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healthcare fight

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Mayor Bill Welch

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wind farm development

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black mentors with
high school students

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meant to expand minds
losing its punch?

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Strawberry Fields benefit

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Centre County's

118 Defense Contractors

And the distance a dollar can go

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Raytheon

Pentagon's Centre County Shopping List

\$34,000 -- mechanical bull sales

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\$359,000 -- household goods moving

\$39,000 -- window treatments...

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Hope for the future in new council

I have great news to report this month. After five years of ramping up the quality of our journalism, our photography and our design, Voices has begun to draw some of the most notable members of our Centre County community to its cause.

We have had exceptional people step up to keep Voices going in the past. Without their time, effort and financial support, we wouldn't be here. It's that simple. But over the years, they have come to us one or two at a time, not with the full force of the collective effort in motion this time. We could not make the *most* of what they could give. This time I believe we will.

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from the desk of managing editor

Suzan Erem

can do that, we cannot guarantee continuity or quality. Now, with the valuable advice and assistance of this broader group of people, we have that opportunity.

I want to welcome and thank members of our currently-forming Advisory Council who represent so many walks of life, perspectives and geographic areas of our county. This council is charged with meeting regularly for the next year to find ways to reach beyond our current supporters and help our community recognize and become a part of the broad support Voices enjoys. I hope soon to announce our newly-revamped executive board as well.

I look forward to the day I can hand Voices over to the next managing editor, someone who cares deeply about what we're accomplishing here. But I want that person to be free from begging and scraping

for stories and photos, plus I want our hard-working writers, editors and photographers to be compensated for the contribution they make to our community. It's the right thing to do. This month, we've taken another big step in that direction.

Thank you and enjoy this issue of Voices. Please write to us about what you think...better yet, come help out!

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IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and IEP stands for Individualized Education Program. These were misidentified in the September issue of *Voices*.

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