

# Faith Christian Soccer and Senior Recognition



Front row seniors L-R; Ryan McMahon, Spencer Thomas, Luke Magnin  
 Back row coaches L-R; Brad Hoyt, David Trout, Nick DeFranco, Zach Erwin

By Michael Ortoski

PLAINFIELD TWSP. - Faith Christian held their Senior recognition last week after their scheduled game against Veritas Christian Academy from Sparta, NJ who won 8 to 3.

Coaches Brad Hoyt, David Trout, Nick DeFranco and Zach Erwin spoke about the boys and presented them with gifts from the school along with their teammates family and friends.

The three Seniors were Ryan McMahon, Spencer Thomas and Luke Magnin.



Spencer Thomas



Luke Magnin



Ryan McMahon

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## EPA Qualified Outdoor Wood Furnaces

### A new generation of clean

When John Hanley built his 4,000 square foot log home in a small Ohio township 17 years ago, he chose propane for heat and domestic hot water because it was an economical choice.

But, when propane prices increased and his annual fuel bill reached \$6000, he dropped the thermostat to 63°F to manage his costs. His wife, however, suffered with severe arthritis and lowering the ambient temperature caused her discomfort.

He began looking for a more affordable home heating solution. His research led him to outdoor wood furnaces.

Today's outdoor wood furnaces, also called wood boilers or wood-fired hydronic heaters are a clean, cost-effective alternative to the safety, mess and health concerns of indoor wood burning, while also providing a ready supply of domestic hot water.

The outdoor furnace heats water in an insulated water jacket surrounding the firebox. The heated water circulates through underground pipes to a forced-air furnace, boiler or radiant floor heating system that distributes even, adjustable and comfortable heat.

Hanley knew some townships placed restrictions on the installation of outdoor wood furnaces to address smoke emission issues. It was important for him to set a good example in his own community

by choosing a unit that was EPA qualified. Central Boiler, an American-owned company in business since 1984, helped create the EPA Hydronic Heater Program. Their E-Classic was the first outdoor wood furnace meeting Phase 2 of the program.

Central Boiler's new E-Classic models utilize a three-stage gasification technology and a self-regulating thermostatically controlled system that burns wood so completely that combustion efficiencies approach 100%. This means the owner burns less wood, with very little residual ash and virtually no smoke. By minimizing the emissions, this cleaner generation of outdoor furnaces is the optimum choice for people concerned with the environment.

Hanley chose an E-Classic to heat a 2,500 square foot barn/garage in addition to his home and hot water. Now, Hanley's wife keeps the ambient house temperature at 76°F. "She's happy and she has endless hot water for her whirlpool bath," he says.

Company reliability was also a factor in his choice. "Central Boiler stands behind their products and this sort of warranty service is really important to me."

Finally, because he cuts his own wood, he has eliminated his home heating costs enabling him to redirect the money saved to their children's university educations.

*"This furnace is the way to go. You can't beat it," says Hanley.*



In 2002, concerns regarding smoke emissions from outdoor wood furnaces prompted a number of manufacturers to form the Outdoor Furnace Manufacturers Caucus and ultimately partner voluntarily with the EPA to create a program that gave homeowners choices for cleaner, more efficient models. EPA states that outdoor hydronic heaters that are EPA Phase 2 program qualified are 90% cleaner than unqualified units.



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## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Grand Central Landfill Supporting Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup

By Adrienne Fors

Waste Management, PADEP Reach Agreement To Dispose of 1,000 Tons of Waste

From Barnsdale Property in Freemansburg, Northampton County Plainfield Twp., Pa., Nov. 4, 2020 - Waste Management's Grand Central Landfill will support the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) cleanup of an illegal dumpsite in Bethlehem Twp. and Freemansburg, Northampton County, through the department's Community Environmental Project (CEP) initiative.

DEP has been working to clear illegally dumped construction and demolition debris from the Michael Stine/MS Recycling Construction and Demolition waste pile on the Barnsdale Associates property at 1600 Freemansburg Road. Grand Central will provide disposal services for about 1,000 tons of material that will be removed from the site.

The landfill and its operators agreed to participate in the project in lieu of being assessed a civil penalty for notices of violations issued by the department in 2018. The violations cited by DEP included alleged offsite odors that resulted from far-above-normal rainfall and weather-related construction delays at Grand Central, and from conditions observed during facility inspections. The conditions observed during the facility inspections have been corrected and the agreement closes the violations.

"Two years ago, the area received more than 72 inches of rain," Grand Central Manager Joe Statile said. "Average rainfall in the Slate Belt is 48 inches. The abnormally high rainfall increased the amount of landfill gas naturally produced in our landfill and delayed the expansion of our landfill gas collection system.

"Despite our best efforts, these conditions inconvenienced our neighbors and resulted in the DEP notices," Mr. Statile said. "We've made many adjustments to make sure we do not have a repeat of this situation."

Mr. Statile said that instead of conducting annual gas collection expansion projects, the work now is conducted twice a year. The landfill also has increased the number of contractors certified to handle this specialized construction work.

"We're proud of the changes we've made and our operating record since 2018 and know that our neighbors have noticed the improvement," said Mr. Statile. He noted that the landfill's systems performed well when Tropical Storm Isaias brought more than seven inches of rain to the site on Aug. 3.

"We're also thankful for the opportunity to support DEP's cleanup of the MS Recycling site through the CEP," Mr. Statile said.

The property where the cleanup will take place is owned by Barnsdale Associates, LLC, 221 Langhorne Ave., Bethlehem.