ask, don't tell' repealed, local reaction

For the first time in history, gays will be able to serve openly in America's military. President Obama signed the bill repealing 'don't ask, don't tell' Wednesday in an emotional and rousing ceremony. A local Navy captain also gives his take on the logistics of enforcing the new law. **7A**

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County DA: Quarter auctions illegal

The popular fundraiser that churches and fire houses depend on for money are an illegal form of gambling in Pennsylvania, but many are unaware. **1C**