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Shawl Ministry wraps recipients in comfort and solace

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Sometimes a gesture of kindness can make all the difference in the life of a person who is ill, or a person who is the caregiver to a family member or friend who is in need of healing. At Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas, a small group of women know and understand this, and meet once a week to make that difference in someone's life.

"We started our shawl ministry in April," said Catherine Bolinski, president of the Presbyterian Women of Trinity. "Its purpose is a ministry of caring. We pray as we knit even though we don't always know to whom the prayer shawl will be given at that point. But we want the recipients to know that someone else cares and is praying for them by providing human warmth and comfort."

The group has already knitted and dedicated more than a dozen shawls to those who need



Some of the Shawl Ministry members gathered for this photo and brought along some of their colorful creations. Seated from left: Barbara Rogers and Bette Goodwin. Standing from left: Catherine Bolinski, Meryl Davis, Carol Hobbs, Shirley Beck and Alice Kocher.

to be uplifted at a difficult time in their life. Each prayer shawl, when given away, is accompanied by a tag, which reads: As this shawl was handmade, prayers of hope and comfort were said because you are thought about and loved. This shawl can wrap around you

when you are cold, hurting or you need to snuggle and rest.

This ministry is a considerable commitment of time and money. They meet at the church every week for two hours, and often continue their work at home. Knitters pay for their own yarn. On average it takes about 30 hours to complete one prayer shawl at a cost of about \$16.00 each.

The Shawl Ministry concept was first seen in Hartford, Connecticut in 1998 and quickly spread around the country and indeed around the world. Caring

and the love of knitting (and crochet) have been combined into this prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many prayers and blessings are knitted into every shawl. As this touching gift has been sent along, some recipients have continued the kindness by making one themselves and passing it on to someone else in need.

As the women were busy crafting their special gifts, each was asked what the prayer shawl

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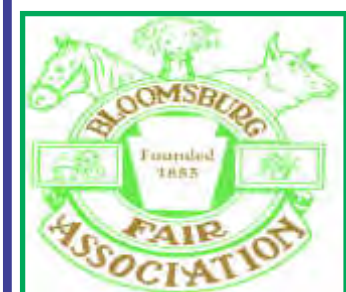
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ministry means to them. Many answers were similar and included: "reaching out to someone, providing a meaningful service to the community, helping someone by using a personal skill, giving of oneself to help others, paying it forward, and the fellowship that being a part of the group provides."

Later this summer the group will participate in an altar service and ceremony at Trinity as they dedicate their work and service. This tangible evidence of prayer, and its grassroots movement, has caused a rainbow of beautiful patterns and colors to emerge and be worthy of being put on display for all to see and enjoy.

If you would like more information or would like to donate your time, talent and resources to this heartfelt project, you may call Trinity Presbyterian Church at 675-3131 or write to them at: 105 Irem Road, Dallas, PA 18612.

Trucksville United Methodist Church schedules vacation bible school

Vacation Bible School will be held August 11-15, 6:15 – 8:30 PM each evening in the William and Melba Dickson Educational Facility. The theme for this year's program is SONWORLD ADVENTURE PARK and will include games, crafts, songs, snacks and Bible stories! All children from nursery school to 6th grade are welcome to attend. Bible School will close on Sunday, August 17 during the 10:00 church service followed by a Missions Carnival.

Registration forms are available in the church office. Please call 696-3897 for more information. Registration forms are due by July 31. Michelle Sowga is the Vacation Bible School Director. Rev. Lori Steffensen is pastor of Trucksville United Methodist Church

Boback, O'Brien sign Autism Insurance Bill



Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) with House Speaker Dennis O'Brien (R-Philadelphia) upon the signing of the autism insurance bill by the speaker before it was sent to the governor for enactment. O'Brien is the prime sponsor and Boback a co-sponsor of HB 1150, which will provide autism insurance coverage for diagnosis and treatment up to \$36,000 a year.

Annual Craft and Flea Market planned

The 20th annual craft and flea market will be held at the Dallas Chapter Eastern Star Hall, Foster St. & Woodlawn Ave., Dallas (behind CVs Drugstore) on Saturday, August 8, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m.

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Planning Underway for the 6th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival

Planning is underway for the 6th annual Dallas Harvest Festival, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 14th, 2008, 1:00-6:00 p.m. The event will take place, rain or shine, on a portion of Main St., Dallas, between the Route 415 intersection and Huntsville Road.

On Friday, September 12th, Dallas Days Weekend will get underway with the annual Dallas Days Dance, featuring the return of *Just Us* and *ABILENE*, 7:00-midnight, at the Shadowbrook Pavilion, in Tunkhannock. Enjoy light refreshments, beer and soda, all for the ticket price of \$25 each! A special door prize will be offered this year, along with a host of raffles and drawings. Tickets will be sold in advance only, and will go on-sale on July 30th at Ochman's Coins and Jewelry, in Dallas; and the Dallas Borough Municipal Offices, 25 Main Street, in Dallas. Additional ticket vendors will be announced soon—call the Dallas Harvest Festival Hotline, at 675-1950 for advance reservations.

The 3rd annual Harvest Fest Idol Contest will welcome single vocalists, male or female, ages 16-25. Interested soloists should email Patti Wiatrowski, at scottstree@netzero.net to pre-register, or fill out a registration form at the Dallas Borough Municipal Building, 5 Main Street, in Dallas. Deadline for registration and a \$10 registration fee is August 25th. A date/time and venue for auditions will be forthcoming.

On Saturday, September 13th, the Dallas Harvest Festival Steering Committee will present

“Open Mic Night”, which will showcase a wide variety of local talent. It will take place at the former Richardson Dodge building, at 50 Lake Street, in Dallas, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate should pre-register by calling 675-1950 and leave a message.

Then, on Sunday, September 14th, the 6th annual Dallas Harvest Festival will showcase the Back Mountain region's rich agricultural heritage, with an expansive community celebration and farmer's market on and around Main Street. A variety of entertainment, crafts, fun for kids, a mini-auction, and an array of food vendors will be sure to add to the festive atmosphere. Interesting historical presentations will also take place at the Masonic Lodge, located above the festival on Main Street.

A series of community-oriented contests will soon be underway, including the 6th annual “Kiss the Pig” Contest, which will feature Back Mountain area educators; Main Street businesses are preparing for this year's Flower Box Competition, which will be judged by the Penn State Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners; and two special amateur cooking contests will invite community participation. Watch for future announcements and invitations to join in the fun!

For specific information about the festival or to become one of our growing list of sponsors, contact the Dallas Harvest Festival Hotline, at 675-1950 and leave a message.



Dallas Harvest Festival Steering Committee members (left to right) Rich Fufaro, John Cybulski, Carol Wall, Liz Martin, Connie Scott, Judge Robert Opel, Mike McDavid, Owen Faut, and Alice Russomano.



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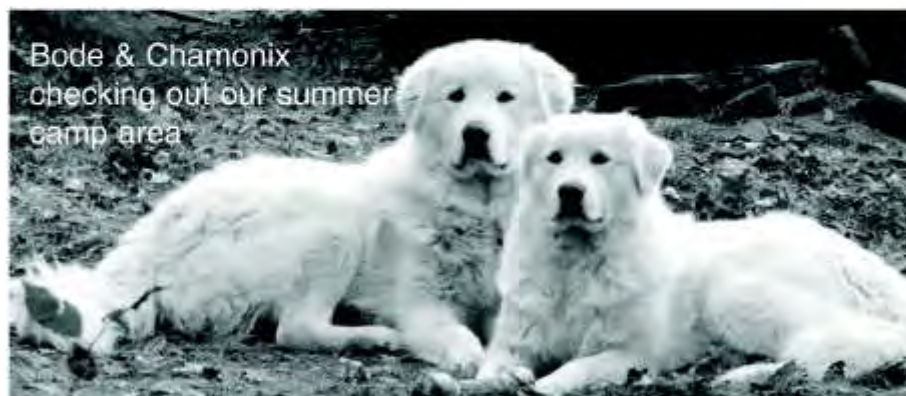
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Dallas High School recognizes students for their academic achievements

By: MB Gilligan

Back Mountain Community
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Each year Dallas High School recognizes students for their academic achievements at the annual Honors Banquet held at the Irem Temple Pavilion. One such annual award is given to students who have achieved All A's throughout all of their courses.

Ninth graders who earned the award this year are: Arielle Belskis, Rocco Cabrera, Samantha Casto, Christopher Clemson, Taylor Culver, Janelle Cyprich, Alyssa Dolman, Pierce Donovan, Meghan Gallis, Brandon Harding, Lindsey Harger, Kevin Hunter, Molly Kammen, McKenzie Kelly, Janara Koehler, Dana Krawetz, Anthony Lafratte, Taylor Millington, Kevin Muldoon, Marc Noyalis, Cortney O'Brien, Timothy Reinert, Tristan Rinehart, Drew Schaub, Danielle Shaver, Sara Skammer, Emily Spring, Demetra Szatkowski, Jonathan Wallace, and Brian Wise.

Tenth graders to receive the award for the second time are: James Brown, Erik Cannon, Aleona Chinikaylo, Monica Esopi, Hilary Grube, Jacob Hebda, Jacob Reinert, Katelyn Reinert, Alexandria Smith, and Amanda Thompson.

Juniors: Pictured are juniors who achieved All A's for the third time. Front row from left are Nicole Clemson, Mary Ketchner, and Emily Baut. Standing in rear are: Austin Thomas, Kristina Toussaint, Edward Stredny, John Prater, Molly Gilligan, Abigail Mulhern, and Katrina Heintz. Also earning the award are juniors Erin Bellas, Erin Fallon, Mary Gulotta, Jill Jackson, Maria Maas, Carli Menzel, Meghan Pietraccini, and Stacey Stepniak.

Seniors: Seniors who received the Cumulative A's Award are, from left: Diana Smith, Jillian Spring, Jordan Thimot, Christopher Jayne, Rachel Kellelman, and Rosemary Shaver. Other seniors who earned the award for the fourth time are: Lauren Kelly, Erica Lisses, Virginia Reinert, and Caitlin Rhodes.



Ladies retreat planned

The Sweet Valley Church of Christ is hosting a "Ladies Retreat" at Camp Epachiseca in Stillwater.

The 38th annual ladies retreat camp will be held on August 22 and 23. The theme for the weekend is "Becoming the Women God wants you to be" with main speaker Audrey Brosious. Julie Nevel, a recording artist based in Harrisburg will be the worship leader and teen workshop leader. Kay Greenly, Sandy Beishline and Lori Lyons will give other workshops.

The event starts Friday at 6pm with a light supper and registration.

Registration donation is \$15 early bird before August 3 and \$20 after. This includes all meals, sleep-over and workshops. For registration form or for more information visit www.campepachiseca.com or call the church at 477-2320.

St. John the Baptist Church plans bazaar

The public is invited to the annual bazaar to be held on August 8, 9 and 10 on the parish grounds, 126 Nesbitt Street, Larksville.

The bazaar is open on Friday from 6-11 p.m., Saturday, 5-11 p.m., and Sunday from 3-10 p.m.

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Meals on Wheels needs drivers – can you help?

Photo/story by: Sandy Peoples
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Food is the most basic of human needs, and there is a small army of people in Kingston who make sure that the elderly and others in need in our area have at least two nutritionally balanced meals a day to sustain their daily lives in their own homes.

Meals on Wheels, a locally operated, nonprofit charitable organization established in 1969, prepares about 150 hot meals and 150 boxed lunches, five days a week, for their clients on delivery routes in 14 locations including the Back Mountain area. The challenge is to have enough drivers and runners who partner every day to get the food to the intended recipients.

“Most of our drivers are retired people like myself who just want to give back to the community,” said former banker Jay Rauscher, past president of the Board, financial advisor to the organization, and a volunteer himself since 1992.

“Gas prices have affected us because our volunteers pay for their own gas. We have several dedicated and long serving drivers who haven’t given up on us because a gallon of gas is a dollar more than it was last year, but we have had a real slow down of new volunteers to replace those who are no longer physically able to help us. We really need new people to help even if they can only give us one day a week or one day a month. Most of our routes take 1 ½ hours to complete and are limited to geographic areas that would only take a gallon or two of gas to make all of the stops.”

The real question then becomes, “What happens if Meals on Wheels doesn’t show up every day?” One of the answers is obvious. People would go hungry. But there is another level of caring that goes on here, and that is the personal contact that the volunteers provide for their clients.

For some people, that volunteer is the only human contact they have all day long.

“We sometimes find people in distress when we knock on their door,” said Rauscher. “Or they are a little confused or don’t feel well and need help to contact a relative. Other times we encounter situations and determine that a call to 911 is appropriate and needed.”

Funding for the meals comes through the support of various organizations, churches, service clubs, institutions and a recipient charge of \$22 per week. The program does not receive any federal, state or county funding.

“Sometimes things get a little tight around here,” said Rauscher. “But we are not geared to do fundraising. We do not solicit funds, but sometimes one of us will visit a church or group and talk about what we do here for the community.

Our real thrust right now is to get drivers. Most of our volunteers help out one day a week. It’s a great project for a couple to do to spend the morning together. It’s also a great way for young people to fulfill their community service hours at school.”

“We are all going to reach a point in our lives when we need help from others,” Rauscher continued. “That is why it’s so important to keep this program alive and well to help keep others alive and well.”

Meals on Wheels operates out of the kitchen at Church of Christ Uniting, 190 S. Sprague Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704. Their telephone number is



Jay Rauscher and the Meals on Wheels cooking staff gathered in the kitchen for this photo. From left: Jay Rauscher, advisor and volunteer; Nancy Poremba, coordinator of volunteers and recipients; Janice Petlock, supervisor, purchasing agent and head cook; Suzanne Uhl and Ruth Rowlands, kitchen staff. Cheryl Lewis, registered dietitian, was not available for this photo.



Back Mountain resident Mary Brostoski and her granddaughter, Lauren Butruce, gathered up their meals and delivery coolers to fulfill their Meals on Wheels route in the Back Mountain.

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They provide 300 meals a day, five days a week for 52 weeks a year, which totals 78,000 meals per year. They do all of this with only five paid staff members. The rest are volunteers.

If you can help as a driver or runner, or would like to make a monetary donation to help keep this quality of life program going, please contact them. They are waiting and needing to hear from you.

Sweet Valley Fire Co. announces fundraising dinner schedule

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company would like to announce the dates for our 2008 fundraising dinners. Our dinners are Family style, all you can eat (with the exception of dessert). Take-outs are available starting at 4 pm. Sit down serving is from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-11, children under 6 are free. The dates are as follows: August 23 - Beef; September 27 - Ham; October 25 - Beef and November 8 - Ham.

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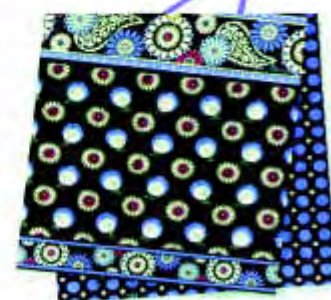


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Harveys Lake Homecoming weekend planned

The Harveys Lake community will be celebrating its fourth annual Homecoming on August 8, 9 and 10, 2008. The Homecoming is about the spirit of the past, present and future residents of the Lake.

The older residents recall what the lake was like before it became a popular resort. It was nothing more than people living their lives in the only way they knew. It was about being self-sufficient and doing what had to be done to survive the cold winter months where roads were not plowed, there were no stores to stock up and people helped each other and waited for the next spring.

Then the popular began to grow and there were more full time residents in the Borough. Changes began around the Lake and the public services to the residents began. A new type of community began to grow.

Today, we have our present community. There is full time police coverage, a full time road department, administrative staff to keep the new Borough functioning.

This is the spirit of the Homecoming, to celebrate the growth of a small community into year round population. So come and join the celebration of

A village of pioneers that eventually became the Borough of Harveys Lake.

Many events are being planned for the Homecoming Weekend. Come and participate in the White Elephant Sale. The Harveys Lake Women's Club will be having a White Elephant Sale on Sunday, August 10 at the Beach Club, Sandy Beach from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone who has articles they wish to donate to the sale, may drop them off at the Borough Building on Route 415, Sunset, beginning Wednesday, July 30, until Tuesday, August 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mr. And Miss Harveys Lake - the Little Mr. and Miss Harveys Lake contest will be on Sunday, August 10 at Harveys Lake Beach Club, Sandy Beach. All children must be a resident of Harveys Lake Borough. Applications must be in no later than July 30, and may be dropped off at the Borough Building, Route 415, Sunset

Children must be between the ages of 4-8. There will be three separate drawings for each girl and three drawings for each boy.

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Rotary Club of Dallas installs new officers and board members

The Dallas Rotary Club officers and board members for the 2008-2009 service year were recently installed by the District Governor at a dinner meeting held at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas. Seated from left: Paul Muczynski, District Governor; Sandy Peoples, president elect; Gary Booth, president; Art Peoples, Assistant Governor; Hal Kishbaugh, Sergeant at Arms. Standing: Linda Kane, board member; Jason Moran, board member; Randy Loyd, secretary; Melissa Saxon, board member; George Bacon, treasurer; Ken Chapple, board member. Paul Saxon, vice president, was not available for the photo.

The Rotary Club of Dallas meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Castle Inn, Route 415, Dallas. For more information about how you can become a part of this vital community service organization, simply request an informational brochure by sending a note with your name and address to: Rotary Club of Dallas, P.O. Box 149, Dallas, PA 18612



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Dallas Senior High School Class reunion planned

The class of 1968 is planning a class reunion and 3 separate events to begin on Friday, September 5th, from 7-10 PM. A mixer will be held at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. No reservations are needed.

On Saturday, September 6th, planned for the morning, come and participate in a - Dallas Senior High School "Farewell Tour". Walk the halls of Dal-Hi - no cost but please RSVP to Lucy at 674-5673.

Saturday, Sept. 6th - reunion evening at Huntsville Golf Club, starts at 6 PM - appetizers and cash bar on the veranda. At 7:15 PM, we will assemble on side lawn for 40th reunion photograph and at 7:30 PM - barbeque cookout - steak, chicken, pasta, salads. The cost is \$49 per person, checks no later than August 25th to: Charlotte Gelb Farley, 5661 Main Rd., Hunlock Creek, PA 18621

The members of the 40th Reunion Committee are: Virginia Davis, Erik Dingle, Charlotte Gelb Farley, Jeff Farley, Susan Pattison Jones, Wendell Jones, Allison Galletly Maier, Ed Maier, Kevin McGuire, Lucy Fleming Messersmith, Mike Messersmith, John Puchalsky, Sally Walk Roper, and Marla Cloak Sherman.

Addresses are needed for the following classmates: Richard M. Bogdan; Jeanette S. Evans; Natalie M. Jacobs; Deana C. MacLean; Roger A. Maury; Daniel A. McCoog; G. Luella Olver; Sharon A. Palmentera; Ronald Roberts; Myra Schroer; Ann Marie Showers; Rosann Strickland Nodalski; Walter Stuart; Constance Vaskas Constantine, Beverly J. Whiting, and Theodore W. Wright.

Those with information should call Sally at 283-3886 or Mike at 674-5673.

Summer Studio Society

Local lovers of art have been cultivating their personal creative expressions by wading into watercolor, playing in paint, and digging into drawing. For these local artists and art students, creating art has been an almost daily summer activity for the Summer Studio Society at Sue Hand's Imagery. The public is invited to a single evening Celebration Exhibition of their summer's work from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22.

Many of the artists will be exhibiting illustrated and hand bound books from the classes taught by Laura Adams, Wilkes-Barre, as well as drawings and paintings in various styles and media taught by Sue Hand, Dallas. Hand will be exhibiting her own watercolor paintings and colored pencil drawings, many from recent canoe trips on the Susquehanna River. Nina Santarelli, Dallas, instructor of children's classes for the summer will exhibit miniature acrylic paintings. Rose Luksha, Larksville, has created an impressive body of work in a variety of media. Ryan Frania, Shavertown, and Garret Geise, Shavertown, have concentrated in oil, watercolor, and drawing; Nicole Hilstolsky, Wyoming; sisters Gabriella and Maria Darbenzio, Chelsea Martin, Laura Panzitta, Rachel Madeira, and Blair Costantino, all of Dallas, will also display their varied artworks from their College Level Drawing class, Plein Air painting, and other projects in a variety of media. Also represented in the exhibit are Anna Fiske, Kingston; Nicole Delevan, Forty Fort; Cassandra Perry, Nanticoke; and Danielle Cunningham, Plymouth.

The artwork may be viewed at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main Street, Dallas during a Meet-the-Artists20reception on Friday evening, August 22 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. An informal gallery discussion of the summer program will be introduced by Sue Hand at 7:00 p.m.



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This will be open to all Back Mountain E.M.T.'s, firefighters, and police officers beginning at 4 p.m.

Those who attend will be able to get nutritional advice, blood pressure checks, cholesterol screenings, relaxation techniques, tips on oral hygiene, hearing tests, and more.

Family style dinner planned

Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sweet Valley, on Saturday, August 23. Take-outs begin at 4:00. Dinner served 4:30 to 6:30. Adults \$8.00, children under 12 are \$4.00 and children under 6 eat free. Call 477-5121 for more information.

Back Mountain students awarded scholarships

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Back Mountain students who will be furthering their education at a two-year college.

The scholarship monies were raised through the sponsorship of the annual Post 672 Golf Tournament.

This tournament is in its 18th year and has provided over \$70,000 in scholarships.

Pictured right, standing are: Richard Tyira, Adjutant, Joe Kelley, Jim Baloga, Finance Officer and Golf Chairman, Clarence J. Michael, Post Commander. Students seated from left are: Donovan White, John Frederick, Jason Darling.



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Grief Support Group

Meets at St. Paul's Lutheran, Rt. 118, Dallas, the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. The group is sponsored by Hospice St. John and is led by Rev. Peggy Sue Pfeffer.

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Reassessing the reassessment

By: Howard J. Grossman, AICP

Perhaps the greatest topic of conversation in recent weeks is the reassessment of 161,000 plus properties in Luzerne County. This gigantic and massive achievement has taken many years, much money, great technical skill, and left many questions yet to be answered through an appeals procedure that started in late May. The real question not only surrounds the actual taxables and what their meaning has to individual property owners, but what it will mean to the overall framework for tax producing real estate in coming years.

Will tax millages remain the same or go down? What impact will gaming have on property taxes as the Commonwealth moves toward new legislation, supposed to reduce some property taxes? Will reassessment truly produce in the long run tax equity as it has been marketed and promoted? Will low income citizen families and elderly people be able to meet the taxation needs that are the result of reassessment, in light of the adverse state of the economy, rising gasoline costs, a housing crisis of great proportion, much increased cost of utilities, and much more?

These are all questions that can be added in the coming months as the hundreds of thousands of citizens in Luzerne County deal with a sharply divided tax system that has raised as many questions as it has answers. There is no question that reassessment was badly needed in a County that had not accomplished this task since 1965. The question now becomes, how will people be able to cope with increases in market values and taxes?

There are myths that have been spelled out by the Luzerne County assessment office such as the following:

A reassessment means that my taxes are going to increase. The answer is not necessarily based upon what has already been released. One third of tax bills will go down, one third will remain the same, and one third will go up.

The reassessment will provide new revenue for taxing bodies. This is not true since the Reassessment Taxpayer Guide states that there is a state law that says, after the tax base has been equalized and brought to current market value, the millage must be reduced in order to collect the same revenue as collected in the previous year. After the equalized millage is set, and if the taxing body needs to collect additional revenue, they may do so; however they are limited (by law) to a 10 percent real estate tax increase in their budget.

The real question about real estate taxation is its dependent use after so many years. Perhaps a true change is needed to move away from this source and define other revenue streams that are fairer and still produce necessary funding for governmental purpose. The two most frequently cited are the income and sales taxes. How and if this comes about, is a question to be answered in coming years.

Howard J. Grossman, AICP, Executive Director, Jewish Family Service, 71 W. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. Call 570-823-5137 or fax: 824-4210. Visit online at: JFSWB.org

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Food Pantry honors special volunteers



The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry recently honored George Gaylord and Wally Gosart for their many years of volunteer service to the pantry. For more than 20 years, they met on Friday mornings to pack food orders for clients in need. Their awards recognize them as honorary lifetime board members. From left: Wally Gosart; right, George Gaylord.

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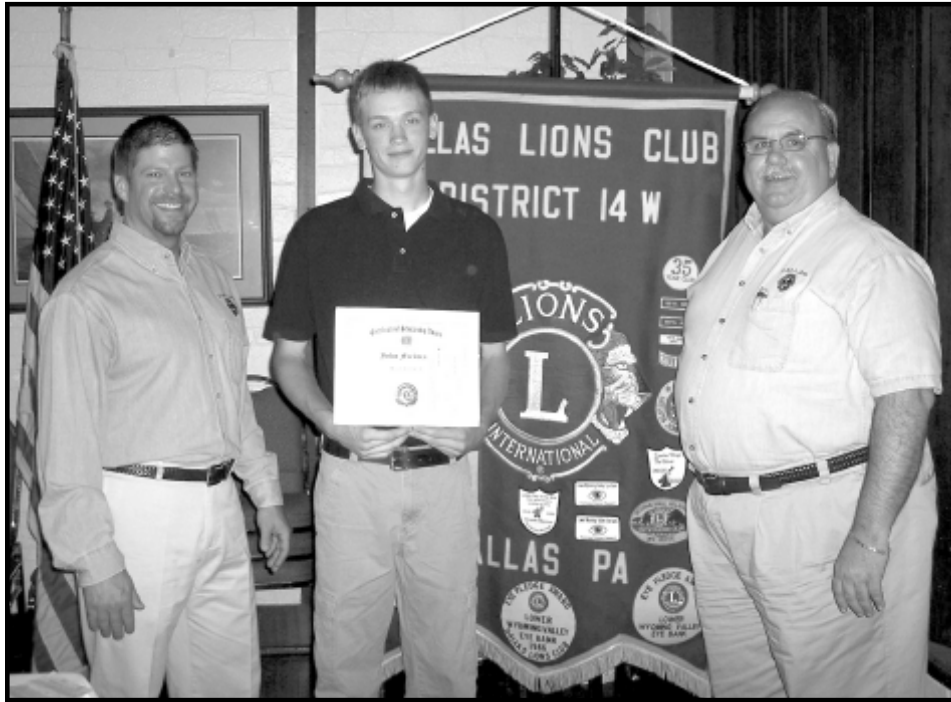
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Dallas Lions Club Awards Book Scholarships



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John Frederick, a June graduate of Holy Redeemer High School was one of two recipients of \$500 book scholarships presented to students in the Back Mountain by the Dallas Lions Club. John and his parents, Wayne and Ann, were guests of the club at a recent dinner meeting held at the Castle Inn.

John served as an alter server at Gate of Heaven Church and was a member of the Upward Bound program at Wilkes University. At Holy Redeemer, he was a member of the stage crew and lighting crew. He was an Honor Roll student at Bishop O'Reilly and on two occasions he was the recipient of the "Bishop of Scranton Youth Award". John was enhanced by his employment with the Jewelry Doctor and Hilbert's Tractor Store. His hobby is restoring motor vehicles. He is planning to pursue a degree in electrical technology/building automation and has been accepted at several schools, including Penn State, Wilkes and Bloomsburg.



Shown above presenting the check to Shaver is Scholarship Chairman, Joseph Newhart and Lion President Dave Fitch.

Rosemary Ann Shaver, a 2008 graduate of Dallas High School, was one of two recipients of \$500 book scholarships presented by the Dallas Lions Club. She and her parents, Paul and Roseann, were guests of the club at a recent dinner meeting at the Castle Inn.

Shaver has been accepted at Muhlenberg College, Misericordia University and Susquehanna University and will pursue a degree in History or Writing.

While at Dallas, Rosemary was active in many sports and extra-curricular activities, including Track and Field, Student Council, Art and Key Clubs. She was a member of National Honor Society, Who's who among American High School Students and the Newspaper Club.

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Back Mountain Memorial Library Receives Grant of Books

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Children's Wing is one of 3,000 libraries nationwide to be awarded a grant of books from the National Endowment of the Humanities entitled the "We the People Bookshelf: Created Equal." Each year NEH identifies a theme important to the nation's heritage and selects books that embody that theme. This collection of theme-related books is the Bookshelf and it contains a set of classic books for young readers from Kindergarten through high school. In addition to introducing young readers to good literature, the Bookshelf promotes understanding of abstract or general ideas through the power of particular stories.

Bruce Cole, Chairman of the NEH, stated that, "The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial is the perfect time to reflect on the proposition that, 'All men are created equal.' Put forth as a self-evident truth by the Revolutionary generation, understanding its full meaning and application has been the task of every generation since.

The We the People Bookshelf on Created Equal invites the young people of today into the discussion."

Titles selected for the We the People Bookshelf highlight important chapters in American history; or express universal themes that are integral parts of American culture. The books are intended to represent the rich texture of the American heritage, a tradition that has incorporated ideas and texts from around the world.

For Kindergarten to Grade 3, the books include: The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Andersen, The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln, Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco, and Pink Y Say by Patricia Polacco (translated by Alejandra Lopez Varela). For Grades 4 to 6: Saturnalia by Paul Fleischman, Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence by Russell Freedman, Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman, Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom by Virginia Hamilton, Lyddie by Katherine



Shown in the photo accepting the Bookshelf are Janet Bauman, Children's and YA Librarian, State Senator Lisa Baker of the Pennsylvania 20th District and Chase John Cole.

Paterson, and Lyddie by Katherine Paterson (translated by Rosa Benavides).

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The Young Adult Book discussion group has read and discussed, Breaking Through, a story about immigration. The middle school book discussion group, Donuts and Discussion, has read and discussed Lyddie a story about child labor in the mills of Massachusetts. The five pre-school story hour sessions of children listened to The Ugly Duckling and talked about being friends. The books are on display in the new book section of the Children's Room and patrons are encouraged to borrow them.

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They may be the world's smallest birds, but beginning this month, millions of hummingbirds will be making a big trip to Mexico and Central Mexico. This annual journey is part of an instinctive migration pattern that has been going on for hundreds of years.

This is a great opportunity for people to see large numbers of hummingbirds as they make their way south. Then they'll be gone until spring.

Bird enthusiasts expect to see waves of hummingbirds visiting their feeders during this time. At the peak of migration, bird banding studies indicate that, with very few exceptions, the hummingbirds visiting those feeders on any given late summer day are completely replaced by new migrants within 24 hours.

Hummingbirds feed on flower nectar, insects and sugar-water solution placed in specially designed feeders. Despite popular belief, hummingbirds do not suck up nectar with their bills. They actually lap it up with their tongues, drawing nectar from its source up and into their mouths almost 12 times a second.

A high-calorie diet is important to sustain these very active birds and to build fat reserve for their migratory trip. They possess the fastest metabolism of any animal on the planet, burning through between one to three times their body weight in food every day.

The color red is a visual cue that lets hummingbirds know food is available. But people should never add red food coloring to nectar. They should instead put the clear nectar in a red-colored feeder to attract these amazing birds.

There are 18 species of hummingbirds that can be found in North America. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird has the widest breeding distribution of any hummingbird in North America. It is the only hummingbird common in the eastern half, and it migrates all the way to Central America for winter - flying 600 miles across the Gulf of Mexico!

Rufous Hummingbirds have one of the longest migration flights of any bird when you convert the distance to the number of body lengths flown. These tiny birds build their nests along the West Coast and fly to central Mexico for the winter. Some birds have been observed spending the winter in the southeastern U.S. as well. This tiny bird weighs about one-eighth of one ounce and beats its wings 44 times per second.

Black-chinned Hummingbirds are prevalent throughout the West during breeding season and spend their winters in Mexico or the Southwest. They are quite adept at pulling as much nectar as possible from flowers and generally prefer new blooms to old ones.

Anna's Hummingbirds are the only hummingbirds that breed and spend the winter in the United States - mostly in California. They tend to eat more insects than other hummingbirds, primarily because many native California plants do not bloom in the winter. They have been known to eat up to 38 tiny flies daily to satisfy their need for protein.

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Dallas Rotary awards book scholarships to area high school seniors



Seated from left: Kyle Everett (NW) will attend Misericordia University, Emily Foley (NW) will attend Misericordia University, Christopher Box (DHS) will attend the University of Pittsburgh. Standing from left: Rotarian Karen Martin, chairperson; Leigh Ann Kern (LL) will attend Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Evan Scott (LL) will attend Misericordia University, Rosemary Shaver (DHS) will attend the University of Scranton, Jim Alexander, co-chairperson.

For almost 50 years it has been a privilege for the Rotary Club of Dallas to share in the dreams of our best and brightest young people and award book scholarships to deserving college bound seniors from Dallas, Lake Lehman and Northwest School Districts.

At a recent dinner held in their honor, and joined by their parents, six students were presented with checks for \$500 each to help offset the expenses of their first year in college. The Rotary Club of Dallas has awarded more than \$50,000 in book scholarships to date.

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Dallas Lions Make Annual Donation to Back Mountain Library



Shown above, from left to right, presenting the check to Librarian Martha Butler are Lions Robert Shaffer, Jack Williams, Dave Fitch and Frank Rollman

The Dallas Lions Club presented a check for \$500 to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. These funds help to purchase large-print books for the visually impaired as well as audio tapes and CD's. The library also has pre-loaded MP-3 players which can be used in addition to the large-print books and periodicals. This is the 24th consecutive year that the Lions have made a donation to the library.

Seasonal sounds may scare your pet

This is the season for bottle rockets and thunderclaps. What causes many people to look up in the sky in awe could be prompting your pet to cower under the bed.

Some pets are extremely sound sensitive. These dog and cats may suffer a high level of fear and stress when exposed to loud noises such as fireworks, gunshots, thunder and vehicle backfires, according to the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. In such a state of anxiety, pets may jump through windows, scale fences, or do whatever is in their means to escape normal confinement systems, such as leashes or cages.

"It makes a lot of sense for animals to be afraid of loud, sudden noises. In the wilds, noise of this magnitude would be correlated with some real danger, like a landslide or

tornado," says Janice Willard, DVM. "We may be able to understand that a fireworks display is just entertainment, but for our pets, the fear is very real and related to basic survival instincts."

Not all pets react the same way to loud noises. And some are bothered by one noise and not another. It pays to get in tune with what frightens your dog or cat. "What may cause fear in a dog and how the dog responds behaviorally will vary between dogs. Noise phobias are not mutually exclusive. Some dogs may only be fearful of thunderstorms, while others may also be afraid of fireworks and other loud noises," says Dr. Kari.

While it is often difficult to teach an old dog - or cat - new tricks, there are steps to reduce pets' anxiety when loud noises are stressful.

Be mindful of when fireworks displays or other loud events, such as block parties or community festivals are taking place in your neighborhood. You can anticipate whether the noise will be frightening to your pet and take the necessary precautions.

If your pet spends most time outdoors, move him or her inside if there are fireworks or thunderstorms. Not only does this safeguard the pet's safety, it can help reduce the level of stress from these loud events.

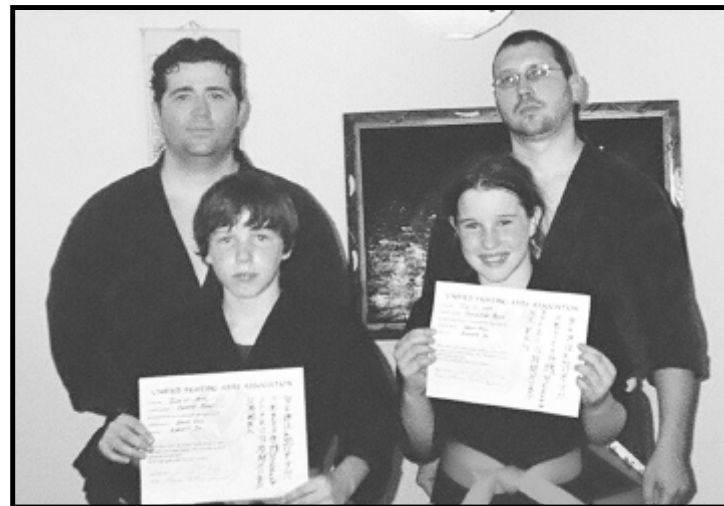
Don't encourage your pet's behavior, but don't punish it either. Ignore fearful behavior the best you can, even though it may be difficult. Don't punish your pet or do anything that your pet might find rewarding, such as petting or talking soothingly; this may increase the fearful behavior and phobia.

There's a difference between intermittent fear and a serious phobia. If your pet's health is compromised by loud noises or other triggers, talk to your veterinarian and see what behavioral treatment options or medications there may be available.

Back Mountain Martial Arts Center tests and promotes its students



Promoted to Orange Belt, above from left are: Tyler Palmer, Jeffrey Palmer, Rebecca Andrews, Catherine Daly and Emma Sweitzer. Back row from left: Master Richard Dixon and Sensei Sean O'Leary.



Promoted to Orange Belt: Charles Boyer and Samantha Boyer. Back row, left: Sensei Sean O'Leary and Master Richard Dixon.



Promoted to Orange Belt: Ethan Krzysik, Katelyn Krzyk and Kathryn Kostrobala. Back row from left: Sensei Sean O'Leary and Master Richard Dixon.



Promoted to Orange Belt: Nicholas Duris (left) and Dominic Duris (right). Back row from left: Master Richard Dixon and

Clean the air inside your vehicle for a healthier ride

Do you know if your vehicle is equipped with a cabin air filter? A cabin air filter prevents pollen, dirt, and soot from entering the vehicle through the heating and air conditioning vents and keeps the air inside clean. However, over time, a cabin air filter can get clogged. Check and replace your vehicle's cabin air filter every 12,000 to 18,000 miles to keep air pollutants from entering your vehicle and aggravating seasonal allergies, asthma and other respiratory conditions.

Many motorists do not know their vehicles come equipped with cabin air filters that prevent pollutants such as pollen, dirt, dust and soot from entering the car through the heating and air conditioning vents. But over time, cabin air filters can get clogged and actually multiply the dangers from air pollutants when the heating and air conditioning system blows them inside the car with no way for them to escape.

"Checking and replacing a vehicle's cabin air filter every 12,000 to 18,000 miles keeps

environmental contaminants from entering the interior of the vehicle and aggravating seasonal allergies, asthma and other respiratory conditions," says Ramon Nunez, Director of Filtration for Bosch, joint venture owner of Purolator Filters NA LLC. www.pureoil.com.

The cabin air filter may also be called pollen filter, air-conditioning filter, passenger compartment air filter, interior ventilation filter or dust filter.

Two kinds of cabin filters are available for modern vehicles - the particulate cabin filter and the activated charcoal cabin filter.

The particulate cabin filter features a multi-layer design with more pleats that provide more space to filter out pollutants. Other features include foam perimeter gaskets and an injection-molded frame when specified by the vehicle manufacturer.

The activated charcoal cabin filter goes a step further. It absorbs nearly all toxic and foul - smelling gases such as

ozone, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide and hydrocarbons. An additional cover layer makes for extra protection.

Often, both particulate type and activated charcoal type cabin filters are available for the same vehicle, and you can replace a used cabin filter with either type, regardless of which was installed by the vehicle's manufacturer.

Recent estimates indicate approximately 45 million vehicles in the U.S. are equipped with cabin air filters. Refer to your owner's manual or check with a mechanic to see if your vehicle has one.

Whether you have it replaced professionally or decide to tackle it yourself, it's important to know that the time it takes to install a cabin air filter varies with the make and model of the vehicle you drive.

"It can take anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour, depending on where it is located and how difficult it is for you or the technician to reach," Nunez said. The cabin air filter may be located, for example, in the outside air intake, under the dash or even behind the glove box.

Knights of the Blind Golf Tournament planned

The Hunlock Creek Lions Club will hold its annual tournament on August 16, 2008 at the Mill Race Golf Course. The cost is \$85 per golfer. For information call Donna Marie Kravabloski, 477-5480.

Tunkhannock Lupus Support Group Meeting

Every 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Tunkhannock Library, 220 West Tioga Street, Tunkhannock. For more information, call 1-888-99-LUPUS or visit www.lupuspa.org.

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Letters to the Editor

In this day where volunteerism appears to be an aberration at times, I must pen this "love" letter to everyone who helped at the Back Mountain Library Memorial Auction. The many hours that people put in to make this a success would blow the average person's mind.

Auction planning has been going on since last November. During that time over 800 antiques were accumulated, myriads of goods for new goods, nearly olde, and odds and ends, the basket booth, the flower tent, the book room; donations for the food booth, donations from the Ham and Yegggers, ad infinitum. Family Night was a huge success; Mike Lewis' appearance greatly appreciated; the Praise Band from Trinity added to the enjoyment of a huge crowd. Dallas Borough, Kingston Township, and Jackson Township offered needed help. Emmanuel Bus Line did their usual superb job.

Four young men doing a senior project helped significantly with parking, carrying goods, and cleaning up. Boy Scout troops were indispensable.

After the heavy rain forced us to hold the event over until Monday, we had wonderful cooperation with all the media to inform the public, and Monday night's attendance was wonderful. Preliminary reports suggest we did very well in these difficult economic times. Kuddos to all who participated, and as I talked to wonderful volunteers I consistently heard, "It was fun!" That warmed the cockles of my heart (my wife is English). The community atmosphere made me realize why I had taken on the chairmanship. See you next year at the Auction!!

Clarence J. Michael
Auction Chairman
23 Woodcliff Road
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Lisa, I just finished reading the Back Mountain Community News online. WOW!!! You really out-did yourself this month. The photos, flashbacks from last year, antiques line-up, Diane Getz story, the article on Mike Lewis, profiles of Jim Snyder, the Ochman's ... I could go on.

You truly have brought this community closer than it's ever been, and your pride in all that's good in our "world" continues to shine through.

God Bless, and keep up the terrific job. I wish you only the best and continued success.

Carol Sweeney
Back Mountain
Auction
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Peter F. Curtin, PNC vice president, presents a \$5,000 check to Beth Rundell, branch director of the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania, Pocono/Northeast Branch for the Presenting Sponsorship of the 2008 Paula's Walk/Lupus Loop 5K Walk/Run which will be held on October 19 at Kirby Park. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.; the Walk/Run will start at 11:00 a.m. Registration is \$25 and includes a long sleeved tshirt. The event will include children's activities, a basket raffle, health information, awards, music and free food. For more information call 888-99-LUPUS or visit www.lupuspa.org.

Gate of Heaven / St. Nick's Cross Country girls finished their season undefeated



The Gate of Heaven / St. Nick's Cross Country 5th/6th girls' Team finished their season, undefeated, winning 2 trophies at the District Finals. Members of the undefeated team are as follows:

Erin Byorick, Rachel Callahan, Gabrielle Curcio, Caitlin Curtin, Megan Devaney, Mollie Engle, Taylor Engle, Rachel Finnegan, Cameron Ford, Michelle Fromel, Madisen Gilhooley, Vanessa Hannigan, Danielle Jensen, Katie Jensen, Nathalie Joanlanne, Christina Kalie, Elizabeth Kutza, Anna Layaou, Cristina McFarlane, Sara Mirra, Madison Mishanski, Nina Paloni, Kaley Polachek, Allison Rismondo, Nicole Slavoski, Samantha Starbuck, Kennedy Straitiff, Abbe Truschel, Christina Valenti, Kendra Williams, Maegan Wrubel, Zoe Zarola

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Back Mountain History and heritage -- the Wyoming County Historical Society

Farmer's Market open now through September 27

The Back Mountain Farmers' Market is open every Saturday through September 27th, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the Back Mountain Memorial Library grounds, Huntsville Rd., Dallas.

Local favorites returning to the Back Mountain Farmers' Market this year are Golomb's Farm and Greenhouse, Dymond's Farm and Farm Markets, Brace's Orchard and Bakery, iGourmet.com, Creekside Farm and Nursery and Emma's Bakery. As always, market patrons will find the summer's best in locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, homemade baked goods, gourmet international cheeses and more.

New additions to the market this year are the "Soup Chic," offering homemade soups, salads and sandwiches, and Penn State's Master Gardener's Program, scheduled to share gardening and local agricultural expertise on July 26, August 16 and September 13.

To help "keep it green" in the Back Mountain, 100% cotton canvas "Back Mountain Farmers' Market" shopping bags are now available for purchase at the library reception desk for only \$3.00 each. Bags will also be available at the market.

Vendors' stalls will set up on the pavement of the library parking lot. Patrons are asked to please park on the lawn behind the library (no neighborhood street parking).

If you have questions about the Back Mountain Farmers' Market, stop in at the library's reception desk or call 675-1182 and leave your name and phone number. We'll be happy to give you a call.

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In 1762 settlers from New England came to the Wyoming Valley, but were driven out by the Indians. It was not until after the Sullivan expedition in 1779 that families were able to establish a permanent settlement in the Tunkhannock area.

In 1842, Wyoming County was created from part of Luzerne County. The name "Wyoming" is derived from an Indian word meaning "extensive meadows." With its glistening streams, gently rolling hills and tranquil valleys, Wyoming County is undoubtedly one of Pennsylvania's most scenic counties.

With a history and heritage running as wide and deep as the Susquehanna River that crosses its pastoral fields and meadows, the Wyoming County Historical Society was organized to make this information available to the public.

Genealogical Library - located in the old brick school building in the County Seat of Tunkhannock, the library offers a major source of research material to the public. The collection includes numerous books on New England ancestry, newspapers dating back to 1797 and census records for Wyoming and surrounding counties from 1790 to 1930. Also on file are records for over 90 area cemeteries as well as various other information about local history.

Historical items from Wyoming County and surrounding areas are on display and include a collection of Indian artifacts as well as numerous items from the Civil War, World Wars I & II. Dr. Walter Tewksbury's 1900 bronze Olympic Medal along with the displays of toys, tools and household items are of special interest to visitors of the museum. The address and hours along with telephone numbers are: Harrison Street,



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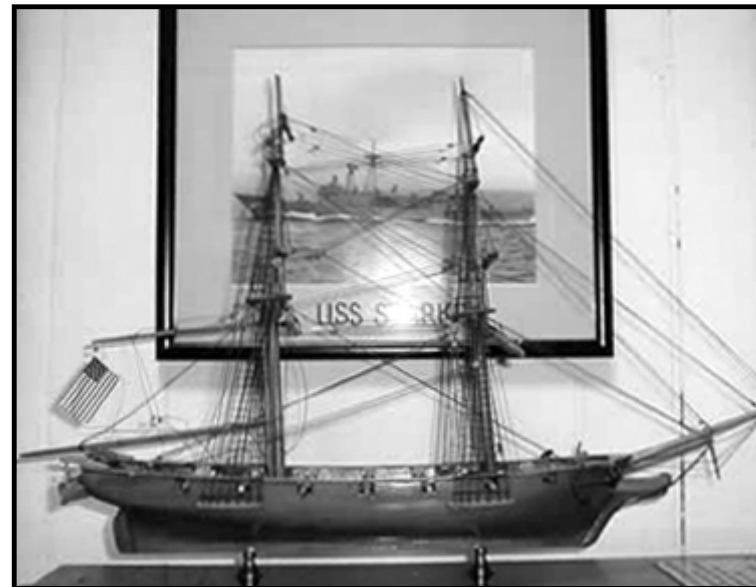
(corner of Bridge Street), in Tunkhannock. For information call, (570) 836-5303

The Genealogical Library hours: All year: Wednesday (10-4) and the 1st and 3rd Saturday (10-4). April 15 through October 15: (in addition to above) Tuesday from 10-4.

The Museum is open May 15 through October 15 by appointment - please call to schedule a tour.



Always a favorite, this working replica of the Lake Carey Mill was built by Olin G. Stark based on the original, which was built ca. 1850 by George W. Stark.



The "Somers," built in 1842 at NY Navy Yard, dispatched to the Africa Coast to quell the slave trade, foundered off Vera Cruz 8 Dec. 1846. This replica was built by Donald M. Tiffany.

Photo in back is of the USS Stark, named for Adm. Harold R. Stark (1880-1972), Lake Carey summer resident.

“Roadside Memorials” artwork being displayed in Dallas

The Dallas branch of the Citizens Bank is currently exhibiting artworks by Shannon Rother of Dallas. The display is titled “Roadside Memorials.”

Roadside memorials have much meaning. They can be emotional and personal. Rother says, “They remind me how fragile life is, how dangerous. I began the series a few months after my younger brother was in a horrible accident.” She remembered, “The car he was driving was hit head on. My brother almost died. He was hospitalized for a month and a half. That’s when I began to notice roadside memorials.” While Rother’s family didn’t need one for her=2 Obrother, she wants to honor the lives of others through her watercolor paintings.

The paintings are “full sheet” watercolors, large renderings of objects, textiles and memories left along the roadside to memorialize the loss of life. Ms. Rother is a senior art education major at Kutztown University. While in high school, she was a consistent winner in the Rossetti art contest as well as the recipient of other art honors and awards. She resides in Dallas with her mother, Daryl.

The public is invited to view this exhibit of “Roadside Memorials” at the Dallas branch of Citizens Bank, Main Street, Dallas through August 15.



The Plymouth High School Class of 1958 plans reunion

The reunion will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Wilkes-Barre on October 4th. An IceBreaker will be held on Friday, October 3rd at Happy Pizza.

The committee is seeking addresses for Denah Abrams, Marjorie Bezdziecki, Jean Byczkowski, Cynthia Cooper, Frances Dopko, Barbara Finn, Margaret Groblewski, Linda Hearing, Thomas Howard, Lois Hreha, Elmer Jones, Margaret Kotch, George Malesky, Darlene Mont, Georgia Murphy, John Oakschunas, Andrew Petsu, Joseph Prego, John Rudnicki, Patricia Szakalun, Kenneth Thomas, and Patricia Youells.

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RULES - How to enter

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2. Contest is open to Pennsylvania residents only, one entry per person.
3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
4. Entries must be brought to the Arts & Crafts Building between 3 and 7 PM on Tuesday, September 2nd.
5. Entry must be made from scratch. Entrant is encouraged to use “PEQAP” (Pennsylvania Egg Quality Assurance Program) eggs if at all possible. If entrant encounters difficulty in finding PEQAP eggs, they should request the store manager contact PEQAP
6. NEW! Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Any cake entry that requires refrigeration after baking must be so noted on the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
7. Cake must be submitted for judging on cardboard (no doily required).
8. Recipe(s) listing the ingredients and the preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry (printed or typed on one side of 8 1/2” x 11” paper) along with the end cap showing the “PEQAP” emblem if used. Entrant’s name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all recipe pages.
9. Cakes will be judged on flavor (30 pts), inside characteristics (25 pts), overall appearance (20 pts), creativity (15 pts), and topping, icing or decoration (10 pts).

Decorated or Carved or Decorated and Carved PUMPKIN CONTEST

(One first, second and third place will be awarded for each class in this contest)

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out an entry form. (Indicate Classes as follows):
2760. Decorated Pumpkin
2761. Carved Pumpkin
2762. Decorated and Carved Pumpkin
2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in each of these classes.
3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
4. Pumpkins will be displayed outdoors.
5. Pumpkins must be brought to the Luzerne County Fairgrounds and be ready for display/judging by 11 AM on Wednesday, September 3. (Display will be between the Arts & Crafts buildings.)
6. There is no entry fee for this contest.
7. Pumpkins will be judged on creativity, originality, theme, design and durability.

Salsa Contest Tasty Contest for Adults

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out an entry form. (Indicate Class #1551) and return by the deadline.
2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class.
3. Sauce entries (1 quart) must be brought to the Fair office on Friday, September 5th by 4:00 p.m. in a suitable, covered container. Place entry tag on container.
4. All entries must be freshly made from scratch..
5. Salsa will be judged on color, taste, ingredients, texture, thickness and flavor.
6. Recipe must accompany entry and clearly state if salsa is mild, medium or hot.
7. The fair will provide, and use, tortilla chips during judging.
8. There is no entry fee for this contest.

Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out entry form.(Class #1482), return by deadline.
2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class.
3. Entry does not need to be a “traditional” two crusted pie and can have a variety of fillings but must include at least 60% apples in filling.
4. Entire pie must be submitted in a disposable pie pan.
5. All pies will be judged on the following basis: flavor (30 pts), filling consistency, doneness, moistness, & flavor (25 pts), crust color, flavor, texture & doneness (20 pts), overall appearance (15 pts), creativity (10 pts).
6. Entry must be brought to the Arts & Crafts building between 3 PM and 7 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd.
7. NEW! Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking must be so noted on the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
8. Recipe must be submitted on one side of 8 1/2” x 11” paper listing all ingredients, quantities and instructions. Entrant’s name, address and phone number must be printed on back side of all pages.
9. There is no entry fee for this contest. 1st Prize Winner Eligible for 2008 PA Farm Show Contest.

Scarecrow Contest

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out an entry form. (Indicate Class #2750) and return it by the deadline
- 2.Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class.
3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
4. All scarecrows must be 5-7 feet tall.
- 5.Remember, Scarecrows are to be on display outdoors, choose materials for construction with this in mind.
6. Scarecrows will be judged on originality, workmanship and theme.
- 7.Scarecrows must be ready for display/judging by 11 AM on Wednesday, September 3. Placement may be made as early as Sunday, August 31, 2008. (Display will be between the Arts & Crafts buildings.)
- 8.Scarecrows should be picked up on Monday, September 8th between 2 PM and 7 PM.
9. There is no entry fee for this contest.
- 10.Scarecrow contest open to all clubs, groups or individuals.

“We’re Looking for the Largest Pumpkin/Squash in Luzerne County”

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out entry form (Class #1241), return by deadline.
- 2.Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class.
3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
- 4.Entries must be grown in Luzerne County.
5. Entries must fulfill all 2008 Premium Guide agricultural rules.
- 6.Pumpkins/Squash must be ready for display & judging by 11 AM on Wednesday, September 3. Placement may be made as early as Sunday, August 31st. (Display will be between the Arts & Crafts buildings.)
7. There is no entry fee for this contest.
- 8.Actual weight must be permanently marked on top of the pumpkin/squash and may be verified by judges.

Design the Cover for the 2009 Luzerne County Fair Premium Guide

** FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 - 12 **

RULES -

1. GENERAL THEME: “A Day at the Luzerne County Fair”. the design should represent a variety of activities that are available at the fair. Some things to consider would be the animals, crafts, food, rides, arena shows and entertainment. Included in the design must be : 47th annual Luzerne County Fair, September 2009, Route 118, Dallas/Lehman, PA.
 2. SIZE/MEDIUM: 8 -1/2” x 11” done in black and white, any medium. (Must have strong dark and light areas)
 3. WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL.
 4. ELIGIBILITY: All students in grades 9 through 12 during the 2008 - 2009 school year are eligible to enter.
 5. PRIZES: Premiums and ribbons will awarded as listed above. By entering the contest, you agree that if your entry wins, you will allow the Luzerne County Fair to use the entry (alone or as a composite of the winners) as the cover for the 2008 Luzerne County Fair Premium Guide. Proper design credit will be given inside the book.
 6. WINNING ENTRIES: All winning entries become the property of the Luzerne County Fair.
- How to enter:
1. Fill out an entry. (indicate class #2775) and return it, along with your cover design, by the deadline.
 2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class..
 3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
 4. Judging will coincide with Open Arts & Crafts.
 5. Display may be limited to winners only depending on the number of entries and space availability.

For more Luzerne County Fair Contests ... See page 37

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Jodi Dickson occupies the salon as a full time employee and focuses her complete attention on every customer who walks through the door. Ms. Dickson is a 2005 graduate of Dallas High School. After high school, she attended the Academy of Creative Hair Design, where she received her nail license. Jodi is a student at PSU-WB where she plans to graduate with a BA in Business in the Fall of 2008.

Nails Etc. currently has three employees, aside from the owner. Jennifer Verdine is the newest member of the team. Jennifer comes to Nails Etc. with six years experience. Before Nails Etc. Ms. Verdine taught at the Academy of Creative Hair Design from 2003-2006. Jennifer keeps up to date with the most recent hair trends and up-dos. She uses Goldwell products on all customers.

Michele Reap has been with Nails Etc. Since 2004. Ms. Reap previously owned and operated her own salon for twelve years. Michele brings twenty-three years of experience in the beauty industry to Nails Etc.

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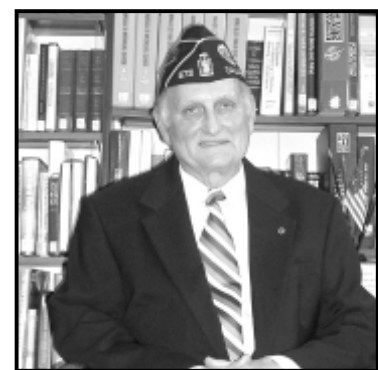
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Legion Logbook, Dallas American Legion Post 672



**Clarence J. Michael,
Commander, Dallas American
Legion Post 672**

This past month (or since last November) I have had the privilege of serving as chairman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. While perusing Ernie Ashbridge's notes from past Library Auctions, I discovered an interesting fact. The Back Mountain Memorial Library was founded in 1945 in honor of veterans who had served during World War II. Even more exciting was a discovery I made on the mule that will be featured outside of the library very shortly. Sue Hand and others used a montage of newspaper clippings and decoupage them on various parts of the mule. I happened to read one of the articles on a front leg. And low and behold saw the name Edward Baranowski. My Uncle Eddie! It recounted the story that my grandparents had been told that their son Edward had been killed in action. Then they were informed that he had only been wounded. I called Eddie Jr. and told him of my discovery and he and his wife Barbara came to the auction and took some pictures. When I called my Uncle Eddie the next day to tell him that his story will remain in perpetuity at the Library, he became very emotional and appreciative of the fact. Later when things settle down, I hope to have Eddie out to see the mule. It is rumored that Lisa and Karen will co-chair the Library Auction next year. I hope that is true, because I know they will do an excellent job.

Some of my fellow Legionnaire's helped at the Auction. Joe Kelley and Doug Lute helped with the electrical aspect. Cheryl Miller and Jim Reese said, "Get those two fellows back next year." Joe and

Bob Hines helped with the new parking area. Poor Bob helped on Sunday night during the rain storm. I motored down to at least give him an umbrella. As you may recall I mentioned the rainstorm that prevailed at our flag-burning this year, and, yes, Bob had to use my umbrella again. Chris also helped to sell Auction tickets for me. Jake Hauser, an Air Force veteran, sold 40 Raffle tickets for me. It just shows the community-minded spirit of our loyal Legion members. In many circumstances I make one phone call, and they step up to the plate. Kuddos to all who helped. As an aside, I also emphasized to the attendees that we are at war in Iraq and Afghanistan and troops are stationed throughout the world who allow us to gather in this peaceful setting, and they should not be forgotten. I also led the audience in a rousing rendition of God Bless America with the assistance of Auctioneer Steve Traver.

John Emil Sr. received a phone call from a funeral director from the middle of the state. He requested us to perform a ceremony at the grave-site of a veteran who had served during the Korean Conflict. Although he was not a Legion member, our Post feels an obligation to honor requests from the family member of any veteran. On Sunday John Emil Sr., Doug Lute, Joe Kelley, Kep Gottshalk, and I conducted the ceremony for our departed comrade, Robert Badger. John suggested we make him an honorary member of our Post, deliver a gun salute and also played a solemn rendition of Taps on his tape recorder. Joe and Doug folded the flag and it was presented to Mrs. Badger. This is always an uplifting experience for all of us. Any Legion member who would like to join us in the future, please give your name and phone number to Doug Lute our Post Chaplain.

We also ratified our election results at a shortened July meeting. Again I thank those Legionnaires who took the time to vote, and the officers who elected to serve. I have tentatively set Saturday, September 13, 2008, at 11:00AM as our installation date. We decided at our meeting

to have a catered brunch and to combine the installation proceedings with the Ladies Auxiliary and the SAL. That worked very well last year and we had a more cooperative spirit between the three organizations throughout the year. I have contacted Bonnie Thomas of the Ladies Auxiliary and John Emil, Sr. of the SAL, and they agreed on a joint ceremony.

We had the privilege to invite 4 scholarship recipients and their parents to an evening session at the Post to give each student a check for \$1000 and a certificate to enable them to pursue their educational goal at a two-year college. The Back Mountain students were Donovan White, John Frederick, Jason Darling, and Michael Supzecinski. The Golf Tournament has been in existence for 18 years and the Post has given over \$70,000 in scholarship aid. Thanks to all the Legion members who attended that evening. It was nice to see Walt Galka in attendance since he has been involved in this activity since its inception. Jim Baloga has already put a down payment for next year's tournament. Look out next year. I just parred five holes on the nine hole course at Applewood!

Many people have been inquiring about our annual "Perfect Peach" Sale. I am happy to announce that after finally getting a firm price from our supplier, it will go forward. Bob Johnston is to be commended for his commitment to this project. He has made more than one trip to peach country to garner a specific price. We have increased the cost of the peaches as little as possible. One Peck \$9.50, 1/2 Bushel \$19.00, and one bushel \$35.00 Members of the Legion will be contacting their traditional customers, and seeking new ones. The peaches will be available for pick up on Saturday, August 16. Call the Legion or Commander to order your perfect peaches

We will not meet in August and will resume meeting in September on Friday, September 12, 2008, at 7:30 P.M.

Enjoy your summer, and GOD BLESS AMERICA.

109th Field Artillery Soldiers Receive Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon

Major Michael Riotto and Specialist Matthew Dohman were recently awarded the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon. Both soldiers are assigned to Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 109th Field Artillery, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. They recently participated in the Austere Challenge Warfighter Exercise which took place in Einsiedlerhof, Germany. MAJ Riotto is assigned at the 109th Field Artillery's S3/Training Officer, while SPC Dohman works in the Battalion Fire Direction Center.

The Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon is awarded to members of the Army Reserves or Army National Guard for successful completion of annual training or active duty for training for a period of not less than ten consecutive duty days on foreign soil, in the performance of duties in conjunction with Active Army, Joint Services, or Allied Forces. The ribbons were awarded in front of a unit formation by Captain Cliff Morales, Headquarters Battery Commander.

Charnow promoted



Anthony Charnow of Edwardsville was recently promoted to the rank of PV2/E2 in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 1st Battalion 109th Field Artillery where he works as Decontamination Specialist in the Headquarters Battery Supply Section. PV2 Charnow is the son of Jacob and Allison Charnow.

PV2 Charnow joined Headquarters Battery 1-109 FA on June 19th 2007. He completed Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Charnow was promoted in front of his unit by his Battery Commander, Captain Cliff A Morales. Pictured PV2 Anthony Charnow.

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Back Mountain Memorial Library News

Late July is always a favorite time of year at the Back Mountain Memorial Library as area farmers gather on Saturdays to sell their fresh produce at our Farmers' Market. The market is held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the library grounds. Along with fresh produce, Amish baked goods and gourmet cheeses are also available for purchase.

After you visit with the farmers, don't forget to stop down at our Slightly Read Bookshop, which will only be open on Saturdays (during the Farmers' Market) for the duration of the summer. There are still quite a few bargains on gently used books and if you browse long enough, you may even find a used DVD, video or puzzle to enjoy!

For parents of the "Catch the Reading Bug" summer reading program, remember that there is still one more special program that your children may want to attend:

"*Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock*", a free Storytelling and Craft Hour, will be held on Monday, July 28. There are still a few spaces available for the 6 to 7 p.m. group. All ages are welcome to attend this fun time in the Children's Room.

Don't forget that as soon as your child reads his/her eight books on their Bug game card; they are eligible to receive their reward of a Bug catcher or Bug craft kit. Stop by the Children's Room for more information.

The "Final Party and Program with Kathy Kelchner" will be held at Frances Slocum State Park, Pavilion #3 on Thursday, August 14 at 1:00 p.m. There is no cost for this party, so plan on attending for certificates, refreshments and bug fun! Prizes for the three contests will also be awarded at that time.

Participants of the Donuts and Discussion group are reminded that their last two group meetings for this summer will be held on Thursday, July 31 to discuss *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt; and on Tuesday, August 12 to discuss *Heat* by Mike Lupica.

The Young Adult group will have their final meeting for the summer on August 11 to discuss *Dacey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt.

P&G MEFCU participated in GO JOE 11



Above from left are: Andy Myers, president; David Sturdevant, CU Board Member; LuAnn Greenley, Linda Wintermute, Leona Sturdevant, P&G Credit Union member.

The P&G MEFCU participated in GO JOE 11 at Riverside Park in Tunkhannock on July 24, 2008. The Credit Union presented Joe with a check for \$250.00 and cooked hot dogs with the proceeds going to St. Joseph's. Joe was greeted by a huge crowd at the Park in Tunkhannock.

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Wyoming Valley Chapter of Credit Unions donates to Blind Association



Above presenting the check to Association for the Blind, Executive Director Ron Petrilla are Ken Burke, CEO of the Valley Pride Federal Credit Union and Tina Dolgash, CEO of the People's Choice Federal Credit Union.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Credit Unions recently held their "Annual Charities Golf Tournament" in which proceeds are donated to twelve different charities each year. This year, the Chapter presented the Association for the Blind \$700 at a breakfast held at the East Mountain Inn. The monies will be used for programs and services for blind and visually impaired clients of the association.

Monster truck collection --- in gear at the Back Mountain Memorial Library

The display case at the Back Mountain Memorial Library was filled with Monster Trucks for its display for the month of July.

Heath and Daniel Jones (twins) age 7, of Shavertown, are the proud collectors. They have been interested in these trucks since they were toddlers and credit their Uncle Bill Carey, as getting them started in collecting the fun vehicles.

The boys received most of their trucks as gifts. Some of their favorite pieces in the display are the Maximum Destruction and Grave Digger trucks. They are especially proud of their photograph, that was also on display, depicting them at the Bloomsburg Truck Show with the Grave Digger!

Heath and Daniel of the children of Mark and Annette Jones of Shavertown.



Kiwanis Club presents scholarship



Pictured, from the left, are: Dr. Frank Gazda, Kiwanis community service chair; John A. Gavenonis, Plymouth Kiwanis president; Stephanie Bellino, her brother Tyler Bellino and James Mahon, Plymouth Kiwanis liaison to the Wyoming Valley West Key Club.

The Plymouth Kiwanis Club recently presented a scholarship to Wyoming Valley West graduating senior Stephanie Bellino. While at Valley West, she served as vice president of the Key Club, leading the club in numerous school and community service projects and assisting the Kiwanis Club with the annual Halloween Parade and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Bellino will attend Misericordia University in the fall and major in elementary education.

Lake-Lehman Educational Foundation plans Ladies Tea



Above pictured in photo from left are : Seated: Bonnie Turchin, Chairperson, Sarah Hauze, student, Marian DeAngelis, Executive Director, LLEF. Standing: Marijo Casaldi, Wendy Hauze, Tabitha Miscavage, Johanna Evans, Secretary, LLEF.

The Lake-Lehman Educational Foundation will be holding a Ladies Tea on Saturday, August 9th from 1-3 PM at the Hayfield Ballroom at Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman. There will be tea sandwiches, delectable desserts and a lovely array of teas to enjoy. A display of fine gift baskets will be available for raffling off. Every guest will be entered for a chance to win one of many beautiful door prizes. A donation of \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students 18 & under is required for the event and is 100% tax deductible. Please call for reservations by Monday, August, 4th at (570) 255-2702

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Neighborhood Justice

By: Paul Rodda

William W. Warburton, da t'urd, was a mean little kid. He was also a only child, as ennybody with half a'eye could tell. His old man was W.W.W. da secunt, and whenever we got to see the family going to church, he walked a half step behind his wife, who was a marvel of the corset maker's craft, albeit somewhat top-heavy, but always positive about her status as Queen of the Block. She dressed Little Willie like Little Lord Fauntleroy, which is probably why he had such a bad outlook on the rest of us urchins. He and his mother were responsible for my first brush with The Majesty of The Law.

My grandfather had reconditioned an old reel type lawn mower for me, and sharpened it up so it ran like butter. There were a couple of people up and down the block who would pay a nickel if I'd mow their lawn.

This was also around the time when our bunch were growing out of home made rubber band / shirt cardboard guns, and trying to make real slingshots. I had found the perfect, really symmetrical crotch on one of Grandpa's lilacs, and still had a piece of pinky-orange innertube in the basement, and some scraps of brown leather from an old purse my mother had cut up for elbow patches for my dad's old sweater, and the end of a ball of mason's line to finish off the project. There were always old single edge razor blades around, so all of the elements were there. I cut the lengths of rubber into skinny bands, so the pocket could be pulled back to my ear at full extension, and made sure the smooth part of the leather went inside, to keep a good grip from the outside. The handle got a meticulous wrap of twine, for traction. It was the envy of the neighborhood, and I hung it out of my pocket, just like in the movies.

It was a steaming August day, so I was down to shorts and keds and an undershirt, mowing flying grass into the sweat; when Little Willie came along, all dressed



Paul M. Rodda

up, and with his hair combed, and half of a brick in his hand. He threw it at me, hitting the blade of the mower, and using some words I was sure his mother had taught him. I pulled out my weapon, loaded a marble into it, and winged a perfect crossing shot into his left buttock as he ran, which started him caterwauling home to Mommie. He had great lungs, just like his mother. The whole block heard about how I'd tried to kill her son, and she had the Proof. She showed the round white marble imprint, with the growing rainbow bruise to just about everyone. Willie bawled and bellowed, every time she pulled his pants down to show. I'd gone home to hide the missile launcher, proud enough to want to put a notch into the handle in commemoration of the event.

Then, there was a knock at the side door. The cop on our beat was new. He was sort of skinny, and had red hair and freckles, and was at least twenty feet tall, and had already gotten the full story from Willie's side. Both he and my mother seemed to have a problem keeping their faces from twitching, as they talked about taking me Down to the Station, and Getting Me On The Blotter, and having to Confiscate the Weapon. In return for my bravely handing the slingshot over, and my crocodile admission of guilt, the officer tore the page out of his memo book, and put on his hat, and walked out the alley, pulling the weapon, muttering something about "Wait 'til the guys in the Squad see this" in an apparently admiring tone. The Law had been served.

Willie, da t'urd steered clear of me for the rest of the time we lived on that block. And I filed the mower blade smooth before the next nickel's worth of lawn.

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LUZERNE COUNTY FAIR CONTESTS!

HERSHEY'S COCOA CLASSIC CHOCOLATE CAKE CONTEST - RULES

1. Entry must be a Layered Cake made from "scratch" and frosted (*no mixes*).
2. A minimum of 1/4 cup of Hershey's Cocoa must be used and listed as "Hershey's Cocoa" in the recipe.
3. If the cake frosting is chocolate, Hershey's Cocoa must be used and listed as "Hershey's Cocoa" in the recipe.
4. Display the cake on cardboard or disposable plate (*no doily required*).
5. Recipe(s) listing ingredients, quantities and preparation instructions must be submitted with entry (*printed or typed on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" paper*) and entrant's name, address and phone number on back side of all pages.
6. NEW! Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking must be so noted on the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
7. No Competitor's candy, chocolate, flavored baking chips or peanut products may be used.
8. Cakes will be judged on Flavor - 30 pts; Moistness and Crumb - 25 pts; Overall Appearance - 20 pts; Consistency (size & shape) - 15 pts; and Topping or Icing - 10 pts.

HERSHEY COCOA CLASSIC - Cookie, Brownie or Bar Baking Contest: RULES

1. Entry open to youth (*age 8 thru, and including 18 years only*).
 2. Entry must be a plate of six (6) made from "scratch" (*no mixes*) cookies, brownies, or bars.
 3. A minimum of 1/4 cup of Hershey's BAKING CHIPS (*any variety*) must be used and listed as "Hershey's" and the name of the specific chip variety in the cookie/brownie/bar recipe.
 4. If the entry has icing/drizzle and the icing/drizzle is chocolate, Hershey's Cocoa must be used and listed as "Hershey's Cocoa" in the icing/drizzle recipe.
 5. Recipe(s) listing ingredients, quantities and preparation instructions must be submitted with entry (*printed or typed on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" paper*) and entrant's name, address and phone number on back side of all pages.
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 7. No Competitor's candy, chocolate, flavored baking chips or peanut products may be used.
 8. Entry must be submitted for judging on a doily-covered cardboard or a disposable plate.
 9. Entry will be judged on Flavor - 30 pts; Moistness and Crumb - 25 pts; Overall Appearance - 20 pts; Consistency (size & shape) - 15 pts; and Creativity - 10 pts.
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- How to enter:

1. Fill out an entry form. Indicate class #1447 for cake contest and #225 for cookie, brownie or bar contest and return it by the deadline.
 2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in each of these classes. Must be a Pennsylvania resident.
 3. Entries must be brought to the Arts & Crafts Building between 3 and 7 PM on Tuesday, Sept 2nd
 4. Judging and display times will coincide with Open Arts & Crafts.
 5. There is no entry fee for either of these contests.
- The First Place winner in each contest is eligible for 2008 Farm Show competition

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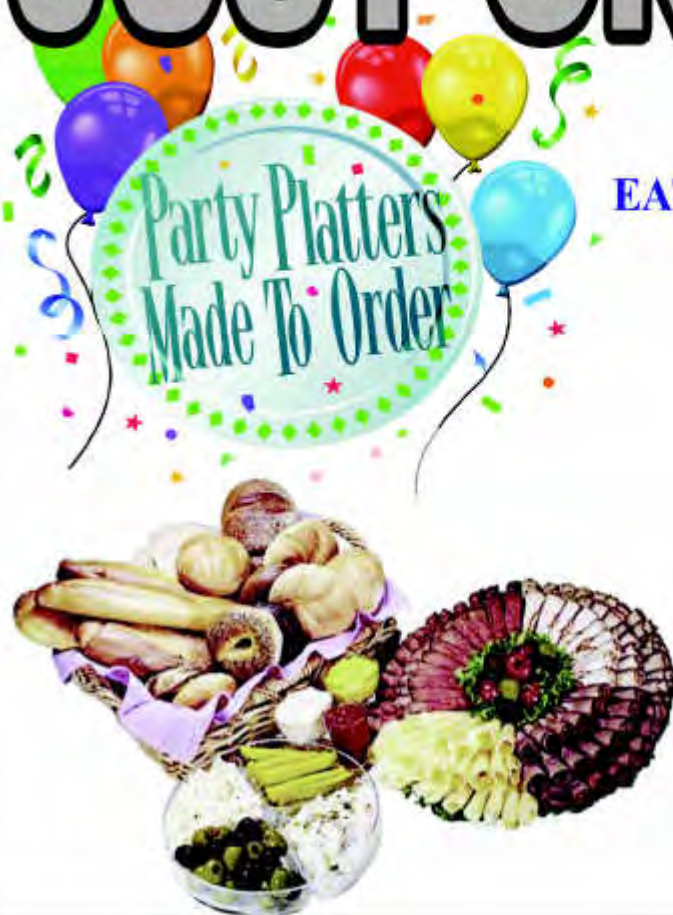
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Back Mountain National League All-Stars took third

The Back Mountain National League All-Stars recently took third place in the Januzzi's Tournament at the Wyoming / West Wyoming Little League field.

The team faced the Plains All-Stars and won the game by a final score of 6-3. Pictured with their medals and team trophy, are from left: Michael Boland, Nigel Stearns, J.T. Carter, Justin Brojakowski, and Brenden Ehret. Standing behind are: Manager Scott Carter, Connor Balloun, Jake Brominski, Cody Paraschak, Ben Attanasio, Brian Banas and Coach Chris Brojakowski.



Missing at the time of the photo are players Nick Kon, Greg Skrepenak, Jonathan Wilson and Ryan Zapoticky.

Cheyne Wago joins admissions staff at Misericordia University

Misericordia University has named alumnus Cheyne Wago of Scranton a counselor in the admissions department. A native of Makawao, Hawaii, Wago earned his bachelor's degree in professional studies from Misericordia in May 2008, graduating with minors in history and psychology. As an admissions counselor, he will visit high schools and recruit students in a territory that covers New Jersey and parts of Maryland and Delaware.

Wago worked as an ambassador for the admissions department and as a peer tutor in the Learning Resource Center, tutoring fellow students in the humanities, when he was a Misericordia student. Wago was also a member of the History Club and is a member of the Phi Alpha Theta national history honor society.

He plans to pursue a career in higher education and expects to begin classes towards a graduate degree in the near future.

Founded and Sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy in 1924, Misericordia University is Luzerne County's first four-year college and offers 30 academic majors on the graduate and undergraduate levels in full and part-time formats.



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Grief support group

The newly formed Grief Relief support group will meet on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at the Center Moreland United Methodist Church, Creamery Rd., Center Moreland.

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Memories of the 62nd annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction



Just before the ringing of the bell, Clarence Michael, chairman of this year's library auction, received a good-luck peck from Carol Sweeney, auction publicity chairperson. Standing behind is Ernie Ashbridge.



Sue Hand, along with her students Andrew Levandoski and Lily Romanowski, completed their paintings and anxiously waited for the bidding to begin.



Bridgette Pfeiffer - had a great time at Family Night offering a wide assortment of arts and crafts, refreshments, balloons, art lessons and face painting for children of all ages.



Above (center) auctioneer Dave Spurlin, gets the bidding up on a trivet from the Antiques Committee. Left: Eric Martin showed the item up for bid, while Ernie Ashbridge looks over the next item that went up for auction.



From left: Victoria Grzybowski and Mary Ladish had a gazebo full of "Attic Treasures" at this year's Back Mountain Library Auction.



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Bob and Dotti Rice from Rice's Concessions, get ready to serve up some tasty treats at the 62nd annual auction.



Pauline Roth and Marie Nice chat for a moment before ordering the perfect homemade pierogies from Nice's.



Stanley Gulbush has a broad smile as he accepts winnings of \$500 as the First Place winner in the annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction. Clarence J. Michael, library auction chairman, smiled broadly as his former Plymouth High classmate proclaimed, "I never win anything." Other prize winners have been notified by the library staff.



From left: Kerry Freeman and Eric Martin, special guest-auctioneers, entice an auction bidder to increase their bid to the next dollar amount.

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Back Mountain Food Pantry introduces new managers

The Back Mountain Food Pantry Board of Directors is pleased to introduce four individuals who have volunteered their time and management expertise to assist with the daily operation of the food pantry.

Photo right, from left are: Mark Stull, Senior Manager; Anna Skrosky, Associate Manager; Rev. Lori Steffensen, newly-appointed pastor at Trucksville United Methodist Church which houses the food pantry; Joe Hardisky, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The food pantry has been serving those in need in the Back Mountain for more than 30 years.



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Trucksville United Methodist Church welcomes new pastor

Photo/story by: Sandy Peoples
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

Rev. Lori Steffensen's welcoming presence and relaxed style would lead one to believe that she has been in the pulpit her entire adult life. But this is the story of how a senior program analyst in a hospital heard the call to help others and the brave journey she took to get there.

"I loved my job at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, NY," said Pastor Lori, as she likes the kids to call her because she believes that formal titles separate us from one another. "But while I was there for ten years, I found myself using most of my vacation time to volunteer in the church. Then I went with the church on a trip to the Holy Land, and after that, I began my

two-year struggle to discern where I should be...where I belonged. I felt that I should be doing something else."

At that point, she left everything behind and made the big commitment to go to seminary for the next three years. She received her Masters of Divinity Degree from Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ in 1998. She served churches in Gouldsboro, Thornhurst and Clarks Green before arriving here. One thing she did know about was the fish bowl life of a pastor having grown up as preacher's kid.

"Working in a hospital and being a pastor have many similarities," said Pastor Lori. "In both arenas, I love the interaction with people. I enjoy helping them and feeling like I've done some good at the end



Rev. Lori Steffensen looks forward to serving the congregation at Trucksville United Methodist Church.

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of the day. Life presents us with an amazing cast of characters, and from those relationships, we grow fond of one another and are enriched by that."

"The best part of my job is studying about God and sharing that good news with the congregation," said Pastor Lori. "And I am honored to lead people in worship and to be able to work with people through the major events of their lives. No two days are ever the same."

Pastor Lori has many hopes and dreams for the 800-member congregation in Trucksville. "During the first year, I hope to discern the many gifts of this congregation and help further use those gifts to reach the needs in our community. I already know that they are a caring and hospitable group of people. These walls house so many outreach activities such as a blanket ministry, the food pantry, VISION, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts meet here, we have a nursery school, and much more."

When asked to comment on a

five-year plan for her work at the church, Pastor Lori's answer was well thought out. "I've only been here for a couple of weeks, but I have a few things that I would like to work on as soon as possible. We have a fabulous children's program, but I'd like to see more Christian Education for adults. I'd like to see a blend of traditional and contemporary worship. They also have a lay team of members who visit the elderly who are such a treasure and instill such a wonderful multigenerational feeling of family. I want to help the congregation use the many gifts they have and help to empower them to continue to use those unique gifts to serve God and this community."

Pastor Lori already feels at home at Trucksville UMC. "I was very moved by the welcome banners on the highway and on the fence to my house," she said. "I'm praying for a long and fulfilling ministry here. It is a fabulous place."

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Staying safe on and off the bus

When parents of younger children send their kids off to school each morning, it's often not without a little worry. What mischief will they get into outside of the watchful eyes of Mom or Dad?

One type of accident that parents are never prepared for is on the school bus. Each year, an estimated 33 children across the country are killed in school bus-related accidents. Such accidents are almost always preventable and require just a few moments of instruction with kids to help save their lives.

Don't walk directly in front of the bus: When most children get off the bus, they cross the street directly in front of the bus. This makes it difficult for the bus driver to see if any children are still in front. In general, parents should instruct children to take five long paces in the direction the bus is traveling before crossing in front of the bus. This will leave enough room for the bus driver to see, especially if kids drop anything while crossing the street.

Look both ways before getting off the bus: Before stepping off the bus, kids should always look both ways. While buses should always be in the right hand lane, bikes or even cars in a hurry could attempt to get around the bus in the shoulder. Most children killed in bus accidents are killed getting on or off the bus or waiting at the bus stop. Many motorists disobey the laws pertaining to stopping when a bus stops, so kids should be extra careful and always keep their eyes peeled for moving traffic.

Listen to crossing guards: Urban neighborhoods or those with a busy intersection often have crossing guards to help keep children safe. Kids should be instructed to wait for crossing guards before venturing across the street. At stops where no crossing guards are present, encourage children to act with extreme caution when crossing the street. Should any books or supplies be dropped in the middle of the road, finish crossing the street first. Once a child has made it across the street, check to see if it's safe to go back and pick up the book. If worse comes to worse, let kids know the books or supplies can always be replaced.

Ice Cream Cake the Consummate Crowd Pleaser

Few foods are more synonymous with summer than ice cream. For those who truly enjoy indulging in a little dessert, the following recipe for "Pistachio and Apricot Ice Cream Cake" from Lauren Chattman's "Icebox Cakes" (The Harvard Common Press) is sure to delight.

Pistachio and Apricot Ice Cream Cake - Serves 10

Shortbread Crust

8 shortbread cookies

1/4 cup unsalted pistachio nuts

2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted

2 pints vanilla ice cream

1/2 cup apricot jam

2 pints pistachio ice cream

3/4 cup heavy cream, chilled

2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

1/4 teaspoon ground cardamon

1. To make the crust, preheat the oven to 350 F. Place the shortbread cookies and shelled pistachios in the work bowl of a food processor and process until finely ground. Add the melted butter and pulse once or twice to moisten the crumbs. Press the mixture evenly into the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan, packing it tightly with your fingertips so it is even and compacted. Bake 6 to 8 minutes until crisp. Let cool completely. (The crust may be wrapped in plastic and frozen for up to 1 month.)
2. Spoon the vanilla ice cream into a large mixing bowl and add the apricot jam. Mash with the back of a spoon until the ice cream is smooth but not yet melting and the apricot jam is incorporated. Scrape half of it into the pan and smooth it over the crust with a small offset spatula. Place in the freezer to firm up, at least 15 minutes. Place the bowl with the remaining ice cream in the freezer until ready to use.
3. Spoon 1 pint of the pistachio ice cream into a medium size bowl and mash with the back of a spoon until it is smooth but not yet melting. Smooth the softened pistachio ice cream over the apricot ice cream with an offset spatula and return the pan to the freezer to firm up, at least 15 minutes.
4. Remove the remaining apricot ice cream from the freezer and mash with the back of a spoon to soften. Spread it over the pistachio ice cream in the pan and freeze until firm, at least 15 minutes.
5. Spoon the remaining pint of pistachio ice cream into a medium-size bowl and mash with the back of a spoon until it is smooth but not yet melting. Smooth it over the apricot ice cream with an offset spatula. Cover the cake with plastic wrap and freeze until very firm, at least 3 hours and up to 1 week.
6. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, whip the heavy cream, confectioners' sugar and cardamom until the cream holds soft peaks. Remove the cake from the freezer and release the sides of the pan. Smooth the whipped cream over the top and return the cake to the freezer until the cream is firm, at least 1 hour and up to 6 hours.

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Level: Intermediate

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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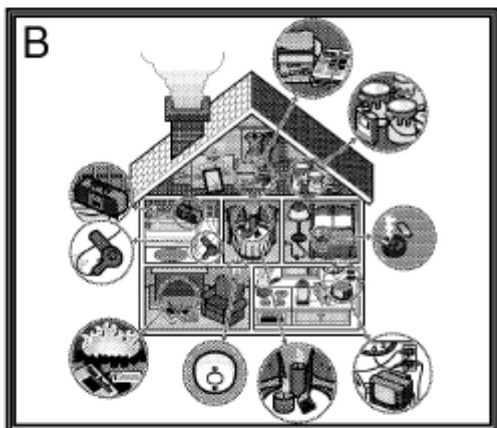
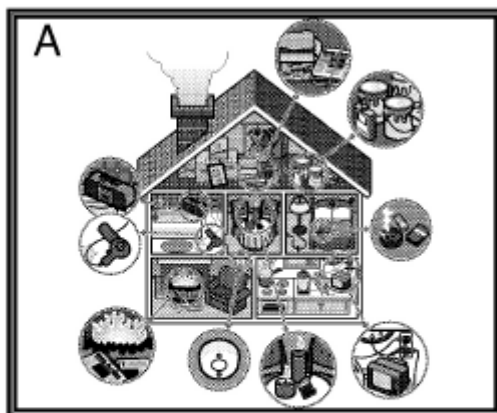
August Cross Word Answers

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There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Fire is missing in living room 2. Cigarette pack is missing 3. Box in attic says "saft" 4. Roof is white

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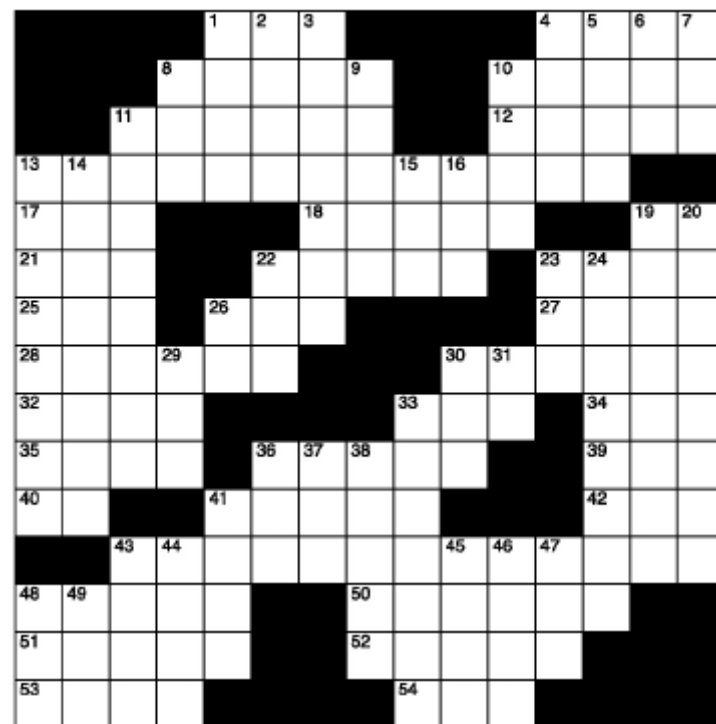
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August Community News Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Dish baked in pastry-lined pan
4. Radioactivity units
8. Overcooked toast
10. *Gaultheria shallon*
11. "I Am Sam" actress
Fanning
12. Central Florida city
13. Soothsayer
17. Wrath
18. Stomach creases
19. Of I
21. Tooth caregiver
22. Retire from military service
23. Glance over
25. Gadget: ____mo
26. Terminal
27. Sharp spasm of pain
28. Something that baffles
understanding
30. "Gunsmoke" actress Blake
32. Source of the Blue Nile
33. Possessed
34. Holiday egg drink
35. So
36. A hard translucent fossil
resin
39. Prizefighter Muhammad
40. Atomic #66 symbol
41. Once more
42. Rubbish container
43. Irrelevant
48. "1836 siege" in Texas
50. Hacks
51. European nation
52. Regarding
53. F____; bone concavity
54. European money

CLUES DOWN

1. Antelope genus Adenota
2. Symbol Fe
3. Went into
4. People of the same genetic stock
5. _____m: warning device
6. Decalitre
7. Patti Hearst's captors
8. Nocturnal flying mammal
9. "Paper Moon" actress O'Neal
10. Dover fish dish
11. Green goddess or blue cheese
13. Moved restlessly
14. Commonplace
15. Self-importance
16. Workplace for scientific research
19. Pear shaped lute-like instrument
20. Tending to draw favorable attention
22. Double helix genetic material
23. Health resort
24. Dried leaves of the hemp plant
26. Auntie in "The Wizard of Oz"
29. Crunches federal numbers
30. Swiss river
31. 7th state (abbr.)
33. Hyoscyamus
36. Length of time something has existed
37. Member of the family Hominidae
38. Combined flora & fauna of a region
41. River in England
43. Popular avocado
44. Macad_____: nut
45. Company officer (abbr.)
46. No. Japan aborigines
47. Process of soaking flax
48. Volcano in Kyushu, Japan
49. Played at 33.3 rpm

How they SAY it in...

ENGLISH: House

SPANISH: Casa

ITALIAN: Casa

FRENCH: Maison

GERMAN: Haus

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ANSWER: KEYHOLE LOCK

Eye Safety Word Find

Just in time for Children's Eye Health & Safety Month, see how many related words you can find and circle throughout the puzzle.

CHILDREN	EYE	PROTECT
CONTACT	GLASSES	PUPIL
DOCTOR	GOGGLES	SAFETY
EXAM	HEALTH	WASH

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The Canadian duo, My Sweet Patootie is ripping up the pea patch with their humor - driven lyrics, swinging acoustic string virtuosity and hot vocal harmonies. Terry Young's acoustic finger-style guitar and Sandra Swanell's swing fiddle combine for a sassy musical concoction of cool uptown swing and rural Ontario grit.

This acoustic swing music can be heard live at the old Showroom in Dallas on Lake Street. The concert is Sunday August 3rd at 7 pm. Tickets are \$12 advance and \$14 at the door. Call for tickets 696 2688 or purchase them at the door. The concert is sponsored by the Back Mountain Arts Association.



Visit the web site of the band at www.mysweetpatootie.com

Pathfinder Club at the Beaumont Seventh-day Adventist Church

The last time name "Pathfinders" was heard in the Beaumont area it was about 30 years ago. Then, the club had about 20 children & youth from the community, with an operating bus pick-up service to bring the Pathfinders to the church. That was in the 1970's.

In September, 2007 the Beaumont Seventh-day Adventist Church restarted their Pathfinder Club for the children and youth of the area under the capable leadership of Joseph and Sandee Marr of Lehman.

Some might ask, "What is Pathfinders?" Simply it is children and youth (ages 5-15) discovering their world and themselves. It is a Christian operated initiative of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, with 30,00 clubs in 120 countries world-wide. It is a safe place where children and youth can learn Christian values, develop self-discipline, make friends, enjoy safe and exciting

adventures, learn about teamwork, prepare for church and community responsibilities, cultivate courage, self-reliance, honesty, loyalty and kindness, and acquire hobbies and skills, under the guidance and association of mature Christian counselors. The Beaumont Pathfinders are continuing their club this year. Orientation and registration begins at the Beaumont Seventh - day

Adventist Church (Route 309, next door to Smith's Country Store) Sunday, August 31 between 9 & 11 a.m.

Any parent interested in finding out more about this exciting opportunity for their children should call Joseph & Sandee Marr @ 675-7843, or just show up on August 31. You'll be glad you did!



Misericordia University schedules open houses for students and parents

Misericordia University invites high school students and their parents to the Summer Open House program at its Back Mountain campus on Saturday, August 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Misericordia offers students an opportunity to spend a fun and informative day touring the facilities, meeting Misericordia students, faculty and coaches, and talking with admissions and financial aid counselors.

The open house schedule includes registration, refreshments, campus tours, a faculty session and lunch, and meetings with representatives of student services and athletics as well as a session on financial aid.

In a recent National Survey of Student Engagement, 99 percent of Misericordia seniors ranked their overall college experience as good or excellent. Misericordia is ranked in the top tier, Master's North category of the 2007 U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges and is also ranked as a Best Northeast College by the Princeton Review.

Misericordia will also hold open houses in the early fall and winter on Saturday, September 27 and Saturday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please contact the Misericordia University Admissions Office at (570) 675-4449, or toll free at 1-866-262-6363, or by e-mail at admiss@misericordia.edu. Students can also visit Misericordia University online at misericordia.edu.

Shrine Club held annual Ladies Night



Pictured above from left are: William M. Ward, first vice president; James L. Gatrell, Sr. treasurer; William E. Davis, honoree; George Remak, second vice president; Arthur West, chaplain; Allan Rose, president.

The Shrine Club of Greater Wilkes-Barre recently held their 64th annual ladies night dinner dance at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas. Illustrious Sir Frederick San Fanandre, Potentate. Honoree, was William E. Davis, past president.

The program included welcome by Allan Rose, president. He introduced past potentates who attended the affair: Gerald H. Calderone, (1981); Donald E. Britt, (1984); Gordon E. Dussinger, Jr., (1994); Hugh E. Williams, (1996); Gerald W. Hoover, (1998); and Ronald J. Pazdzoirko, Sr., (2003). The Reverend Dr. William E. Lewis offered invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance and singing of God Bless America. A silent tribute honored the deceased members by Arthur West, Chaplain of Shrine Club.

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