

# OC teacher presents program on trip to Greenland

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Oil City High School science teacher Tim Spuck gave a presentation about his trip to Greenland with NASA's Operation IceBridge on Tuesday evening at the high school.

Spuck said the program is used to monitor the state of the earth's glaciers and how they are being affected by climate change.

The research mission was part of PolarTREC, a program that embeds teachers with scientific research teams.

The program accepts 15 teachers per year, Spuck said.

Spuck said the mission was

designed to observe the cryosphere of the earth, or the portions covered with ice.

He said the importance of keeping track of the cryosphere is that the state of the ice can often be an indicator of something wrong with the earth, and he likened the ice caps melting to a failing freezer on an old refrigerator.

Spuck also talked about his eating experiences in Greenland, including dining on whale, musk ox and moose meat.

"Whale is pretty good," he said. "It's like tuna with the consistency of beef."

Spuck talked about the P3 Flying Lab, a former sub-hunting plane that had been converted to take information on iceberg activity in Greenland.



By Russell Pekelnicky  
**Tim Spuck shows the audience the coat he will wear during his upcoming mission to the South Pole.**

He said the plane used a combination of cameras, radar, magnetometers and gravimeters to map the apparent and hidden features of the iceberg, such as geological composition using the magnetometer and density using the gravimeter.

Spuck also talked about his upcoming mission to the South Pole next month with the Automatic Geophysical Observatories team.

The team will repair and upgrade its Antarctic facilities.

He said the team's facilities in the South Pole are used to monitor solar weather, which produces events like the Aurora Borealis and can also interfere with satellite communication and damage

the United States' electrical grid.

Such damage could cause loss of power for an extended period of time, he said.

Spuck said a number of scientists and survival experts will fly into the Antarctic for a week. The entire mission will last about five weeks.

Spuck said he will use online journals and Twitter to keep people posted on his location when available and said he would be willing to communicate via satellite phone with area classrooms about his experience.

Spuck will hold another session discussing his experience with IceBridge at 7 p.m. Monday in the Clarion University planetarium.

## THE BULLETIN

Your Guide To Fun, Food & Entertainment!

 <b>Friday 11/2</b> Amish Chicken Dinner Buffet Style Fri Nov. 2nd 4-7pm at Salem Community Center. Take outs available. Adults \$9, children 5-11 \$4.50, 4 and under free. Public welcome. Benefits Bear Run School.	 <b>Tuesday 11/6</b> Election Day Soup Sale at Polk Methodist Church 9:00am-1:00pm. Soup sold by the quart. Ham & Bean, Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle or Chili. Also, Bazaar and Christmas cookies sold by the pound. Pre-orders appreciated but not necessary. Call 437-5391 or 432-4804	 <b>Sundays</b> Meat shoots at the Rainbow Sportsman's Club, 481 Rainbow Rd. Polk, PA. Every Sunday starting Sept. 9th until the last shoot on Nov. 18th. Sign up 6-9am. Shoots start at 9am. Breakfast served from 7am-9am. \$1.50 per shot, 12 - 16-20 gauge only.
 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> All you can eat buckwheat cake & sausage supper Nov. 3rd. Wesley Grange, 7am. Serving all day. Wesley Grange hall is located at 601 Old Route 8 approximately 15 miles south of Franklin and two miles north of I-80 from Barkeyville. Prices are \$7 for Adults and \$3 for Children ages 5 to 12, with no charge to children ages 4 and under. Tickets available at the door.	 <b>Tuesday 11/6</b> Pork & Sauerkraut dinner 4:30-6:30 at Manor Methodist Church on Airport Rd. in Shippenville. Adults \$7.50, children 6-12 \$3.75, under 6 free.	 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> 4-H Benefit Auction Nov. 3rd at 5pm. Venango Co. Fairgrounds Rt. 62, Franklin. 814-437-7607. Large variety of items.
 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> Braised Steak Dinner Sat., Nov. 3rd from 3:30-6:30 or until sold out at Church of God of Prophecy, 113 Winwood Ln. Camp Coffman Rd. Venus. \$8 adults, \$7 senior citizens, children under 12 \$5. Carry outs available. For more information call 814-354-2667	 <b>Tuesday 11/6</b> The Chapmanville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies/Auxiliary is holding a Chicken and Biscuit Election Day Luncheon on Tuesday, November 6 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. It will be held at the fire hall on Route 27 eight miles west of Titusville. The price is \$7.00 for adults and free for preschool children. Takeouts are available. The fire hall can be reached the day of the luncheon at 827-1514.	 <b>Casinos/Home Show</b> Nov. 14 (Weds) Wheeling Casino & Oglebay Christmas Lights \$25 casino Pkg. \$35 Cost. Nov. 24 (Sat) Erie Presque Isle Casino "Special" \$35 casino pkg \$25 cost. Dec. 4 (Tues) Seneca Allegeny Casino \$35 Casino Pkg \$30 cost Dec. 27 (Thurs) Rivers Casino. \$20 Casino Pkg \$30 cost 2013 Feb 2 (Sat) Home & Garden Show Includes Admission. \$55 cost. Current Photo I.D. Reserved Seating with pmt. Colonial Tours 814-827-9171
 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> Breakfast Buffet Nov. 3rd. from 7am-10am at Polk's fire hall on Rte 62 in Polk. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, biscuits and sausage-gravy, and beverages. This is a monthly fundraiser through the winter. November - April. It will be the first Saturday of the month. \$7 adults, \$4 children 12 and under. Under 6 eat free. Benefits Polk Fire-Rescue, Inc.	 <b>Friday 11/9</b> All You Can Eat Chicken and Homemade Noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, rolls, beverage, and lots of dessert. Fri., Nov. 9th 4pm-7pm at Clintonville Firehall. Adults \$8, Children 6-12 \$4, 5-under free. Benefits the Coal Valley Amish School.	 <b>Thursday</b> Games Party every Thursday at 7pm. Pinegrove Volunteer Fire Dept. Memorial Hall, Rt. 157 at Coal Hill. Doors open at 6pm. Kitchen open 6:30
 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> Thanksgiving Style Benefit Dinner at Atlantic Avenue United Brethren Church Nov. 3 from 4-7. Cost \$8 (kids 5 and under free, ages 6-12 will be \$4). Take outs available. All proceeds benefit the Haiti Mission Team.	 <b>Sunday 11/11</b> American Legion Auxiliary Unit 526 Hosting a Veterans Honor Dinner On Sunday, November 11th at 5:30pm at the Endeavor Community Hall. To honor all veterans, their families & friends. This is open to all in the area, only bring a covered dish to share. Beverages, table services, Ham, Potatoes & Rolls will be furnished. We will have a speaker to mark this special occasion. Hope to see you there & honor our Veterans.	 <b>Thursday</b> R.G.V.F.D. Ladies Aux. Games Party tonight Doors open 5 PM. Games begin 7 PM. Mystery Numbers. \$25 up to 48 cards & \$30 unlimited cards. Call 432-3962
 <b>Sunday 11/4</b> St. Nicholas Annual Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner, Crates, PA. Nov. 4th 12:00-2:30. \$7 Adults, \$4 children, 5 and under eat free. There will be a quilt raffle and country store.	 <b>Sunday 11/4</b> Chicken & Biscuits Sun., Nov. 4th at Seneca Fire Dept. 11:30-1:00. Take outs & Drive thru available.	 <b>Thursday</b> Super Games Party Sat. Nov. 2012, doors open at 11:30, games begin at 1:00. Kitchen will be open. Pinegrove VFD, 2369 State Rt. 157, Oil City. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at door. Includes 18 cards. Tickets can be obtained by calling 814-354-2863
 <b>Sunday 11/4</b> Venango Catholic High School will be hosting its Annual Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday, November 4 at the school cafeteria 11:30am-2pm. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Also Chinese Auction and Bake sale. A \$10 donation includes dinner and ten chances to win the Grand Prize and one of ten Giant Eagle gift cards. Dinners sold separately for \$7 adults, \$6 seniors, \$4.50 under 12 years and free for preschool. Take outs available the day of the dinner by calling 676-9429	 <b>Craft Show</b> Holiday Craft Show Fri. Nov. 16th & Sat Nov. 17th 10-4 and Sunday Nov. 18 12-4 at The Reminisce Banquet hall, Rt. 208, E. of Emlenton. Crafters & Vendors for all your holiday shopping. Chinese Auction * Bake Sale. Lunch Served. Benefits Mineral Springs Park.	 <b>Thursday</b> Games Party at Oil City Elks Lodge. Doors open 5:00pm. Early Bird at 7:00pm. The more who play, the more we pay. 65+ 3 500pt games.
 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> Bazaar at Sugarcreek United Methodist Church, 443 Sugarcreek Drive Franklin. Soup and Chili available. Please bring containers for take out soup.	 <b>Saturday 11/3</b> Venango Singles Meeting will be Nov. 7th at Hoss's Restaurant in Seneca. Dinner at 5:30pm meeting starts at 7:00pm. Remember to bring canned food goods for the Food Bank.	 <b>Thursday</b> R.G.V.F.D. Ladies Aux. Games Party tonight Doors open 5 PM. Games begin 7 PM. Mystery Numbers. \$25 up to 48 cards & \$30 unlimited cards. Call 432-3962

## Program Saturday designed to help those grieving at holidays

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The holidays are a time for family, friends, fun and celebrating for most people, but for others, it can be a time of sadness when dealing with the loss of a loved one.

As November starts today and the holiday season isn't far behind, a program Saturday in Franklin will offer tips, discussion and materials to help people who are grieving get through the holidays.

"Surviving the Holidays" will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Atlantic Avenue United Brethren Church, but the program isn't just for churchgoers, according to Jeaneen Gahr, care ministry director at the church.

Gahr already leads a Grief-Share group at the church that deals with grief in general, but Saturday's program will focus specifically on how to manage holidays while grieving.

"It's a little bit about the holidays and what not to try to do," Gahr said. "Maybe your

holidays are different without your loved one here and we'll cover how to deal with those things."

"Surviving the Holidays" is a GriefShare program and includes video, a discussion group and devotional materials that will help grieving individuals and families "find strength, healing and tools to move forward in your daily walk through the deep pain of grief."

While the holiday season is, for the most part, a joyous time, it has also often been regarded as a time when depression rates rise, even without grieving the loss of someone.

The program could be beneficial for anyone grieving, especially people who recently lost someone, Gahr said.

"It'll help if you recently lost a loved one, and especially if it's the first time you've been without them on the holidays," Gahr said.

Gahr knows personally what it's like to experience the holidays while grieving the loss of a loved one. A few years ago, her daughter-in-

law passed away just days after giving birth to Gahr's granddaughter.

"I know how difficult the holidays were for myself and my family," Gahr said. "I had to not try to do everything I've always done and really scale back and not put pressure on myself and my family. We had to find ways to cope and get through it."

Gahr said the first holiday season after the loss of a loved one can be very tough.

"Sometimes in the first year, you're in shock and don't know what traditions to do or not to do, and things like that," Gahr said. "You need to be able to give yourself permission to not partake in all of the holiday events and not to try to put on a front that's not real where you're not being true to yourself."

"Surviving the Holidays" is free and open to the public. A light breakfast will be served.

Anyone interested in attending should register by calling Gahr at the church office at 437-3945, Ext. 229.

## Mock presidential debate educates at Clarion University

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Presidential debates usually have a winner and loser, depending on how charismatic, knowledgeable or aggressive each candidate is.

However, the debate that took place this week at Clarion University had no victor. Its only purpose was to educate, said Student Senate President Sara Dickson.

"It is to allow you to make an educated choice," Dickson said. "It is our hope that this debate will better inform you."

Students representing President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney answered questions about their political pasts and platforms and challenged one another in a mock debate, hosted by the Clarion Student Senate.

Senior Michael Robertson, a member of the Clarion

Young Democrats, played the role of Obama. Sophomore Jacob Werner, a member of the Clarion College Republicans, played Romney.

Each had three minutes to respond to the question, and the opposing side had an opportunity afterwards for a one-minute rebuttal. Junior Matthew Knoedler, news director at CU-TV, acted as moderator.

Knoedler questioned the candidates on their plans for the economy, higher education, the country's debt, energy independence, healthcare, women's rights and gay marriage.

Robertson and Werner answered the questions as if they were the real men, speaking of the virtues of their own plans and undercutting one another when given the chance.

Freshman Justin Shreckengost said he felt the debate was lacking in good information, noting the candidates knew the basics but should have gone more in-depth in order for people to be truly informed.

"There were a few points that were correct, but I think there needed to be more research on

the topics done," he said.

Shreckengost, a 28-year-old first-time student, said his father has always urged him to be an informed voter, which is why he keeps up-to-date on politics.

As for the other, younger Clarion students around him, Shreckengost said he felt many of them are swayed by a charismatic, well-spoken candidate, rather than one who may be more qualified to run the country.

"We need a businessman running the country," he said. "We were formed on capitalism and capitalism is the way to get out."

Both candidates directly addressed the students frequently throughout the debate in an attempt to appeal to the group of young voters. This echoed the purpose of the debate - to inform and educate students, many of whom are voting for the first time in a presidential election.

"The future is yours and it's so important that you choose how to shape it," Robertson as Obama said in his final comments to the students. "Change is happening right now and I want you all to be a part of it."

## OC library group slates fundraising projects

The Friends of the Oil City Library, a library booster group, is conducting two fundraising projects this season.

The group is holding a candy sale and a contest to

win gift baskets.

A winner in the latter event will be chosen Dec. 21. Tickets are on sale at the library.

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library projects.

## Free flu shots offered at Titusville Area Hospital

Free flu shots will be offered from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday in the outpatient lab area of Titusville Area Hospital.

There is no charge and registration is not required, but people must be 18 and older to receive a shot.

The free shots will be given again from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3.

The program is sponsored by the Crawford Health Improvement Coalition, the state Department of Health and Titusville Area Hospital.

To Advertise here please call Allison at 814-677-8305 or fax info to 814-677-8351. Deadline is 11:30am Tuesdays.



If you see **MaryAnn Schell** on Sunday wish her a *Happy Birthday*