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**A red fox pup awakes from his slumber at a den between Hershey and Elizabethtown near Route 743. For more photos of young life in Sun Country, see Page 3.**  
Photo: Cheri Sine.



**Born Again**

**CEO Search Begins**  
**Henry Leaves**

**By Dave Buffington**

One of Sun Country's most powerful figures is leaving his post as quietly as he held it.

Eric Henry, Chief Executive Officer of the Hershey Trust Company, has resigned that post along with his other positions with the Hershey entities, including Chief Investment Officer of the Hershey Trust Company and chair of the Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company board.

According to an official statement released by the Trust on April 23, Henry is leaving "to pursue other professional opportunities."

The Trust manages the assets of the Milton Hershey School that are currently valued at around \$13 billion. Those assets include a controlling interest in The Hershey Company (aka "the chocolate company") along with large swaths of land in Sun Country. For example, the Trust is managing the proposed "Hershey West End" development, which would be located between Bullfrog Valley and Waltonville roads.

Both the Trust and the School are controlled by the same board. (The Trust board is called the Board of Directors while the School board is called the Board of Managers. Both boards have the same members, and the two boards function as one joint board.)

Bob Heist, the chair of the boards, said, "On behalf of the entire board, I'd like to thank Eric for his service to the Trust and wish him well in his future endeavors."

Henry came to the Trust in 2012, and according to the official statement, "Since then, the Milton Hershey School Trust has grown from approximately \$9 billion to approximately \$13.5 billion and has continued to diversify its investments."

Henry also saw the Trust through several controversies. Some were external, including the "Venice" expansion of the School into South Hanover Township and the 2016 agreement with the state Attorney General's office to restructure the joint Trust and School board.

Some were internal, including the removal of Trust Executive Vice President John Estey after he was charged with wire fraud as part of an investigation of lobbying in Harrisburg and a feud among the board members which included allegations of stock trading violations.

Through it all, Henry maintained a very low profile. However, in the official statement, Henry said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to help advance the mission of the Milton Hershey School in providing its students with the very best education. The School continues to grow and add students. I am very proud to have played a role in helping to chart such a bright future for the Trust, the School, and, most importantly, the students."

**'Future in Good Hands'**  
**Something out of Nothing**

**By Aura Hill**

A makerspace is a collaborative workspace inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses everything from high-tech to no-tech tools. Whether you are making with 3-D printers, laser cutters, virtual reality and video editing equipment or cardboard, legos, construction paper and markers, you're ready to go.

It's more of the maker mindset, of creating something out of nothing and exploring your own interests, that's at the core of a makerspace.

Palmyra Middle School (PMS), presently under massive renovation, has set aside one third of its present library to be a makerspace.

This move is not surprising as inclusion of makerspaces help prepare students with critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Makerspaces provide hands-on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even a self-confidence boost.

The surprising part is that PMS had teams of volunteer students designing the space, with their only incentive being that components from the top three design proposals, as adjudged by a team comprised of a geologist, a county commissioner, an environmental science teacher, a PSU student and an engineer, would be used as the starting point for PMS's makerspace.

"Forty-one students volunteered for the project," Assistant Principal Kara Schoessler said. "Some were likely ones who volunteer for everything, but others were surprising. There are kids from all learning and academic abilities."

Students divided themselves into groups --14 initially, 11 by the time the competition actually took place a month later. Each team had a volunteer teacher/mentor and worked on their own time -- before and after school, in school and outside of school -- to solve the problem of creating a useful makerspace while fulfilling a specific collection of criteria and staying within budget.

"It has been fun to see them excited, to see that spark when the light bulb goes off," Schoessler said. "They

thought of things we never would have. They were having fun. I wonder if they realize how hard they were working or realize the information they have learned and the 21st century job skills they have been using."

She said one team went seriously over the projected \$3,000 to \$4,000 budget but quickly submitted a list of grant opportunities that could finance their proposal. Others, like the team of Chase Garrison, Leo Lu and Vic Gladysz, looked to repurposing items the school already has, like available furniture, partitions and whiteboards.

How did they determine projected costs?  
 "We did a lot of research on Amazon," Carly Lehman said.

April 19 was D-Day for the designers who had set up their exhibits throughout the library. Each had, according to mandated criteria, a written proposal introducing group members and explaining what they think a makerspace is. The proposal had to include each area of their space and the reason it should be included. Materials used and cost for each area were also to be included.

At each group's table, a labeled design, with measurements on full size graph paper, a computer-generated, labeled layout/design or a physical model was available for review.

The multimedia component of the presentation was to be loaded onto a laptop or iPad.

Other requirements of the presentation included a two-minute minimum length participation by all members in the group, and the use of a green screen.

Judges walked among presenters who explained, demonstrated and answered questions. Judges awarded points using a rubric that evaluated proposal preparation, visual display, multimedia presentation, students' explanation and understanding and creativity.

When the dust settled, the top three groups of winners were: First place - Hannah Boltz, Madison Julian, Aidan Mark, Reuel Ryman, and Roman Schelhorn; Second place - Nitya Patel, Marissa Nicholson and Heavyn Forney; and Third place - Austin Pease, Nick Early, Isaac Schaeffer, Graham Schaffer, Slate Wenger, Jacob Wagers and Devin Richard.

Judge James Zendek, Senior Staff Engineer for Greater



Aidan Mark with virtual reality goggles. Photo: Nathan Merkel.

Lebanon Refuse Authority, commented, "There are so many ambitious ideas. They are so practical too, like working to stay on budget by using material the school already has."

"I know the future is in good hands. I see intelligence, energy, synergy; they had a plan and realized that each person in the group had particular talents to do the job," JoEllen Litz, Lebanon County commissioner and President of the Swatara Watershed Association, said.

Judge Kathleen Horvath, professional geologist, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Land Recycling Chief, commented on the high level of collaboration and cooperation she saw.

"The end result was very impressive," Horvath said.

Also judging was PMS Environmental Science teacher Gina Mason, who ticked off the pluses of the project, saying, "It was amazing. They worked as teams, used STEM skills, did all the research, prepared the designs, explained it all. It's real world, what they did."

**Interim CIO**

According to the official statement, the interim Chief Investment Officer at the Trust will be Jan Bratton, Director of Investing for Public Markets. Bratton has worked at the Trust since 1989.

Also according to the official statement, "The Trust Company has launched a nationwide search for a CEO."



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