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Members of the Back Mountain Police Association recently participated in the Bowl For Kids' Sake event held at Stanton Lanes in Wilkes-Barre. Nearly 275 teams raised over $100,000 in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge, benefiting children in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Pictured from left are: Michael Prokopchak, Kingston Township PD; Martin Maransky, Kingston Township PD; Brad Balutis, Dallas Township PD; Michael Huntzinger, Kingston Township PD; and Tyler Wilson, Lehman Township PD.

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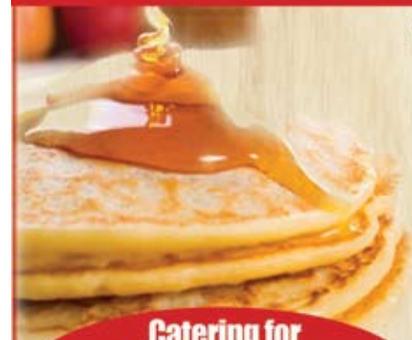

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Tickets still only $8.00! Eat In 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Take Out starting at 4:30 p.m.

Reservations are required; please call to reserve your seat Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM: (570) 696-3897.

Ham Dinner Family Style

Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sweet Valley, will serve a ham dinner on Saturday, May 14. Dinner served 4:30 to 6:30pm.

Take-outs begin at 4:00. Adults $10.00, children under 12 are $5.00 and children under 6 eat free.

Call 477-5121 for more information.

Annual Breakfast Planned

Mt. Zion Bicentennial Fire Company Annual Memorial Day Breakfast to be held on Saturday, May 28, from 7 AM to 12 PM. The cost is $8.00 for adults, $5.00 children ages 7 to 12, and 6 and children under are free. The breakfast is being held at the fire company at 1394 Mt. Zion Road, Harding. You do not need to purchase tickets in advance.

Dallas Borough Announces Spring Street Sweeping Program

The Dallas Borough Road Department has begun our annual Spring Street Sweeping.

The Road Department requests that Borough residents follow a few simple instructions to assist the Road Department staff in the collection of road cinders and materials deposited throughout the winter driving season.

Rake cinders out to the side of the road in even layers and avoid large piles. Under no circumstances should cinders be swept into the stormwater catch basins. Do NOT fill containers with cinders in excess of 20-25 pounds. Heavy containers will not be picked-up. Do NOT include rocks, tree limbs, yard or animal waste with the street cinders.

After the street sweeper has been to your street once, any remaining cinders must be placed in containers for pick up. Questions pertaining to this announcement should be directed to the Dallas Borough Administrative Office at 570-675-1389.

Hoagie Sale Announced

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company announces a hoagie sale and orders / money will be collected through May 10th. Pick up will be at the fire company on Sunday, May 22nd between 11 AM and 2 PM.

The cost is $7.00 each and available in the following: Italian, Ham & Cheese, or Turkey. All are available with or with out onion.

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Dallas Borough Announces Spring Cleanup Schedule and Regulations

Dallas Borough Council has announced the schedule for the annual spring cleanup to be held this year May 2nd to May 7th at the Dallas Borough Municipal Building, 25 Main Street, Dallas. The hours of operation will be from 7:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. Monday through Friday and 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday. Spring cleanup is only available to Dallas Borough residents.

Regulations will be enforced for the 2016 spring cleanup. Dallas Borough will require all residents to obtain an admission permit for the cleanup and the following fee schedule will be implemented:

- Cars ,small SUV's, midsize SUV's and mini-vans will require a $10 permit (unlimited entry).
- Small pick-up trucks and full-size/large SUV's will require a $15 permit (one trip per permit / three permit maximum).
- Full size pick-up trucks, utility trailers and cargo vans of less than one ton will require $25 permit (one trip per permit / three permit maximum).
- Large vehicles over one ton will require a $90 permit (one trip per permit/ one permit maximum).

Proof of residency such as a tax bill or driver's license will be required to purchase the necessary permit. Admission permits will be issued to the occupants, not owners of Dallas Borough rental units.

In an effort to avoid delays at the drop off site during cleanup week, residents are asked to pre-purchase their permits during Borough office hours Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Dallas Borough Municipal Building. No refunds will be issued.

Residents are reminded that the Borough will not accept household garbage, recyclables including yard waste, toxic or hazardous materials, asbestos, large construction debris, paint/paint cans, batteries, electronics and ashes.

The Borough will accept a limited number of non-commercial vehicle tires at a fee of $3 for each tire.

Bulky furniture items and large appliances require an additional fee of $5.00 per item. All refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers MUST HAVE DOCUMENTATION that all Freon and other gases have been removed.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ANY ITEMS is at the discretion of the Dallas Borough Road Department personnel and Dallas Borough administration.

Questions about spring cleanup should be directed to the Dallas Borough Administrative Office at 570-675-1389.

Free Exercise Class planned

Ladies Exercise Class will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9AM at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Road, Sweet Valley. Call or visit for more information 570-477-2320. Online at: www. svccconnect.org.

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Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company Announces 2016 Dinners

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company would like to announce the dates for our 2016 fundraising dinners.

Our dinners are Family style, all you can eat (with the exception of dessert). Sit down serving is from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Take-outs are available starting at 4:00 pm. Cost is $10.00 for adults, $5.00 for children 6-11, children under 6 are free. The dates are as follows: May 14 - Ham; June 25 - Beef; July 23 - Ham; August 27 - Beef; September 24 - Ham; October 22 - Beef; and November 12 - Ham.

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The Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS, and the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc., will be sponsoring the first annual Back Mountain October BrewFest on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Route 118, Dallas. In addition to a variety of beer tastings, a selection of food and goods will also be on sale by area vendors and craftspeople. There will be live entertainment by The Tommy Guns Band and Stealing Neil. Tickets will be available from members of both organizations, online or at the gate. A limited number of VIP tickets will be available online only at $50 and will include reserved parking, early admission, seating, snacks and other specials. Regular admission is $35 online and $45 at the gate. Members of the planning committee pictured are: Alan Pugh, Mark Vanetten, Bobby Skasko, Charlotte Williams, Brenda Pugh, Colette Mahoney, Bob Mahoney, Bob Besecker, Christopher Roman, Brian Deluca, Janet Swanger and Tim Rismondo. Top row Harry Vivian, Megan Palmer, Chris Purcell and J. Wilkes.

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Dallas Borough Council Meetings announced

Council Meetings are held at the Dallas Borough Municipal Office located at 25 Main Street, Dallas.

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Work Sessions are held the Monday preceding the Council meeting at 7:00pm.

For updated information or for any changes in schedule, visit online at: http://www.dallasborough.org.

Kingston Twp. Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule 2016

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors hereby announces that the following dates have been adopted as their official meeting schedule for 2016.

Public Work Sessions will be held on the Monday preceding each regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates: May 9, 2016; June 6, 2016; July 11, 2016; August 08, 2016; September 12, 2016; October 10, 2016; November 7, 2016; December 12, 2016

Regular Supervisors' Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and are scheduled for the following dates: May 11, 2016; June 8, 2016; July 13, 2016; August 10, 2016; September 14, 2016; October 12, 2016; November 09, 2016; December 14, 2016.

All meetings are held at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 180 East Center Street, Shavertown, PA. For additional information visit online at: http://www.kingstontownship.com.

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Dallas Township Monthly Meeting

Board of Supervisors - Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

Although action can be taken at both meetings, the 1st Tuesday of every month will typically serve as a Work Session; the 3rd Tuesday of every month will serve as a Regular Supervisors Meeting.

Planning Commission - Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. (Agenda items need to be in place three (3) weeks in advance.)

Zoning Board - Meetings are held on the Monday before the scheduled planning commission meeting, if needed. Start time is 7:00 P.M. (Agenda items are due three (3) weeks in advance.)

Dallas Township Offices Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tax Collector hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Lunch, 12:00-1:00 p.m.) For additional information visit online at: http://www.dallastownship.com.

Sweet Valley Area Crime Watch

The Sweet Valley Area Crime Watch meets monthly on the second Tuesday every month, 7:00 PM at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ, 5439 Main Road, Sweet Valley. For information call 570-477-3655.

Together Gathering In Fellowship - FREE & meets on 3rd Friday every month at 7:00 PM at the Sweet Valley Church of Christ. Come and enjoy a different topic each month. Refreshments provided.

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Trinity Men's Club plans Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

On Saturday, June 18, the Men's Club of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas will sponsor a chicken and biscuit dinner including homemade desserts and assorted beverages.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the rear of the church. Take-outs will be available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The cost will be $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for children. Children three years old and younger eat for free.

The church is located across the highway from the Country Club Shopping Center on Route 309 in Dallas. All proceeds will benefit the programs of the church.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 570-675-3131 or at the door.

Safe Boating Classes offered at Harveys Lake

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 053-1503 will once again offer Safe Boating Classes at the American Legion, Rt. 415, 4907 Memorial Highway, Harveys Lake. This course qualifies those who pass to obtain their PA Boaters Education Certificate and Card, which entitles them to operate boats and personal watercrafts on Pennsylvania's rivers and lakes.

They will offer classes at the following dates and times: Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17th and 18th, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - 4 hours each night. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14th and 15th, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. - 4 hours each night. You must be at least 12 years or older to participate in the class.

Reservations should be made in advance so they know how many participants to expect. Contact Flotilla Commander Jim Sheridan at 570-332-0146 for more information and reservations. The fee is $25.00 payable at the door on the first night of the class.

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Irem Women's Auxiliary plans card party

The Irem Women's Auxiliary will host a card party from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016, at the Irem Country Club in Dallas. Tickets are $15 and must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets may be purchased from Sueann Moses (570-822-4976), Janet Stritzinger (570-824-6418), Hope Beisel (570-675-1652), or from Lorraine Hastie. (570-654-3755). Reservations must be made by Monday, June 6, 2016.

There will be lunch, prizes, and a fun afternoon. Handicapped parking is available. Pokeno (like Bingo) is played as a secondary card game or bring a game of choice. Members of the club pictured above are: Cynthia Mahalick, President; and Janet Stritzinger, co-chairperson. Not shown is Suanne Moses, co-chairperson.

Speed Minders Among Increased Safety Measures Around Harveys Lake

Four speed minders will be strategically placed along Lakeside Drive as part of increased safety measures being made around Harveys Lake. The flashing electronic signs alert motorists of their speed and have proven to be an effective tool in helping to reduce incidents of speeding.

Sen. Lisa Baker and Rep. Karen Boback have been facilitating discussions between PennDOT and community representatives since August. These meetings have included input from Harveys Lake Borough Councilmembers, Mayor Clarence Hogan, Police Chief Charlie Musial, the Harveys Lake Safety Committee, and other concerned citizens.

"The community worked hard to identify changes to improve public safety," Baker said. "This is a great example of what can be accomplished when everyone comes together."

The installation of the devices is just one of several safety enhancements already underway. Other upgrades include a reduction in the speed limit to 30 MPH; brush trimming in areas with poor visibility; and the replacement of 170 traffic signs that were worn or needed to be updated.

"I am pleased that our efforts have come to fruition," Boback added. "It is my hope that these speed minders remind motorists to slow down and drive safely."

Dallas elementary students donate 500 children's books to the Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia

Donna Zeyher and Megan McAndrew, 4th grade teachers at Dallas Elementary School, believe that it is never too early to encourage students to become involved with their community. It was that thinking which resulted in a donation of more than 500 children's books to the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University.

As part of their school's Read Across America activities that are held in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday in March, the two teachers asked the approximately 100 students in the 4th grade class to donate new or gently used children's books. They selected the Bourger WWC Program as recipient because a number of teachers in the school district attend classes at Misericordia and they had heard about the unique residential program benefitting women and their children. "We felt it was perfect to have our Dallas students reach out and help other children in the community. The Women with Children Program was a perfect fit," said Zeyher.

"We believe it is never too early to get them involved in service." After the initial request, they decided to expand the project to the entire school, and were amazed when children came to school bringing bags of books. "We never expected such a response. It was truly overwhelming," Zeyher added.

Participating in the presentation of books, standing from left, are Asia Thompson, student, and Katherine Pohlidal, director, Bourger Women with Children Program; and Donna Zeyher and Megan McAndrew, 4th grade teachers, Dallas Elementary School, and Thompson's children, seated from left, Zaire and Kaitlyn-Denaye Kemp.

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Spring Clean-up for Residents of Dallas Township

Spring Clean-up for the Residents of Dallas Township will be held from Monday, May 2 through and including Saturday, May 7, 2016. Residents are asked to bring items they wish to dispose of to the rear of the Township Building located at 2919 SR 309 Highway, Dallas from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Township's Road Department will be available to assit in emptying vehicles.

Proof of residency will be required at the time of drop-off. Pick-up trucks and trailers will be charged accordingly, depending on the amount and size of the items brought. Residents will be charged a fee for bulk items, such as carpets, overstuffed chairs, couches, dressers, stoves, washers, dryers, televisions, water heaters, etc.

Each household is permitted to bring two tires to dispose of with the understanding that there will be a $2.00 fee charged for each tire.

The following items will not be accepted for disposal under any circumstances: freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hazardous wastes, chemicals, brush, tree stumps, cinder blocks, animal or human waste, shingles, sheet rock, or other building materials, leaves, grass, garbage or newspapers.

Please note there will be no electronic equipment recycling this year.

Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction "70 Years and Still Making Memories"

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction will be held this year on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 7 through July 10, (rain date July 11) and celebrating it's 70th year. Above in photo are committee members, front row seated from left are: Maureen Lehigh, Martha Butler, Susan Berdis, Melinda Gaus, Lee Lauren, Leslie Horoshko, and Auction Chairman Gerard Geise. Second row from left are: Jim Reese, Allen Roberts, Randy Perry, Jim Snyder, John Stubeda, Joyce Gephardt, Barb Roberts, and Tiffany Wiernusz. Third row from left are: Bill Monk, Mark Chapel, Stu Kirkwood, Gary Williams, Will Lewis, Karen Shuster, and Rachel Wiernusz. The Auction booths open nightly at 5:00 and bidding begins at 6:00.

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Mr. Jason H. Rushmer, Dallas High School Principal, announces the third quarter honor roll. The honor roll is determined by the following: Honors with Distinction: 98-100, no C's, D's, or F's. First Honors: 93-97, no D's or F's. Second Honors: 88-92, no D's or F's.

Honors with Distinction - Seniors: Lia Barbacci, Christopher Biesecker, Catherine Blankensop, Brielle Brace, Catherine Dillon, Lauren Dotter, Tanner Gattuso, Devon Gerstein, Madison Goodwin, Matthew Harrison, Lauren Hudak, Madeline Jones, Madison Kaminski, Michael Kovalick, Jr., Jillian Kwak, Michelle Leonard, Rachel Luke, Stephanie Lyons, Ryan Martin, Robert Martin, Connor Motley, Joy Nave, Justin Novitski, Samantha Pollick, Julia Ramirez, Jacob Roberts, Alexandra Rome, Kathryn Snedeker, Alexis Wyandt, Emilee Zawatski

Juniors: Angela Bendick, Paige Boyle, Zachary Charlton, Ryan Cohen, Katelyn DeAnthony, Maxine Derome, Courtney Devens, Meghan Donahue, Christopher Good, Jasmine Joshi, Emma Lehman, Sara Lojewski, Connor McAndrew, Jordan McLaughlin, Ann Metzloff, Emily Pellam, Carley Perloff, Troy Reinert, Sara Schwartz, Joelle Serafin, Alexis Spaciano, Arthur Spears, Allison Stallard, Sarah Strazdus, Jordan Wilson

Sophomores: Audrey Aristeo, Rebecca Balara, James Bittner, Cassidy Buda, Jeffery Buscher, Caroline Conrad, Andrew Francis, Morgan Jenkins, Olivia Kimmerle, Angel Klemunes, Andrew Kovalick, Alicia Langan, Claudia Leu, John Macey, Matthew Metzloff, Jordyn Miller, Benjamin O'Connell, Matthew Pehala, Rayna Roberts, Rachel Rollman, Dylan Shaver, Samantha Sorokin, Kaitlyn Strumski, Bryce Van Deutsch, Hannah Vitale, Kyle Zern, Abigail Zolner

Freshmen: Emily Bogdon, Shelby Carr, Lauren Delamater, Haley Fennell, Justin Finarelli, Emily Fleming, Ivy Fox, Zachary Hill, Andrew Hirko, Christina Hoidra, Brenden Jesse, Lindsey Jorda, Alexander Kapral, Samantha Kern, Ethan Kolojejchick, Elisabeth Mead, Christian Motley, Steven Newell, Brian Novicki, Zachary Palfey, Raymond Perez, Michael Quinnan, Tyler Reinert, Matthew Roberts, Mitchell Rome, Christina Schuler, Jaelyn Shaver, Zachary Strazdus, Sydney Strickland, Caleb Sweitzer, Darren Wyffels, Kelly Young, Grace Young, Ethan Zawatski, Eugene Ziemba

First Honors - Seniors: Mohammad Abualburak, Saleem Abualburak, Calli Amadio, Maria Ansilio, Kyle Archer, Brendan Balara, Kevin Berditus, Francis Bevevino, Spencer Bowanko, Jacob Buda, Julie Butwin, Peter Capitano, Andrew Chupka, Allison Deboer, Anthony DeLuca, Cole Dixon, Bethany Dombek, Emma Doran, Alexa Dosiak, Zachary Dottor, Mariana Dymond, James Farrell, Chase Fenney, John Fessler, Lauren Finnegan, Joseph Fiorello, Jr., Anna Giacometti, Tabitha Grabowski, Tabbytha Greene, Sara Gutierrez Bolivar, Makayla Guzzo, Rachel Healey, Courtney Hoats, Alexis Hockenberry, Annalisa Jolley, Katie Kapral,Christian Kimmerle, Kaitlyn Kochanski, Rachel Koerwer, Kyleigh Kravits, Kane Kutz, Angelo Kwak, Caitlyn Landau, John Luksic, Megan Mancinelli, Maya McCrum, Adam Niznik, Byron Oldeack, Joshua Orlandini, Ray Ostroski, Marlena Ostrowski, Megan Parsons, Bria Polachek, Kimberly Pretko, Katherine Pugh, Samantha Rinehimer, William Robbins, Kathryn Roberts, Jacob Ross, Janelle Sherman, Jillian Simon, Shawn Spencer, Griffin Stone, Bret Storrs, Rebecca Stout, Jayson Strausser, Stephen Strumski, Justin Sweeney, Krista Vivian, Nicole Wren, Kaitlyn Yakus, Anne Yanik, Justin Yavorski, Aaron Yurko, Tiffany Zukosky

Juniors: Robert Ackerman, Ashlie Alves, Maria Bednar, Jacob Besecker, Mikaila Chakon, Morgan Clark, Brandon Clemow, Breiana Coolbaugh, Jason Culp, Sarah Daly, Benjamin Donahue, Max Gordon, Leah Gorr, Mia Greenwood, Elizabeth Grose, Matthew Gruver, Nickolas Guzzo, Rachel Habib, Emily Heltzel, Blake Herstek, Kaitlyn Hill, Joshua Hunter, Christopher Huntington, Madison Hurst, Madalyn Kelley, Ryan Kelly, Elizabeth Kennelly, Greta Ketchner, Tori Landon, Kate Lazzeri, Rachel Maniskas, Carl Markowski, Justin Marshall, Erin May, Corey McAndrew, Abigail McCabe, Megan Meyer, Megan Miller, Yeraldine Orduz, Riley Oremus, James Oschal, Collin Pertl, Desire Petrikonis, Justin Phillips, Brianna Rinehimer, Christian Roberts, Madeline Ross, Kaeli Samuel, Justin Sarker, Jonathon Scintilla, Megan Sinoracki, Owen Sprau, Zoe Stepanski, Jacob Stritzinger, Jessica Stuart, Shayla Stuart, Christian Sypniewski, Ethan Szczecinski, Andrew Thomas, Corbin Thompson, Joseph Thompson, Josephina Treslar, Victoria Vespico, James Vitale, Isabella Von Schmeling Diringshofen, Robert Wagner, Paul Zablotney, Andrew Zeyher, Derek Zurn

Sophomores: Scott Alexander, Madeline Arthur, Samantha Banks, Victoria Barral, Shania Bearce, Michael Biesecker, Christina Blankensop, Zachary Bloom, Makenna Bryant, Alexander Charlton, Annalise Cheshire, Jessica Chinikaylo, Issa Dahdal, Christopher Dautrich, Drake Dettore, Anthony Dixon, Morgan Edwards-Lewis, A. Finarelli, Sydney Fulton, Mason Gattuso, Kimberly Gruver, Kyle Gurzynski, Joshua Holdredge, Hollie Holthaus, Joshua Jarden, Hannah Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Joshua Kalna, Nicholas Kocher, Kaitlyn Kozick, Nicholas Krivak, Mikail Krochta, Gianna Leo, Giovanni Lewandowski, Megan Lyons, Nathan Maransky, Thomas Marsola, Autumn McCrum, Zachery Minarik, Ryan Nelligan, Emma Oley, Corey Osborn, Joseph Parsons, Drew Patton, Alex Perry, Jeannie Pham, Caitlyn Pike, Gabriela Ramirez, Melinda Ratchford, Mikayla Reynolds, Peyton Ross, Christopher Sedeski, Olivia Shenefield, Dalton Simpson, Asher Smart, Brody Strickland, Adam Sutton, Logan Tompkins, Christian Tomsak, Josh Wyandt, Katherine Yablonsky, Kyle Yagloski, Jennifer Yencha, John Zardecki, Edward Zochowski

Freshmen: Joseph Aliciene, III, Angelena Allen, Jonathan Bapst, John Betzko, Audrey Blessner, Colin Bowanko, Brianna Brennan, Gianna Centrella, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Faith Christman, Abigail Curtis, Amanda Danishanko, Morgan Davis, Colin Dempsey, Ava Dettore, Mia Dixon, Hannah Doran, Haydon Edwards-Lewis, Mikayla Engler, John Falcone, Emily Farrell, Amanda Good, Shawn Henninger, Elizabeth Hulbert, Nicole Jacobs, Jacqueline Kalinosky, Makenzie Kapitula, Erin Kelly, Darren Kerdesky, Johanna Kiska, Julianna Koerwer, Hailee Koytek, Sydney Kraynack, Jenna Kurent, Alexis Lanza, Payton Lepore, Beaudyn Lewis, Michael Luksic, Kyle McAndrew, Andrew Menig, Courtney Moss, Gianna Musto, Joseph Nardone, Aidan Nelson, Gabrielle Olenginski, Nathan Ostroski, William Petherick, Alyssa Podskoch, Stephen Postupak, Makayla Potsko, Madison Riley, Renee Rinehimer, Alec Sampson, Ryan Schmid, Chloe Scott, Megan Sebastianelli, Bailey Slacktish, Jacob Smith, Hailey Sobocinski, Alexander Solano, Nicholas Solinsky, Gianna Spaciano, Madelyn Swire, Hannah Thomas, Vincent Vespico, IV, Alicia Vincelli, Connie Weaver, Eric Weiss, Anna Williams, Eric Williams, Brandi Yale, Hannah Yanovich, Kaitlyn Zimmerman

Second Honors - Seniors: Anthony Brominski, Kathleen Brown, Chandler Caruso, Arthur Coolbaugh, Tayler Dove, Madison Evans, Kathryn Grose, Morgan Kapral, Gina Kilmark, Rachel Kon, Paige Lewandowski, Rachel Magnotta, Aiden Martinez, Andrew Matcho, Ruby Mattson, Cassidy Muldoon, Justin Napersky, Michaela O'Connell, David Oley, Grant Payne, Chad Phillips, Spring Pratz, Arden Rice, Cameron Shaner, Jackson Shaver, Paul Smith, Daniel Sweeney,Nicholas Talaska, Cameron Tuck, Danielle Walsh

Juniors: Jarod Blockus, Daniel Burkhart, Alexa Davis, Jacqueline Dottor, Robert Emil, Dalton Gattuso, Elijah Geise, Maggie Gilbertson, Nicole Grant, Rachael Kozick, Nina Leeds, Anna Lehane, Kady Mamola, Stone Mannello, Kyle Moskaluk, Connor Phillips, Sara Reichold, Emma Ripka, Justin Seiwell, Dillon Vantuyl

Sophomores: Bradley Adams, Adam Borton, Nora Brown, Michael Caravaggio, David Chopyak, Makiah Cintron, Michael Collins, Sarah Congdon, Megan Daily, Matthew Dalomba, George Davies, Cassidy DeLeur, Matthew Dillon, Max Dzugan, Joshua Ferris, Sarah Finney, Collin Gleco, Michael Huntington, Olivia King, Kade Kravits, Matthew Magnotta, Kimberly Manganella, Ezequiel Nicholson, Maria Ostrum, Kyle Ripa, Michael Sebolka, Heather Shively, Ryan Spears, Rayna Swida, Nnalu Ukattah, Erika Wintersteen, Richard Wooditch, Patrick Yurish

Freshmen: Lay Thai Alhashemi, Nichole Conrad, Sean Cuba, Parker DalSanto, Catherine Daly, Matthew Ferrara, Isabella Green, Dylan Hakim, Julia Krawetz, Hunter Landon, Dillon Major, Dante Marianacci, Ryan McDermott, Danielle McDougal, Jacob Noone, Alexandra Oster, Keely Patton, Blaine Rex, Evan Sabecky, Ethan Scioscia, Gabrielle Sweeney, Ondrea Taffera, Laura Timinski.

DALLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr. Jeffrey D. Shaffer, Principal, Dallas Middle School, announces the Honor Roll for the third marking period. Honors with Distinction – 98 to 100, no grade below 74; First Honors – 93 to 97, no grade below 74; Second Honors – 88 to 92, no grade below 74.

6th Honors with Distinction - Althea Cigan, Elena Burdge, Jake Delgaudio, Audrey Delgaudio, Leah Dettore, Gianna Dickson, Janet Federici, Matthew Jesse, Kyle Kintz, Komal Mathon, Edward Matushek, Kyleigh Motley, Douglas Newbigging Jr., Nicholas Nocito, Olivia Podskach, Nina Swailes, Allison Zeiss.

6th First Honors - Gabriel Allen, David Biscontini III, Hannah Blazure, Danielle Blessner, Bradley Benjamin, Stephen Brdaric III, Kaya Brown, Julia Buro, Lorelei Centrella, Rachel Chamberlain, Abigail Chase, Sawyer Christman, Brendan Cocherell, Samuel Collins, Kaitlyn Conrad, Logan Dalsanto, Mia Dempsey, Riley Donnelly, Patrick Doran, Kylee Eltringham, Nadia Evanosky, Austin Finarelli, Kayleigh Fisher, Paige Frank, Alexia Gronski, Samantha Handley, Benjamin Higgins, Allison Hrivnak, Marigrace Huntington, Thomas Janoski, Zachary Jesse, Olivia Jorda, Jason Joshi, Connor Kavanagh, Christopher Killian, Lorisa Klinger, Jesse Kosierowski, Andolena Kovacs, James Lehane, Marlee Letoski-Stahl, Cades Linder, Mia Linder, Lauren Mackey, Megan Macneely, Olivia Maniskas, Morgan Mcandrew, Mallory Mcgeehan, Alexis Mikolosko, Emily Miller, Brielle Moser, Grace Nicolai, Calli Ogurkis, Matthew Oley, Logan Paczewski, Alyssa Pritchard, Marc Ramirez, Kalie Rizzo, Brooke Robbins, Derrick Rygelski, Morgan Sakulich, Kyla Saracino, Julia Sciandra, Sarah Sedeski, Caden Skasko, Anna Smagin, Morgan Solano, Gabriella Spaciano, Caroline Stallard, Gabija Stewart, Charles Sweptson, Evelyn Toennes, Robert Wicht IV, Michael Williams, Morgan Williams, Joseph Wysocki, Colby Zern.

6th Second Honors - Zeid Alhashemi, Elena Berti, Emma Brown, Delaney Butwin, Zachary Calkins, Steven Carr, Elyza Cochran, Liam Cook, Jessica Dixon, Matthew Esposito, Kyle Havrilla, Dylan James, Gina Kerrick, Emma Klusmeyer, Kyle Langan, Lilian Lombardo, Abigail Lushefski, Zackary Maira, Alexis Martin, Aidan Mateos, Logan Miller, Alexandra Morse, Michael Murray, Alicia Napersky, Delanie Neil, Jacob Nita, Kaydence Palfreyman, Blake Perrego, Nathan Pickett, Cara Pocono, Lukas Polachek, Jason Puza, Dylan Rice, Maggie Ropietski, Jacob Seymour, John Sobocinski, Max Steinruck, Bradley Strazdus, Lynese Swida, James Tigue-Ruane, Zachary Waslick, Jackson Wydra, Adam Zarola, Angelo Zarola, Evan Zawadzki, Evan Zawadzki, Kaylin Zelinski, Katherine Zeyher.

7th Honors with Distinction - Amin Ali, Gabrielle Avila, Sabrina Barlow, Amelia Bendick, Maura Berecin, Phoebe Boespflug, Ava Bonita, Claire Charlton, Emily Crahall, Drew Dickson, Nicholas Gashi, Andrew Gryskevicz, Kaci Hockenberry, Lauren Hurst, Julia Kocher, Jacob Koretz, Gabriela Krochta, Sam Leandri, Janice Lisman, Andrew Lojewski, Julia Macey, Zachary McEntee, Karly Milazzo, Kyleigh O'Hara, Hanna Oldt, Tegan Ostroski, Lauren Palfey, Julia Phillips, Shelby Pocono, Mia Reinert, Brayden Saracino, Ethan Shilanski, Rachel Strazdus, Alexandra Strobel, Riley Wren.

7th First Honors - Samuel Barral, Thomas Baseski, Patrick Beisel, Abigail Blockus, Katie Bogdon, Sydney Brady, Claudia Carver, Matthew Cheskiewicz, Alondra Church, Ryan Collins, Aidan Conrad, David Cooper, Wade Curtis, Brady Dautrich, Benjamin Fife, Daniel Flynn, Hope Frantz, Alexandra Fumanti, Sarah Gurzynski, Aubrey Halbach, Logan Hayes, Isabella Hill, Alyssa Hopple, Kayla Hopple, Olivia Karcutskie, Allyson Kugler, Grace Letwinsky, Cooper Lewis, John Luke, Zachary Luksic, Megan Manzella, Colin Marshall, James McCabe, Thaddeus Mead, Logan Moore, Kareem Morsy, Madyson Pendolphi, Joshua Peters, Evan Plank, Garrett Porasky, Jacob Psolka, Amanda Puza, Celia Reabuck, Dylan Roberts, Kaylie Rollman, Michael Ropietski, Harley Sabol, John Stout, Madalyn Strutko, Paige Tamagnini, Sydney Tellis, Emma Thomas, John Tosi Iv, Morgan Vincelli, Emily Weiland, Carla Weiss.

7th Second Honors - Dominic Aliciene, Samatha Arias, Jacob Banta, Amanda Bedony, Kayla Chlubicki, Daniel Cochran, Dale Deyo, Kiah Donnelly, Daniel Dudick, Dennis Dukinas, Mia Fenske, Tyker Finkler, Hanna Finney, Kelsey Hardy, Brooke Higgins, Kaitlyn Hodakowski, Allison Jones, Jillian Kapitula, Carly Kappler, Anthony King, Samantha Lancaster, Kayla Mastantuono, Jordyn Muckey, Josh Noone, Robert Redmond III, Chase Ross, Michael Rother, Nathan Savignano, Isabella Savoy, Jules Schooley-Bartorillo, Elizabeth Sheeder, Paul Shoemaker, Austin Sowga, Chrectien Stoss, Sydney Thomas, Eric Timlin, Lucas Tomko,

Catherine Wallace, Laura Wooditch, Bailey Zelinski.

8th Honors with Distinction - Joshua Balara, Madison Baloga, Shannon Barrett, Liliana Carredo, Lauren Charleton, Gwyn Cruz, Olivia Delevan, Alexandre DeRome, Isabella Farina, Emily Finnegan, Alison Francis, Derek Gordon, Terrence Herron, Matthew Hirko, Makenna Kaminski, Jennifer Leonard, Melissa Leonard, David Lipinski, Morgan Macneely, Nina Malkemes, Lucas McGeehan, Andrew Molitoris, Sam Nocito, Kristen O'Malley, Tyler Osipower, Shreena Patel, Aiden Peterkin, Olivia Roback, Gabrielle Sabatini, Joellen Spencer, Sarah Stallard, Trent Szczecinski, Hannah Wolfe, Colin Zeiss, Jeremy Zolner.

8th First Honors - Katryna Ansilio, Ian Atkinson, Francesca Augustine, August Bednar, Morgan Bennett, Emma Berger, Caitlin Blaum, Rebekah Boback, Chloe Boespflug, Megan Borton, Karisa Brunges, Kanisha Cheshire, Sarah Cominsky, Jacob Connolly, Ethan Dyrli, Logan Evanosky, Jack Farrell, Jacob Fenske, Maria Fioti, Cassidy Ford, Olivia Habib, Haley Habrack, Abigail Hastings, Zachary Holthaus, Lyndsey Hornlein, Sydney Hornlein, David Janoski, Anna Jorda, Carley Kavanagh, Rachel Klinges, Everett Klusmeyer, Sarah Krokos, Morgan Landau, Robert Lauer, Christiana Leu, Reese Lewandowski, Federico Lombardo, Michael Lukasavage, Nora Luke, Samantha Matushek, Jared Mcguire, Alexandra Mcnee, Jensen Meade, Samantha Michael, Mira Miller, Jacy Muldoon, Francis Nockley, Hannah Ostrowski, Sydney Perloff, Madison Pertl, Calvin Polachek, Madison Porasky, Katherine Pudish, David Rinehimer, Dominick Rizzo, Anna Samanas, Matthew Scherer, Kayla Segear, Dean Shaver, Jake Shaver, Michael Starbuck, Abigail Sutzko, Emma Sweitzer, Shane Szczecinski, John Toussaint, Kaitlyn VanEtten, Kaylee Yagloski, Jack Zeyher.

8th Second Honors - Kaylee Albrecht, Kevin Allen, Sydney Bittner, Zachary Blockus, Taylor Bolesta, Skylar Boyer, Samantha Bufalino, Jacob Chesonis, Nathan Collins, Olivia Connors, Noah Cooper, Luke Dalomba, Dean Davis, Luke Delgaudio, Madison Dixon, Matthew Dolan, Jacob Esposito, Ana Fox, Anthony Greco, Steven Horst, Caitlin Husar, Mia Karcutskie, Madison Kaufer, Cooper Kelley, Mackenzie Langan, Clinton Lehman, Scott McLaughlin, Tyler Meyer, Shannon O'Donnell, Brett Ostroski, Todd Phillips, Tanner Saracino, Alexis Smith, Adrik Steele, Jacob-Tencza Sorber, Jacob Thomas, Emma Thomas, Mekhi Yearwood.

Second Annual Dodge Ball for a Cause held at Dallas Middle School

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

Two hundred sixty students participated in a dodgeball tournament held at the Dallas Middle School on April 8.

The 26 teams played through nearly three hours of elimination games. The winners were The Beastie Balls, a team of eighth grade students. The final game of the day featured last year's winning team, The Deadliest Catch, who are all freshman now, and was also won by this year's winners.

"This is our second annual Dodgeball for a Cause. Last year we raised money for the Association for the Blind," said Kelly Whalen, reading teacher at the middle school and coordinator for the event. "This year, we raised over $3000 for the Dallas Community Fund, which provides things for Dallas School District families who are in need. I'm thrilled with that."

Some of the teachers and staff who helped with Dodge for a Cause at the Dallas Middle School, from left, are Wynn Nardone, Firouzeh Razavi, Kylie Fisher, Kelly Whalen, Sue Holthaus, Dan Flynn and Gary Cavill.

Eighth graders, from left, Karisa Brunges, Olivia Habib, Jacy Muldoon, and Joellen Spencer played on the Ball Stars team.

Pictured before the Dodge for a Cause fundraiser at the Dallas Middle School are some of the eighth graders on the Purple Cobras. From left are Elizabeth Stewart, Skylar Fielding, Kaylee Albrecht, Austyn Thrash, Michael Christman, Anthony Greco, and Anthony Carannante.

These sixth graders were very excited to get the tournament started. Members of the Dark Wolves, standing from left, are Gabe Allen, Treybo Schappert, Jonathon Martin, and James Lehane. In from row are Alexandra Morse, Taylor Dworak, Shelby Schmidt, Gabrielle Gattuso and Cara Pocono.

Pictured before the tournament, from left, are Nathanial Spare, Jake Esposito, Taylor Bolesta, Derek Gordon, and Jacob Fenske. Dominick Rizzo and Sydney Perloff are in front.

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Members of the sixth grade team, The Blazers, from left, are Steve Brader, Morgan Williams, Alyssa Pritchard, Delanie Neil, and Samuel Collins. Dylan Rice and Doug Newbigging are in front.

Happy Birthday Paul and Jean Rodda

Dallas Rotary members celebrate their 90th birthdays

Paul and Jean Rodda celebrated their mutual 90th birthdays on April 14th with their friends and fellow Rotarians at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas. It is noteworthy that they were born one year before the chartering of the Dallas Rotary Club on March 19, 1927. Paul has been a Rotarian for more than 40 years, and Jean has been a Rotarian for five years having previously served for many years as a member of the Rotary Anns.

Grief Support

A Grief Support Group is available at River of Life Fellowship Ministries, 22 Outlet Road, Lehman, on an as-needed basis. If you need help, or just someone to talk to, call Denise at 570-639-2115 for further information.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets monthly at the Meadows Nursing Center

The Meadows Nursing & Rehab. Center hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Meadows board room.

This support group benefits caregivers by providing the opportunity to address their concerns and learn about the newest developments in the treatment of this disease.

For more information, call (570) 675-8600, extension 115 or 195.

Library luncheon features hometown author

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library recently hosted their 28th annual Luncheon with a Special Author on Thursday, April 21 at the Appletree Terrace in Dallas.

More than 170 people attended the event and listened to David Pupa, the author of The Magician, while he read from his book and answered questions. All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the library.

Shown in photo from left are: vice president Debbie Cooper, luncheon chairperson Janie Kishbaugh, author David Pupa, past president Kay Simons, luncheon co-chairperson Susan Berdis, Friends of the Library steering committee co-chair Lynn Ahmad. Absent from photo, the other co-chair of the steering committee Kate Pitkat. Photo submitted by Sandy Peoples, Publicity Chairperson.

Flea Market

Bloomingdale Grange, Silo/ Grange Hall Road, Bloomingdale (rural Shickshinny). Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Table rental $5.00. Call 570-256-7610. Breakfast and lunch available.

In Honor of Those Who Defend Our Freedom

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 420 Main Street Dallas, will host a service of prayer and patriotic music on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21, at 11:00am. Members of Daddow Isaacs American Legion Post 672 will be presenting the flags of our Nation and Armed Forces and Dallas resident Jack Cleary will be a guest speaker.

A free will offering will be collected to benefit the 1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund. The mission of the 1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund is to support veterans' causes and those with special needs.

The names of those who are currently serving or who have served in the Armed Forces will be included as a part of this program. Submit names for this list through the church website www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org or by calling the church 570-675-1723.

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Plan to Attend the Fourth Annual Wine and Dine Festival

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

The fourth annual Wine and Dine co-sponsored by the Dallas Rotary Club and the Luzerne County Fair Committee will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 25 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, on Route 118 in Dallas.

"We really enjoy doing this event and, as we proved last year, it will be held rain or shine," said Paul Saxon, Dallas Rotary Club's co-chairman for this year's Wine and Dine Festival.

"There was a torrential rain storm last year but we knew it was coming so we moved everything indoors. It was really cool because everything else in the area was cancelled due to the weather but we still had about 1000 people come."

The Wine and Dine Festival features 16 wineries both local and from as far as the Philadelphia area. Each winery provides samples of their products for tasting throughout the day. When you find ones that you like, you can purchase them on the spot.

"The really nice thing about our Wine and Dine is that you don't have to carry your purchases around with you," said Paul. "You get a ticket for your purchase and throughout the day our volunteers will pick up at each vendor and move the purchases to a Pick-up Tent in the parking area. At the end of the day, you just drive to the tent and pick up all of your purchases. It is really easy and convenient."

The Wine and Dine will also have over 25 food vendors featuring everything from burgers and hot dogs, to pizza and barbeque. This year's list includes The Wandering Chef, Pi Rho Peppers, The Dip Lady, 13 Olives, Irem Clubhouse and many others.

Pictured at Appletree Terrace recently are some members of the Dallas Rotary Club toasting the planning of the Wine and Dine. From left are Co-chair Paul Saxon, Kim Reisch, Melissa Saxon, Jerry Reisch, Fred DiMaria, Kate Pitkat, Ken Chapple, Ted Horn, Joe Stager, Ashley Wagner, and Jon Pomrinke.

The Luzerne County Fairgrounds is the perfect place to enjoy the Wine and Dine event because there are huge tents to shade you and there are lots of indoor areas for the vendors to show their wares. In addition, there will be music on the stage and under the tent throughout the day. This year's performers will be Flaxy Morgan, Big Daddy Dex, The Dan Reynolds Duo and Flashback. There is also ample parking.

"We have room for over 30 crafters and we always look for things that are different," said Melissa Saxon, who chaired the Wine and Dine the last two years and this year is in charge of procuring crafters. "We get calls every day and we can still accept some crafters but I make sure that we have a nice variety of crafts at the event." Crafters already on board for this year's Wine and Dine Festival include Kim's Keepsakes, Jan's Crafts, Cloth & Need Creations, Glowing Green, All-In Custom Vapes, and Marvin Millwork and Cabinetry, to name just a few.

Tickets for the Festival at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds are $15 if purchased in advance and come with a complementary wine-tasting glass. Designated driver tickets are just $5 so you can still come, enjoy the day and travel home safe.

A list of places where you can pre-purchase your tickets will be available soon. You can check the website at DallasRotaryWineandDine.com for that information and for a list of wineries, vendors, and crafters. Luzerne County Fair Committee members working on the Wine and Dine are Brenda Pugh, Kelvin and Janet Swanger, and co-chair Colette Mahoney. Dallas Rotary members on the Wine and Dine Committee are co-chair Paul Saxon, Kim Reisch, Melissa Saxon, Ken Chapple, Joe Stager, Ashley Wagner, Art Peoples, Sandy Peoples, Todd Buckley and Rotary President Jason Jolley.

The Dallas Rotary Club is a service organization founded in the 1920's. It started not only the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction but also the Luzerne County Fair. The Dallas Rotary uses its resources for some annual projects like providing dictionaries for all third graders in the Dallas and Lake Lehman school districts, funding for the Back Mountain Food Pantry, among other great local causes. The Dallas Rotary Clubs meets at 6:30 pm, every Thursday, at the Irem Clubhouse.

"We usually have a speaker at our meetings," said Melissa. "Someone who will tell us about a project they are organizing or maybe about the success of a project we helped fund. Our meetings are usually over by 8 pm." Anyone wishing to join or wants more information about the Wine and Dine, can contact Melissa Saxon at Saxonm5@hotmail.com for more information.

THE FINANCIAL EQUATION:

By Martin A. Federici, Jr., CEO of MF Advisers, Inc.

This year, National Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2nd – May 6th, and National Teacher Appreciation Day is Tues., May 3rd. 529 Day (529 college savings plans) is Sun., May 29th. These 2 financial awareness topics are very important for several reasons, so let's explore those a bit more.

If you, your children, and your grandchildren have had teachers who were instrumental in your/their education, then you know why great teachers are so important. They can make learning fun and change a child's life for the better, and that is huge. Make sure to thank those teachers who do their job so very well, and not just during Teacher Appreciation Week – they deserve it.

Teachers are a large part of our business (we are a 403(b) provider for both Dallas Area & Wyoming Valley West school districts) and we just want to say "thank you for all that you do" – that's why we enjoy taking care of your 403(b)/retirement/financial needs.

529 Day is a yearly reminder for those with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. that saving for college is a smart decision, especially when considering the many benefits of these 529 plans (these can vary from state-to-state). Many who would like to send children to college/trade schools (yes, some of these plans can be used for trade schools as well) realize that the cost will be quite substantial - that's why raising awareness of 529 plans is so important.

We have many clients who are saving for their children's and grandchildren's college costs with 529 plans, and many more I'm sure will also do the same going forward. We would like to thank those clients as well – those 529 plans you opened for your children/grandchildren show that you care so much about their future education and want what's best for them.

These two May '16 financial awareness topics are interrelated – they both deal with the area of education. It is one of the most important things we can do in life – educate ourselves and those we love as best as possible to prepare them for what life has in store for them.

I've always said the 2 most important things in life we can learn about is 1.) how to successfully communicate/deal with people, and 2.) how to properly handle personal financial matters. So this goes out to all of the teachers and adults who try to better the children of tomorrow for when they become adults themselves – thank you for caring enough …we appreciate what you do every single day, not just in May.

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Legion Logbook

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

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 held their monthly meeting on April 5, 2015. Two young ladies who attend Dallas High School were in attendance. Riley Orenus and Greta Kretchmer are members of Representative Boback's Youth Leadership Academy. They sought permission to attend a Legion leadership camp. Greta will attend Girls' State at Shippensburg University. It was unanimously voted to support them in this endeavor. It is always encouraging to see young people take advantage of these Legion programs.

Boys State and Girls State were also discussed. Boys State will be held from June 19- 25 on the Shippensburg University campus. High School students who have completed their junior year and reside in Pennsylvania are invited to apply. Post 672 covers the cost of attendance. For detailed information view http://boysandgirlsstate.org or contact the Dallas American Legion. This is highly valued on a college application and can earn 3 college credits (Leadership).

The Freedom Express will appear at the Post on June 12 from 12-6 PM. More information will follow. Please mark it on your calendar. A donation of $200 was given to the Kunkle Fire Department due to their hosting a chicken barbecue on that day.

The Memorial Day Parade was discussed. All invitations have been sent and flags for the cemeteries ordered. Flags will be placed at the various Back Mountain cemeteries on Thursday, May 26. Commander Baloga will be contacting local Boy Scout troops to help the Legion members who volunteer each year. This beautiful display of flags is always a welcomed sight. Chapel Lawn also requested to be part of the Memorial Day observance at 10:30 AM on May 30. With the roundabout being built in the next two or three years the future of Memorial Day Parades is somewhat in limbo.

Adjutant George Tucker reported the Post gained 8 new members and had 13 pending members.

John Emil, Sr. (aka the Easter Bunny) informed me that the children's Easter Party was a huge success. Over 85 gifts were distributed, and Walmart was kind enough to donate two bikes which were awarded to a boy and a girl in attendance. The SAL sponsors this annual event, but John said the Legion had some participants.

On May 21 the Legion Honor Guard will participate in a program for Armed Forces Day sponsored by the Prince of Peace Church.

Any member who wishes to run for office next year, should contact Commander James Baloga as soon as possible.

Any team that desires to participate in this year's Golf Tournament should submit their application at the Legion. This is a very popular event and calls for early registration on the golfer's part.

The next meeting of the Legion will be held on May 2, 2016, at 7:30 PM. Plans for the Freedom Express and Memorial Day will be discussed. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. Mark the Memorial Day Parade on your calendar. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive

The 24th annual National Association of Letter Carrier's "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 14.

Postal Customers are encouraged to place bags or boxes of nonperishable food near their mail boxes for pick up and delivery to the Back Mountain Food Pantry in Trucksville. The Board of Directors of the pantry are grateful for the support from the postal workers and their customers to enable the pantry to provide assistance to our neighbors in need.

Cub Scouts of Pack 155 visited the PA State Police Station

On April 22, the Cub Scouts of Pack 155 - Trucksville visited the PA State Police Station at Wyoming for a tour of the station. Scouts were escorted by Tpr. Tom Kelly as he taught them about the job of a State Trooper and showed them the tools he uses. Scouts enjoyed exploring the patrol car and working the lights. Pack 155 meets at the Trucksville United Methodist Church and is open to boys in 1st through 5th Grade. Contact the Pack at cubscouter155@gmail.com for more information."

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Spaghetti Social was recently held to raise funds for Noxen Neighborhood Recreation Center

A Spaghetti Social was held on Saturday, April 2, from 5-7pm, at the old Beaumont School in Beaumont. The social was organized to help raise funds for the construction of the Noxen Recreation Center. The volunteers served over 100 hungry customers that enjoyed a spaghetti dinner complete with meatballs, fresh bread, salad, dessert and beverages. Music was provided by Chris Everetts following the social dinner at 6:00 pm.

The spaghetti social was just one event the volunteers have organized to help raise money for this community facility. The next fund raiser planned is a Women's Self Defense class on Saturday, May 14 starting at 3:00pm., to be held at the old Noxen School, 3591 School Street in Noxen. For more information or to participate in this highly effective self-defense class, while helping to raise money for a worthy cause, call Leslie Long at (570) 574-2344. Information can also be found on facebook.

Presale tickets are $10 and tickets at the door are $15.

Above in photo preparing and serving the delicious spaghetti dinner are from left: Tom Pickett, Rich Burkhardt, and Doug Stevens.

Above from left are volunteers Larry Hilbert and Russ Newell getting a chance to sit and enjoy their dinners.

Welcoming people at the door from left are: Elaine Dembowski and Leslie Bulock. Christine Rac along with her father, Michael Rac enjoy a friendly conversation before picking up their dinners.

Photo right: Debbie Hilbert volunteered her time making sure there was plenty of fresh bread available throughout the dinner.

Photo left: supporting the fund raising event for the Noxen Recreational Center, Kari and daughter Lia Oshirak picked up their dinners to enjoy at home.

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Lake-Lehman Class of 1976, planning 40th reunion

Lake-Lehman Class of 1976 in in the process of planning their 40th reunion. The reunion date has been set for Friday and Saturday September 16th and 17th of 2016. We are looking for people to assist in the planning. We also need contact information on all classmates.

Please email addresses and other contract info to: LLSpiritof76@gmail.com.

A facebook page has been set up to assist in communicating with classmates: https://www.facebook.com/LLHS1976/?fref=ts.

Annual Mother's Day PowWow Planned

The 11th Annual Mother's Day Intertribal Powwow with free admission will be held Mother's Day weekend, May 7-8, at the Noxen Fire Co. grounds on Stull Road, Noxen. The event, which honors all mothers, is a gathering for all people. The Circle opens at 10 a.m. both days with storytelling, followed by Grand Entry of all dignitaries and dancers in full regalia at noon. Circle hours are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Parking and admission are free, and the event is handicapped accessible.

The event will feature Native American dancing, drumming, storytelling, children's dances, fry bread, crafts, beadwork, leatherwork, books, CDs, jewelry, beads and beading supplies, t-shirts, blankets, food by the Noxen Fire Co. and much more. Meals will be provided for dancers and vendors; the Saturday evening meal is potluck. Please bring a dish to share. In an effort to keep Mother Earth clean please bring your own place setting: plate, bowl, spoon, fork, etc. Wash stations will be available. A Sloppy Joe/chili contest will be held Friday evening and is free to enter, with the winner receiving a prize. Camping is allowed but electricity is limited and costs $7 per day. No camping spaces will be reserved; spaces are assigned on a first come first served basis. Dogs are welcome but must be leashed and cleaned up after at all times. Bring your own lawn chair.

Alcohol, drugs, guns and politics of any kind are not allowed. The committee has the right to remove anyone. For more information and interested vendors should call Natalie at 570-947-2097, visit our Web site Noxenpowwow@Yahoo.com, or look us up on Facebook. Interested volunteers should contact Donna at 570864-2373 or Dianne at 570-380-3382.

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Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Honors Volunteers

Volunteer Appreciation Week at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center was celebrated to honor the more than 100 community spirited people who help at the center. The volunteers were recently acknowledged at a luncheon held at Apple Tree Terrace at Newberry Estate to thank them for sharing over 11,500 hours with the residents this past year. Certificates of Appreciation and gifts were presented to each volunteer. Special awards were given to volunteers who have generously given 5, 10, 15 and 30 years of service. Shown in photo above, front row from left are: Cheryl Bombick: recipient of a special award for donating over 1,000 in the past year; Fran Dierolf, 30 years; Lloyd Ryman, 15 years; Bernie Luksic, 10 years and Virginia Clark, 10 years. Standing behind from left are: Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews, co-founder of Ecumenical Enterprises (Meadows parent company); Pete Klein, President of Meadows Auxiliary; Camille Fioti, Resident & Community Services; Cristina Tarbox, Meadows Administrator; Gary Kirk, CFO of EEI; Betty Sorchik, Director of Resident & Community Services and Brenda Balinski, Meadows Director of Nursing.

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Annie's Blurb

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, off Route 118 in Dallas, is pleased to announce the following events and activities for the month of May:

Our Dorcas Society is pleased to host their spring Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, May 6 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and Saturday, May 7 from 8:00 am to Noon (Bag Day all day!). Come and shop for clothing, shoes, books, small appliances, holiday decorations, children's goods, and more, as well as tasty and delectable home baked goods.

The Back Mountain Railroad Club will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 11. Bring your curiosity and interest in model trains! St. Paul's Brotherhood will host their second Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, May 21, with take-outs beginning at 3:30 pm and seating from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children under 12, and are available at the door the day of the dinner. Come hungry and bring your friends!

Also on May 21, we offer a youth Lock-In: "Catching Fire: the Power of the Holy Spirit" will begin after the Roast Beef Dinner. Hosted by our Vicar Kelsie Theiss, it is open to all 5th - 12th grade youth, as well as their friends. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. All youth are invited to help out at the supper, then have a blast playing games and learning about the Holy Spirit at the lock-in. Please call the church office at 570-675-3859 for more information.

Each Wednesday throughout the month, a Bible study is offered at the Masonic Village, hosted by our Annie Bisher. We are currently focusing on "Women of the Bible", and the discussion has been spirited and thought-provoking. Please join us! More information is available online at our website, www.stpaulsdallaspa.org, or by calling the church office at 570-675-3859. St. Paul's is a handicapped accessible facility. We invite you to COME and SEE all that we have to offer to you and your family!

Dallas Rotary Club Sponsors Short Story Contest

The next great novel, in a few years of course, could very easily be written by a present day student in the Dallas School District. The Rotary Club of Dallas recently sponsored a short story contest, and three students emerged as winners: first place, Kira Pomrinke; second place, Caitlin Curran; third place, Anderson Leo. Each winner was given a certificate and a monetary award. Shown in photo above, from left are: Dallas Rotary Club president Jason Jolley, Anderson Leo, Kira Pomrinke, Caitlin Curran, and contest chairperson, Rotarian Melissa Saxon.

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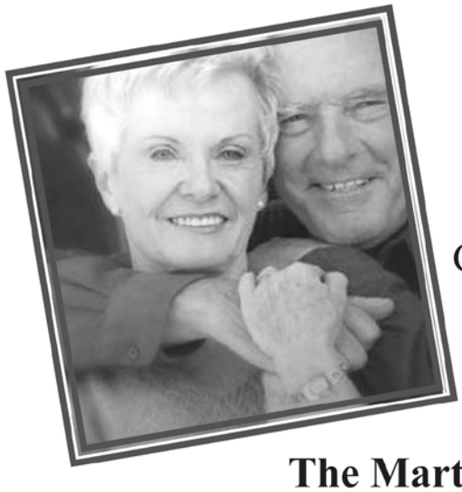

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Fifth annual Designer Handbag Bingo for the Lake-Lehman Last Knight was recently held

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

The fifth annual Designer Handbag Bingo for the Lake-Lehman Last Knight held on April 9 was very successful. Approximately 300 people attended the event and enjoyed playing over 20 games of Bingo where the prizes were beautiful handbags by Coach, Vera Bradley and others. In addition, there were specialty themed donated baskets that were raffled off throughout the event.

"It is our most important fundraiser for the Lock In Party and it has been very successful for us in the past," said Mary Ann Talacka, event organizer and secretary for the Last Knight Committee. "The Lock In Party is so important and this helps us to make it a very special night."

The Last Knight Lock In Party is a drug and alcohol free event held on graduation night for the Lake-Lehman graduating class. It keeps them safe while providing them a really fun occasion one last time with their classmates.

"I was one of those parents who thought it was just for the parents of seniors to get involved," said Mary Ann, whose children have already graduated. "Really, parents of younger students should get involved so they can learn all about it and to keep it going for their kids. It is a lot of work and we always need volunteers. We want to see the Lock In Party continue."

For more information and a calendar of Last Knight events, you can visit the Last Knight link on the high school page of the Lake-Lehman school district's web page. You can also call Amy Spess, Last Knight Chairman, at 570-239-0737, to volunteer to help with any part of the Last Knight or to make a donation.

Selling tickets for the basket raffle at the Designer Handbag Bingo at Lake-Lehman High School, from left, are Darlene Williams, Polly Whispell and Tara Whispell.

Lake-Lehman 10th graders Faith Reseigh, left, and Nicole Barto helped at the Last Knight fundraiser.

Enjoying an afternoon of bingo for a good cause, from left, are Maryann O'Gorman, Irene Hochreiter, Betty Stelacone, and Sue Monico.

Attending the Designer Bingo to show support for the event were Melissa Werner, left, and Yvonne Severns.

Pictured from left, are Mary Ann Talacka, event organizer, her husband Steve who served as Bingo caller, and Last Knight chairman Amy Spess.

Volunteers who worked at the Designer Bingo, from left, are Destanee Good, Autumn Visneski, Eric Turinski, and Seanna Ashton.

Hoping to win some of the beautiful prizes at the Last Knight Designer Bingo, from left, are Tara Whispell, Flo Harris, Janet Price, Joan Hine, Melissa Harris, Louise Haughwout, and Georgia Weiss.

Selling bingo cards for the Lock In Party fundraiser at Lake-Lehman High School, from left, are Maria Hutsko, Molly Company, and Sherry Cross.

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This fun evening will be held on Monday, June 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Appletree Terrace of Newberry Estates. The evening begins with cocktails and hors d'oevres and a delicious buffet style dinner including a grilling station, pasta station and dessert station with assorted mini desserts, coffee and specialty teas. Following the dinner, a Mini Auction featuring auctioneer, Steve Traver, will be a great opportunity to sharpen your bidding skills. Tickets are $26.00 per person and may be purchased at the Library.

It seems that the Auction increases in popularity every year with more bargains, more great finds and of course, more attendees!

With this good news in mind, the Library is currently preparing its list of Auction Volunteers. Anyone age 12 and older is encouraged to call the library to sign up for pre-auction set-up. Thisyear's set up will begin on Sunday, July 3 and continue on Tuesday, July 5 and Wednesday July 6. Groups of individuals, including tweens needing service hours, are always welcome; as well as adults of any age. A free lunch is provided each day of the auction set-up.

The Library has already begun accepting donations for the auction and is especially interested in donations of linen table runners, tablecloths, placemats, etc. Other types of donations, including antiques, new goods, household items, vintage collectibles and glassware are also being accepted during normal library hours.

If you're looking for a few interesting hours, prior to auction fun, keep the following programs to be held in May, in mind and call the library to pre-register.

May 5 – 7 p.m. The Geology behind the Fascinating Features that Define Yellowstone National Park. (This is the re-scheduled date for the free presentation by Sid Halsor, Chairperson and Professor of Geology at Wilkes University.)

May 14–11 a.m. Flower Pressing Workshop with Nancy Mayer - Part 2. Did you miss Part 1 of this workshop? No worries.. you can still come and join in the fun of learning this beautiful craft. A $5.00 fee for workshop materials will enable you to make and take home a unique pressed flower project.

Remember that the Library also offers opportunities to become involved in the community by substitute volunteering at the Slightly Read Bookshop, located in the lower level of the Library. Volunteers perform a variety of light tasks, enjoy meeting the public and catch a "sneak peak" at the bargains!

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 30 in honor of Memorial Day. We all know that Memorial Day marks the start of summer and here at the Library that means it's almost time for the children's "Summer Reading" program!

Registration for Summer Story hours begins on Tuesday, June 7. Sessions are scheduled for one and two years of age and three to five years of age. You may call the library at (570) 675-1182 to pre-register as spaces fill up quickly.

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The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 4. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only $2. Trinity is located at 105 Irem Road, Dallas, across Route 309 from the Country Club Shopping Center.

Yellow Rose 4-H Club of Sweet Valley plans an Antique Tractor & Machinery Show and Lawn Mower Tractor Pull

The Yellow Rose 4-H Club of Sweet Valley will be managing an Antique Tractor & Machinery Show as well as a Lawn Mower Tractor Pull located at Casterline Diesel, Inc. 1580 State Route 118, Sweet Valley (4 miles West of intersections Rt. 29 & 118). Join in the fun on Sunday, May 15th starting at 10 A.M. with weigh-ins and the pull start at 11 A.M. Refreshments and baked goods will be available.
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David Silverstein Shot a Hole In One at Newberry Estates

On March 26, 2016, David Silverstein shot a hole in one on number 8 at the Newberry Estate Country Club Golf Course. The athletic achievement was witnessed by his wife, Faye Silverstein, and fellow golfers Bob James and Karen Johns. Mr. Silverstein and his wife have been active members at Newberry Estate Country Club for several years and participate in the clubs many golf leagues.

Graduating Seniors Display Art Work

Five graduating seniors from Sue Hand's Imagery, representing four area high schools, will hold their senior art exhibit at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main Street, Dallas, May 23-24. The 12th grade students include: Maria Ansilio, Dallas; Caroline Banas, Dallas; Abby Spencer, Dallas; Madison Stambaugh, Shavertown; and Sahil Garg, Shavertown. They will be joined by seven other high school students from the Wyoming Valley and Tunkhannock areas. Each student will exhibit up to twenty pieces of artworks, a retrospective of their artistic endeavors throughout their years at Sue Hand's Imagery. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday, May 23 from 9:00 – 8:00; and Tuesday, May 24 from noon – 6:00 p.m. A meet-the-artist reception and graduation ceremony will take place Monday, May 23 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. In photo above are: Kira Zack, Madison Stambuagh, Kyra Yaglowski, Samantha Packer, David Coole, Victoria Stack, Maria Ansilio, and Caroline Majeski.

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Fifty Foot Quilt Travels from Lancaster County to the Center of Dallas with a heartfelt message

Diane Dreier, VP of the Gas Drilling Awareness Coalition was one of the spokespeople recently in the center of Dallas helping to bring awareness to gas drilling and pipelines planned throughout Pennsylvania and the Back Mountain and the environmental effects on our communities.

A fifty foot quilt recently traveled from Lancaster County to the center of Dallas with many colorful quilted squares, children's drawings and individual messages. The squares are all unique but the messages are same, "Our roots go deeper than a pipeline".

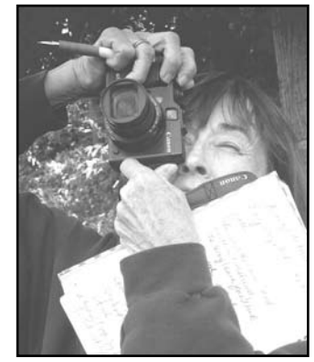
For more than a year now, thousands of people across Lancaster County, where this project is based, have found common ground in working together to protect homes, history and heritage against a threat that none of its residents asked for, the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline.

Williams Gas Co's Atlantic Sunrise pipeline is proposed to run through Pennsylvania farms, homes and woodlands and is an attempt by billionaire CEOs to hold our values hostage in exchange for their own profit.

The Protect PA Quilt Project has already been made up of scores of quilt squares submitted by individuals, families, churches, organizations and businesses across the county and our state. This project is an opportunity to join together with hundreds of peoples to form a powerful, quilted, collective declaration that says, "Our most basic American values are not for sale. When there is a threat to our collective sacred trust, Pennsylvanians must come together to celebrate what we have in common".

For more information on the Protect PA Quilt Project, how to participate and become involved, visit online at: http://www.wearelancastercounty.org. Call 717-974-3095 or email lancasteragainstpipelines@gmail.com. For examples of the local effects on our neighbors check out YouTube videos at: https://youtu.be/iS_xhJ_AY9g and https://youtu.be/-2-qmijh9c8

Gardens, Tame and Wild Exhibit



Enjoy the flowers of Spring and Summer with Mary Jasch, well-known area photographer and author, in her photography exhibit: Gardens, Tame and Wild during the month of May at Back Mountain Memorial Library, located at 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, PA.

Ms. Jasch's images of gardens capture the essence of artful design with a robust plant palette; others depict the unequaled beauty of nature. Her images have been published in magazines and newspapers including The Boston Globe, Backpacker Magazine and many regional publications. Her image of an old-growth black oak is currently with the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History's nationwide traveling exhibit.

Ms. Jasch has a degree in Natural Resources Management from Rutgers University. She is the publisher of DIG IT! Magazine, the Art & Science of East Coast Gardening and the author of Best Hikes with Dogs -- New Jersey.

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Men's Breakfast Group meets weekly

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6th Annual "Support Our Veterans" Ride & Picnic

The American Legion Riders Post 495, Shickshinny, will be hosting their 6th Annual "Support Our Veterans" Ride & Picnic on June 11.

The event will be held at the Shickshinny American Legion, 575 State Route 239, Shickshinny, 570-542-4090. The event will kick off with a motorcycle ride, registration is from 9-10 AM. Kickstands up at 10:30. Cost is $15.00 for Rider & $10.00 for Passenger, rain or shine.

After the ride there will be our "Support Our Veterans" Benefit picnic from 4-9 pm. There will be food, music, drinks, raffles. We will be selling t-shirts & pins. Tickets for the picnic are available for purchase at the American Legion. All proceeds from this benefit will go towards our veterans. Shown above for a check presentation, from left are: Paul Herman, Sons of the American Legion; Mindy Piccotti, Hunts for Healing; and Ed Dauch, American Legion Riders Post 495.

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Lake-Lehman Band Students and Parents Work Together to Make 28th Spring Craft Show a Success

Submitted by Christin Snyder

The Lake-Lehman Band Spring Craft Show was held on Saturday, March 19th at the Lake Lehman Jr/Sr High School. Craft show chairperson, Kim MacMullen, collected vendor applications throughout the year for the sold out show. Band students stayed after school on Friday, March 18th to mark out the vendor spaces, hang signs, set up the tables, concession stand, bake sale and Chinese auction. Early Saturday morning students helped the vendors set up for the craft sale. The students and Lake-Lehman Band Sponsor volunteers worked the event to help raise much needed funds for the Lake-Lehman Band programs.

Lake-Lehman Band groups include Marching Band, Color Guard, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Indoor Percussion Ensemble and Indoor Color Guard Ensemble. The Lake-Lehman Band programs are directed by Ms. Cheryl Kulikowski and is supported by the sponsors. The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors is a year round organization who host several fundraisers to support all of the Lake-Lehman Band Programs.

The Lake-Lehman Band is also accepting sponsorships for the 2016 – 2017 School Year. Sponsorships received by May 31st, 2016 will have their advertisements in time to be displayed on the Lake-Lehman Band Booth at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds during the Dallas Rotary Wine & Dine Fest and the Luzerne County Fair. For sponsorship information please visit www.lake-lehmanbandsponsors.com.

Andrew Leahy, a member of the Lake-Lehman Senior High Concert Band, Marching Band and Indoor Percussion Ensemble, sells baked goods during the craft show.

The Leahy Family, Sweet Valley, all work at the Lake Lehman Band Craft Show.

Adeline Morgan, Shavertown, tries her luck at the Lake-Lehman Band Craft Show Chinese Auction.

Crowds filled the Lake-Lehman High School purchasing cupcakes and other hand crafted items.

Dallas Borough Announces Yard Waste Curbside Recycling Schedule and Regulations

The Dallas Borough Road Department will begin weekly curbside yard waste collection beginning the week of May 9, 2016 weather permitting. The weekly collection schedule will begin following the conclusion of the Dallas Borough Spring Cleanup scheduled for the week of May 2-7, 2016. Residents are asked not to place yard waste recycling containers curbside prior to the beginning of the collection season.

As in previous years the Borough Road Department will collect up to the equivalent of two 25 gallon recycling containers weekly throughout the season. Residents are to have yard waste containers curbside by Monday morning for collection. Yard waste volumes exceeding the two 25 gallon container limit will not be collected. Yard waste containing or including rocks, road cinders, ashes or animal waste will not be collected. In the interest of public safety, residents are reminded not to place containers or bundled yard waste within the road right of way.

There is a $25 annual permit required for residents to participate in the curbside yard waste collection program. Residents may stop in the Dallas Borough Building during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to obtain the required permit.

Property owners with a larger volume of yard waste are asked to make arrangements with a private hauler and/or to contact the Dallas Area Municipal Authority at 570-696-1133 for yard waste drop off site locations and hours of operation.

Dallas Borough is proud of the curbside collection yard waste recycling program in cooperation with the Dallas Area Municipal Authority and we look forward to providing this important service to our residents throughout the summer season. Please call the Dallas Borough Administrative Office at 570-675-1389 with any questions pertaining to the curbside yard waste recycling program.

ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF ANY COLLECTION ITEM(S) is at the discretion of the Dallas Borough Road Department personnel and Dallas Borough administration.

Share Your Back Mountain Library Auction Photos, Memories

The Back Mountain Library Auction Committee has been meeting to plan this year's 70th Annual Event. "70 years and Still Making Memories" is our theme.

We would like to hear from anybody who has a photo or story from the past 70 years, especially the "early days" of the Auction.

To share your memories and photographs, visit us at: Facebook.com/BMMLAuction; Twitter:@BMML_Auction; Instagram: @BMMLAuction. Auction dates are July 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. We'd love to hear from you! You may call the library at (570) 675-1182 for more information.

Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table plans May meeting

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA.

Jennifer Ochman, as Louisa May Alcott, will give a presentation entitled "Hospital Sketches from the Civil War." Ms. Ochman will be speaking on the life of Louisa, before "Little Women" including her time as a nurse in a hospital in Washington. The program is open to the public. A three dollar donation will be accepted for non-members. New members are always welcome. For information contact John at (570) 675-8936.

Dallas High School Class of 1986 planning 30th Reunion

The Dallas High School Class of 1986 would like to announce plans for a 30th reunion to be held Saturday, July 23rd, 2016. The reunion is being held at a classmate's riverside property in Meshoppen. Festivities will begin at 2pm with a catered dinner served at 6.

Any member of the class of '86 who would like more information about attending the reunion should contact Molly Davies at MDavies228@comcast.net.

Annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive date set

The 24th annual National Association of Letter Carrier's "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 14.

Postal Customers are encouraged to place bags or boxes of nonperishable food near their mail boxes for pick up and delivery to the Back Mountain Food Pantry in Trucksville. The Board of Directors of the pantry are grateful for the support from the postal workers and their customers to enable the pantry to provide assistance to our neighbors in need.

Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company plans May events

Monday Night Bingo to be held on Monday, May 2 and again on Monday, May 16. Early Birds starting at 6:30. Call Jim at (570) 333-4906 for more information

A Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Wednesday May 25, from 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Adults $9 & Children $4.

All events listed above will be held at the Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company, 1618 Demunds Road, Tunkhannock.

Kingston Township Appoints Samuel Van Horn to Police Force

At the Kingston Township Board of Supervisor's regular meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, Officer Samuel Van Horn was appointed to serve the community on the Kingston Township Police Force. Shown in photo above from left are: Officer Van Horn and Chief Michael Moravec.

Antique Jigsaw Puzzles on display at the Library

Barbara Fields of Noxen will be displaying her antique jigsaw puzzle collection at the Back Mountain Memorial Library in May.

Fields has been collecting antique puzzles for about 40 years, and currently has about 100 puzzles in her collection. "I started doing jigsaw puzzles with my grandmother when I was very young," Fields said. "I still enjoy putting them together with my family."

Fields said that the old boxes are particularly interesting. "I have some with artwork that is pretty," she said, citing the landscapes as an example.

Fields said that she finds antique puzzles at auctions, flea markets, yard sales, and antique stores. The very earliest jigsaw puzzles were made of wood and did not interlock, Fields explained, adding that they were harder to do. "Back in the old says before television, you could spend an evening doing a puzzle, family all together, maybe listening to a program on the radio," Fields said. "Neighbors would swap puzzles. They are a reminder of a time when life was slower and simpler."

Members of the community are invited out to see Fields' puzzle collection throughout the entire month of May at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

Handmade Quilt Donated to the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction

Above is a beautiful quilt handmade and donated by Leslie Horoshko for this year's Back Mountain Library Auction. Leslie is a long-time volunteer at the auction and is once again Antiques Chairperson for this year's auction - "Celebrating 70 Years and Still Making Memories". Above helping Leslie hold the quilt is Gerard Geise, Auction Chairman.

Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club seeking gardens

The next 'Tour of Back Mountain Gardens' hosted by the Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club will be held Saturday, June 24, 2017.

While we have some real gems lined up for you already, we'd like to add some more. If you know of any great gardens anywhere in the Back Mountain area, please send us an email at info@backmountainbloomers.org with your name, contact information, address and any contact information of the homeowners of the garden you think we should consider, and maybe a short description of this garden. Our Garden Tour team members will contact you immediately. You can also send us a private message on our Facebook page, Back Mountain Bloomers.

Lake-Lehman Awards Students of the Month

Each month the faculty and staff at Lake-Lehman JR/SR High School recognize four Students of the month based on their demonstration of citizenship, leadership and scholarship. Pictured with Principal Douglas Klopp are the March Students. Above , fromt left are: Maclyn Vasey, Casey Kaminski, Faith Butler, and Matthew Good.

The following Lake-Lehman JH students have been selected based on their demonstration of leadership, scholarship and citizenship as our February Students of the Month. Above from left are: Matt Galasso, Anna DelPina, Elizabeth Blaski, Chase Cole and Principal Klopp standing behind.

Rummage sale dates set at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas

The Deacons have set June 3 and 4 for their annual gigantic rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 3, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 4. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only $2. Items available for sale are: clothing in good condition for men, women and children, jewelry, household items, knickknacks, collectibles, toys, books, holiday items and much more. Trinity is located at 105 Irem Road, Dallas, across Rt. 309 from the Country Club Shopping Center. All proceeds benefit the programs of the church and several outreach projects.
Show in photo, seated from left: Kate Pitkat, Karen Perzia, Carol Vanstory, Erin Yurko. Standing: C. Don Kocher, Richard Burkhardt, President Mark Chappell, Rev. Jennifer Baer, Sandy Peoples. Others who were unavailable for the photo: Thelma Smith, Nancy Williams, Shirley Wolfkeil, and Tom Pickett.

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