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RICHARD T. BUTLER

Age: 47.

Residence: Crafton .

Family: Wife Beth; son Devon, 6, daughter, Dillan, 6.

Occupation: Recently appointed executive director of the Three Rivers Rowing Association, a nonprofit organization with locations in Millvale and Washington's Landing that promotes the benefits of paddling and rowing.

Noteworthy: He is only the second executive director in the 22-year history of the association.

Education: Graduate of Westinghouse High School; bachelor's degree in communications from Slippery Rock University, 2002; master's degree in organizational leadership from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, 2005.

Background: Previously owned a business that provided individual and group coaching, and leadership and professional development services. Butler is a licensed coach facilitator, member of the International Coach Federation and part-time lecturer in organizational ethics at Robert Morris University. He was twice ranked first in his age group at the National Championship Tournament of the USA National Karate-Do Federation.

Quote: "I'm very excited to get started. This place is like the moving sidewalk at the airport -- it's constantly in motion, and I love that. I see a lot of opportunities in all of that motion."

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