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Food Donations needed for a new Food Pantry opening in Sweet Valley

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

The Sweet Valley area in Luzerne County now has its own monthly Food Pantry at the Church of Christ on Main Road in Sweet Valley.

"About a year and a half ago, I heard from the people working at the Food Pantry in Noxen that they were turning away people from Sweet Valley. Each mobile food pantry can only serve clients from their county and Noxen is in Wyoming County," said Cheryl Whitesell who owns a nursery in Sweet Valley. "I just never thought that people in our area were in that kind of need so I started to look for a place to open a food pantry in Sweet Valley."

She asked at local municipal offices and churches and had just about given up when the Church of Christ approved the request and set aside a room in their building. Cheryl and Cindy Rood, who works at the church, took a course on proper handling of food and became certified with the Weinberg Food Bank which provides much of the food.

There is no proof of income requirement but participants should fall into a certain range of income. Proof of residence in Luzerne County is required. Families in need of assistance can contact the church at 570-477-2320 or call Cheryl at 570-690-1105 to make arrangements. The Food Pantry will be open from 10 am to noon on the first Friday of each month.

The Sweet Valley Food Pantry also needs shelving units and carts to move the food. In addition, they are seeking donations of non-perishable items like boxed and can goods. Volunteers for the program are also welcome.

"Sometimes you are in a good place but sometimes you have a need," said Cheryl who spent years working in the food industry. "I just love to feed people especially the young children in the area. I am just really thankful for this opportunity."

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Copper Patina Artwork by Bashar Attar

Bashar Attar, of Dallas, will be showcasing his copper patina artwork at the Back Mountain Memorial Library during the month of November. Attar has been creating this type of work for more than 30 years. Bashar enjoys the challenge that is included with creating such detailed pieces. He states that one piece can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks to create, depending on the size and how much free time he has to put into the piece.

His copper patina pieces incorporate nature, including leaves and pine needles. Bashar states that he does sell his artwork when he has the opportunity to display it, as well as through relatives and friends. Of his work, Attar mentions that it is a unique and different combination of drawing, sculpting, and painting. The most important thing required is "lots of patience!" If you would like more information about his works or to purchase, he can be reached at attarb@hotmail.com. All are welcome to view his work on the library art wall during the month of November.

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Ham Dinner – Family Style

Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sweet Valley, will serve a ham dinner on Saturday, November 10. Dinner served 4:30 to 6:30. Take-outs begin at 4:00. Adults $12.00, children under 12 are $6.00 and children under 6 eat free. Call 477-5121 for more information.

All you can eat supper planned

The Mount Zion United Methodist Church on Mount Zion Road in Harding is holding an "All You Can Eat Soup and Salad Supper" on Saturday,November 3rd from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

A variety of soups, chili, salads, breads, beverages and desserts will be offered. Cost for adults id $7.00, cost for children is $4.00. everyone is welcome for good food and good fellowship

Open Mic-Night planned

Bloomingdale Grange, Silo/Grange Hall Road, Bloomingdale (rural Shickshinny) is planning a Open Mic-Night on Saturday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. Bring your talent and share the evening with us. PA system at the hall.

For further information call 570-256-7610. Food available.

Homemade Soup, Luncheon

Fall homemade soup, luncheon and quart takeouts at the Dallas Eastern Star Hall, Dallas, behind CVs Drugstore on Saturday, November 3 from 11:00 to 3 :00 or until sold out.

Buffet style eat in soup lunch - cost $7.00 offering several types of soup with bread, dessert and beverage. Take out a quart $7.00 or pints $3.50.

Our famous "Welsh Cookies" will also be for sale. Information call: Martha Baird at 570-690-7506.

Annual Pennsylvania Legion Essay Contest announced

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 is sponsoring the annual Pennsylvania Legion Essay Contest. Since the inception of the Essay Contest in 1935 the Pennsylvania Legion has awarded well over $500,000 in scholarships.

Any student enrolled Grades 9-12 in public, private, or parochial or home-schooled can participate. The Essay topic this year is "How Would Our Founding Fathers Respect the American Flag Today?"

All posts in District 12 may send in essays. For further information contact your school guidance counselor or Chairman Clarence J. Michael at (570) 675-0488.

Flea Market planned

Flea Market. Bloomingdale Grange, Silo/Grange Hall Road (rural Shickshinny). Saturday, November 17th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Table rental $5.00. Call (570) 256-7610. Breakfast and Lunch available.

Kingston Township Fall Yard Waste, Leaf Pickup

The Kingston Township Public Works Department will be conducting the pickup between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday, November 5th through November 30th, 2018.

Yard waste and bagged leaves need to be placed at curbside for pickup. Large limbs and grass clippings will not be accepted. Residents are reminded that Ordinance 2004-4 prohibits the burning of leaves.

Dallas Rotary gives the gift of knowledge to third grade students

All third grade students in the Back Mountain area schools were recently given their own copy of a student dictionary. The Dallas Rotary Club dictionary project committee, chaired by Rotarian Ken Chapple, distributed more than 330 books to Dallas and Lake-Lehman School District students. The third grade teachers, school principals and students welcomed the Rotarians and thanked them for their dedication to literacy and education. Since the inception of the Rotary dictionary give away program, more than 7,000 books have been gifted to Back Mountain students. Shown above in photo, seated from left are: Dallas Elementary Students Emma Sgarlat, Nathan Bilivin, Robert Hernandez, and Elayna Labar. Standing behind are: Dallas Elementary Third Grade Teacher Regan Palfey; Rotarians Art Peoples, Ken Chapple, Kerry Freeman and Heather Fritz; Dallas Elementary School Principal Tom Traver.

The Fellowship Church in Dallas held its annual Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale

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The Fellowship Church in Dallas held its annual Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale on October 6 to benefit the Student Life Missions Camp.

Members of the group enjoy a one week camp experience in the Poconos. They get to do all of the fun things at camp but they also do mission work during the week. The four places the youth volunteer during that week include a senior center, the Garden of Giving which is a food pantry for fresh foods, The Burnley Workshop which helps mentally challenged adults, and also the Pocono Transitional Housing for homeless families.

"It is a really rewarding program for them," said Judy Harvey, a Fellowship Church member who helps organize the program. "They help to raise funds throughout the year which is also a good experience for them."

Upcoming fundraisers for the Student Life Missions Camp at Fellowship Church are a Craft Fair from 9 am to 3 pm, on Saturday, December 1 and a chocolate egg sale in the spring.

Pictured at the Fellowship Church Indoor Yard Sale from left are Kasey Bryant, MaKenna Bryant, John Shimp and Ethan Campbell.

Bertha and Dale Smith brought their dog Jack with them to the event at Fellowship Church.

Photo right: Helping out in the kitchen at Fellowship Church, from left, are: Lori Fuller, Emily Wright, Karen Barber and Lauren DeRemer.

Debbie Katyl, left, brought a variety of items to sell at the Indoor Yard Sale. Each vendor donated a portion of their earnings to benefit the Student Ministry. From right are shoppers Dean, Helen and Teresa Davis.

Photo right: Enjoying a nice hot lunch during the Indoor Yard Sale, from left, are: Jonathon, Laura, Jacob and John Chernowsky.

Photo right: Members of the Student Life Missions Camp working at the event, from left, are Lauren DeRemer, Emily Wright, Judy Harvey, Mindy Spencer, Andrew Fuller, Ethan Dyrli and Ben Weiss.

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Misericordia University staff, faculty and students 'Stuff the Bus' with supplies for the Domestic Violence Service Center during Mercy Week

The Community Fiscal Committee of Staff Council at Misericordia University teamed up with local Mercy Associates and the university's Campus Ministry to celebrate Mercy Week 2018 by hosting its "Stuff the Bus" project in support of the Domestic Violence Service Center. Filling a small van with items, the group surpassed its goal to collect 175 items in honor of the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy coming to the United States.

Among the items collected were new blankets, towels and washcloths, women's clothing, personal care products, diapers and baby care products, kitchenware, cereal, first aid items and sheets. The 2018 donation was more than double what had been collected in previous years.

"Stuff the Bus" is one of a number of events held annually on campus in recognition of Mercy Week, which was celebrated Sept. 23-28. Mercy Week honors the Religious Sisters of Mercy, the founders of Misericordia University, who opened the doors to the institution of higher education on Sept. 24, 1924. Throughout Mercy Week, events addressed the critical concerns of the Sisters of Mercy, including Earth sustainability, immigration, women and children, nonviolence and racism.

The Misericordia University Community Fiscal Committee and Mercy Associates collected supplies for women and children at the Domestic Violence Service Center as part of the annual 'Stuff the Bus' project for Mercy Week. Participating in the drive, first row from left, are Jennifer Cory, Sue Lazur, Jolene Miraglia, Elizabeth Pedro, Michael Hilstolsky, and Jeanne VanDuzer. Second row, Misericordia cheerleaders Samantha Olcott, Stephanie Monforte, Nicolette Bagoly, Samantha Miller, Jenna Chilcote, and Rya Morgan. Third row, Josephine Dougherty, Renee Cotton, Tom Sweetz, Lori Ianni, advocate/counselor, Domestic Violence Service Center; Lindsey Riddell, Georgia Young, Laura Angeline, Leslie Risko, David Pasquini, and Donna Cerza. Absent from photo is Darcy Brodmerkel.

Back Mountain Food Pantry needs help during holiday season

It is expected that more than 150 Thanksgiving food orders will be requested and distributed by the Back Mountain Food Pantry to registered clients just in time for the holiday. And as temperatures begin to fall, and we head into the winter season, families with small children and the elderly will have the dilemma of food vs. fuel, or food vs. medications. Children will be out of school for the holidays and miss receiving some of their meals at school placing an added demand on the pantry.

Help from the public is needed to restock the shelves at the pantry to meet this demand. Any individuals or groups wishing to conduct a food drive during November and December to help with the food needed for the season are encouraged to schedule delivery to the food pantry as soon as possible.

Please call 570-696-2917 to schedule food drives and delivery dates so that the volunteers can be on hand to receive, sort and organize the food. All non-perishable food items should carry current dates to ensure their quality and nutritional value.

The food pantry is located in the lower level of the Trucksville United Methodist Church Administration Building across the street from the church. Monetary donations for the food pantry holiday project may be sent to: Back Mountain Food Pantry, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708. Checks should be made payable to the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The pantry is now an approved 501(c)(3) charity, and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Smaller amounts of donated food from individuals may be dropped off at Cook's Pharmacy, Rt. 309, Shavertown; Hilbert's Tractor Store, Rt. 415, Dallas; and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, off Rt. 118, Dallas, during their regular hours of operation. Suggested nonperishable food items needed during November and December are: cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed dried potato mix, canned sweet potatoes, canned gravy, canned fruits and vegetables, macaroni and cheese, rice, pasta, canned evaporated milk, hot chocolate mix, tea, canned hams, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, Jell-0, pudding mix, cake mixes, canned frosting, cereal, juice and soup.

The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry wish to thank everyone for their support throughout the holidays and all year long. The food pantry and the service it provides would not be possible without the generous support of the residents of our Back Mountain community.

Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table plans meeting

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet on Thursday, November 8, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas. The program for the evening will be presented by Mr. Bryan Dunnigan, a veteran of the United States Military, Historical Reenactor and member of the 81st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company K, Eckley, PA, both military and civilian impressions. Mr. Dunnigan will discuss the Irish influence during the civil war contrasting the south and the north. 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.

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Tickets are available from any of the men in the BMMEG at 570-881-3712, the Shavertown UMC office at 570-675-3616, or at the door. Tickets are $5.00. The church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708. Pictured are the veterans from the BMMEG. Seated from left: Mike Messersmith, Army and Navy; George Gross, Army; Marvin Cunningham, Navy; Ken Cosgrove, Navy, WWII; George Parrs, Army; Royal Sutton, Air Force; John Brougher, Air Force. Standing from left: Jay Niskey, Air Force; Phil Brown, Army; Tom Robinson, Navy; Charlie Kishbaugh, Navy; Frank Paczewski, Army; Nick Michalisin, Army; Ted Rebenack, Army; Art Peoples, Air Force; Ned Podehl, Army; Don Dickson, Air Force; Ron Prutzman, Air Force; Ed Kindler, Army; Willis Ide, Army, WWII.

Legion Logbook

Clarence J. Michael
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Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 held their monthly meeting on October 2 despite a tremendous rainstorm. Rain has been a constant companion in our area. I jokingly tell my friends that, "I am considering asking them to help me build an ark." I seem to be cutting our grass every week. I hope this is not the new normal!

Due to some controversial positions taken by some NFL players of kneeling during the playing of the National Anthem some members thought it showed disrespect for all the veterans who have served and even sacrificed their lives while serving under the United States flag, and a discussion ensued as to whether the Post should continue to show the NFL games on the TV's. It was eventually decided to still show the games, and those who opposed that decision were just glad that they had the opportunity to express their viewpoints. The controversial non-smoking policy continues to be evaluated and will be discussed at the November meeting.

The Post continues to sponsor much-needed Blood Drives and one will conducted this month. The Red Cross is eternally grateful for our participation. Texas Holdem will continue on Tuesday nights at 7:30, and free pool is offered on Thursday nights.

On November 4 at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, the annual Veterans Day Tribute will be held at 7 P.M. This tribute is sponsored by the Back Mountain Mens Ecumenical Group and the cost is a nominal $5. The monies raised are given to the Lt. Michael J. Cleary Fund which supports veteran activities. The Men's Group meets every Thursday at 8 A.M. for breakfast at the Irem Temple and the public is invited to visit or join.

Our annual essay contest and oratorical contest are open to contestants in grades 9-12. The 2018 Essay is, "HOW WOULD OUR FOUNDING FATHERS RESPECT THE AMERICAN FLAG TODAY?" To enter and know the rules please contact me at (570) 675-0488.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 P.M. Commander Charles Fleming invites all members and prospective members (men and women who have served) to attend. GOD BLESS AMERICA !

Back Mountain Chamber Donates to the Back Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services

The Back Mountain Chamber recently made an $1,100 donation to the Back Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services. The Chamber donated proceeds from the basket raffle at their Back to Motown event held on August 31 at The Beaumont Inn's Grande Pavilion.

Baskets were generously donated by Senator Lisa Baker, Barber Ford, Chick-Fil-A, City Market, Eye Care Specialists, Gertrude Hawk, Hilton Garden Inn, Mosca Law Offices, Mountain Beverage, P&G, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, UGI, and Qik Joe.

Shown in photo from left are: Royal Sutton, Back Mountain Chamber, Bill Leandri, Executive Director Back Mountain Chamber, Mark Van Etten, President Back Mountain Regional Emergency Services, and Atty. Tom Mosca, President Back Mountain Chamber.

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Rep. Boback presents citation to Supervisor Frank Wagner

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Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas held its Fall Rummage Sale

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The Dorcas Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas held its Fall Rummage Sale during the first weekend in October. The group donated all proceeds to assist with various activities at St. Paul's including church beautification projects.

Photo right: Members of the Dorcas Society pictured at their recent Fall Rummage Sale include, from left, Susan Woodling, Lois Gdovin and Marge McCarty. Annie Bisher is standing.

Photo right: Selling donated jewelry at the Fall Rummage Sale at St. Paul's, from left, are Sue Siperko, Dianna Smith and Lois Gdovin.

Jack Walsh, left, and Russell Yekel enjoyed a chance meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Naomi Brubaker picked up a few items at the Rummage Sale. Sitting at the check-out table are Chris Bellezza, left, and Geri Williams.

Gate of Heaven Parish plans meatloaf dinner

Gate of Heaven Parish is having a delicious meatloaf dinner on Saturday, November 3. The price is $10.00 and includes meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, homemade applesauce, dinner rolls and pie for dessert. Eat in time is 5pm to 7pm. Take outs available from 4-7pm. Handicapped seating available in the vestibule. Tickets are pre-sold only. We have 30 beautiful baskets to be raffled off that day also. 10 chances/ $5.00 and a 50/50. Call 570-675-2121, Monday to Friday 8am to 3pm or purchase your tickets during weekend masses.

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Boback to Hold Annual Veterans Appreciation Event and Expo

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming), in conjunction with Misericordia University, will hold her 12th-annual Veterans Expo and Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 3. The expo will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. in Misericordia University's Insalaco Hall. A Veterans Recognition Breakfast, open to any 117th District resident who served in our nation's Armed Forces, will begin at 9 a.m. Both non-combat veterans and those who served during wartime are encouraged to attend this event, which is being held in conjunction with Metz Culinary Management.

The expo, which takes place between 9 a.m. and noon, will include a variety of federal, state and local veterans service agencies that will answer individual questions. The expo and program are open to all residents of the 117th Legislative District. "My veterans event has evolved over the past eleven years from a formal celebration to a breakfast, ceremony and expo," Boback said. "The event is a response to the needs and requests made by our veterans, and I am proud to sponsor it along with Metz Culinary Management and Misericordia University." Above Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming) is pictured with her Veterans Advisory Committee. Seated (from left) are John Headley; Art Peoples, Dallas Rotary; Sam Greenberg, Jewish War Veterans; Sandy Peoples, Dallas Rotary; and Darlene Headley.

Standing in the second row (from left) are John Emil Sr., Dallas American Legion; Sharon Austin, Harvey's Lake American Legion; Liam Lewis, Dallas American Legion; Misericordia University President Thomas J. Botzman; Boback; Misericordia trustee and Metz Culinary Management Executive Chairman John Metz Sr.; Mary Metz; and Charles Fleming, Dallas America Legion.

Standing in the third row (from left) are Ned Podehl, Dallas American Legion; Max Benjamin, Northeastern PA Veterans Multi-Care Alliance; Misericordia's Director of Admissions Glenn Bozinski; Misericordia's Project Manager Peter Caulkins from Boy Scout Troop 281, Dallas; Scott B. Schuster; and George Tucker, Dallas American Legion.

Sunday, November 11
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Rep. Boback hosts top Emergency Response officials at seminar

State Representative Karen Boback (Lackawanna/ Luzerne/Wyoming) recently hosted a seminar featuring key State Emergency Response Officials. The event was held at the Back Mountain Regional E.M.A. Building in Lehman Township and was attended by emergency responders from throughout her district. Pictured here are, from left: Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Research Committee Analyst Sean Harris, Acting State Fire Commissioner Bruce Trego, Rep. Karen Boback, Pennsylvania EMS Director Dylan Ferguson and Fred Croop, Professor of Business & Accounting at Misericordia University. Several topics were addressed at the seminar including grant writing, mandated training hours and instances of theft of association funds.

Clothes Closet to Re-Open

Clothes Closet is now open on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. The clothes closet is located at The River of Life Fellowship Ministries, 22 Outlet Road, Lehman. For details call 570-675-8109.

Men's Breakfast Group meets weekly

The Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group meets at the Irem Country Club for their weekly breakfast meetings at 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays. All men are welcome to join the group.

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.

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Back Mountain Chamber Federal Reserve Breakfast held in October

The Back Mountain Chamber held its annual Economic Summit Federal Reserve Breakfast on Friday, October 5th, at Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Hayfield House. Ryotaro Tashiro, from the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, gave a presentation on current national and regional economic data. Ryo is an economic and public research associate in the Research Department. He is responsible for conducting research on current regional economic issues in the Federal Reserve's Third District and informing external audiences on national and regional conditions, monetary policy, and a role of the Federal Reserve in the economy. The event provided an opportunity for those present to network and learn of national, state, and regional economic trends.

Back Mountain Chamber provides a formal structure that brings organizations, educational facilities, and government together to accomplish our purpose to create a strong, thriving, growing business environment that supports community, culture, and commerce. For more information, contact the Back Mountain Chamber at 570-606-7672 or email at bmcbussdev@gmail.com Visit us online at www.backmountainchamber.org. Shown in photo above are: Lynn Banta, BMC Economic Development Council, Dr. Dale Jones, Chancellor/CAO Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Ryotaro Tashiro, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Atty. Tom Mosca, BMC President, and Bill Leandri, BMC Executive Director.

Alzheimer Candlelight Vigil at Meadows planned

The community is invited to attend an Alzheimer's Interfaith Candlelight Vigil presented by the Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 pm at the center located at 4 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas. An ecumenical service will be held with clergy and music, followed by an outdoor lighting ceremony. The evening will conclude with light refreshments. For additional information please call (570) 675-8600 ext. 195.

The Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am 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. Shown in photo above seated from left are: Lois Reese, Vigil co-chair; Maryan Daily, Alzheimer's Support Group founder & facilitator and Carol Yezilski, Vigil co-chair. Standing behind from left are: Dan Hudzik, Sr.; Carol Ruzicki; Donna Snider; Jane Maneval; Molly Columbus; Janice Horn; Dan Hudzik, Jr.; Kay Fairley; Betsy Stankus; Beth Bradley Gleim and Ralph Salafrio.

Free Movie Night Planned

The Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, 1011 Mountain View Dr, Lehman, will hold a FREE Movie night on Friday, November 2, at 6:30 pm.

The movie will be "I Can Only Imagine", starring Dennis Quaid and Trace Adkins. You know the song, the story you don't. This movie is both Beautiful and Emotionally Powerful. The Movie is rated PG. Don't miss this FREE event!! Popcorn available, No reservations necessary.

For any question call 570-675-1216. Come an join us for a Free evening!

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Amore' - Bridal Buzz

As the wedding season comes to a predictable winding down, I want to say that it has been another great year at Bridal Trinkets. This year we sold more headpieces and veils than ever before. I attribute this to the fact that I can design exactly what a bride is looking for. All she needs to do is show me the picture of her dress on her phone. The next step is to discuss her hairstyle. That determines whether a side comb, headband or several small stick pins will give her that perfect look.

When purchasing a veil, the analysis goes like this: If the dress has a lot of beads and crystals, the veil should only have a little trace of beading on the edge. If the dress is elegant and simple and has very minimal or no beading, the veil should have some sparkle on the edge and throughout. The focal point is always the bridal gown, and not the veil. Once the bride purchases her headpiece and veil, the next step is to create the jewelry. If the gown has a high neckline, dangle earrings and a cuff bracelet are the perfect look. For off -the–shoulder and sweetheart necklines, a dainty necklace with a dangle and a medium size dangle earring look best. I want to thank my customers for the referrals that I receive because of them. I so appreciate all of you.

I am very busy creating holiday designs for the upcoming show at the Penn State Lehman campus on Sunday, November 4th. You can find us in CLA4. I made Swarovski Christmas tree earrings that are unique and would make a perfect holiday gift. I am also bringing a huge assortment of pearl necklaces that would please anyone on your list. Why not treat yourself to one? Prices start at just $5.00. They are very classic and high end looking. Mention this article and I will give you a discount coupon that you can use at my store Bridal Trinkets in Shavertown. Since the Penn State show is for handmade items only I cannot sell my beautiful scarves that I have in my store. Please make it a point to visit my store, as I have so much merchandise that is unique. If you are not sure what to purchase I have gift certificates you can buy.

Stay tuned for information about the many changes ahead for next year. Until next month, ciao. Keep smiling and spreading good vibes. Mary

'Hot Jazz for the Holidays' at Misericordia University

Trombonist, singer and renowned bandleader Emily Asher of New York City is bringing her Garden Party band to Misericordia University for a return engagement on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall for the seasonal concert, "Hot Jazz for the Holidays."

Tickets for the "Hot Jazz for the Holidays" concert are $15 for premium seating and $10 for general admission. Misericordia University students, faculty and staff are free with a university ID. To purchase or reserve tickets, please call the Misericordia University Box Office at (570) 674-6719 or log on to Misericordia.edu/gardenparty. Doors for the concert open at 6:30 p.m.

Kingston Township Winter Parking Ordinance

Kingston Township's winter parking Ordinance will be in effect beginning Nov. 1 until March 31. Parking is prohibited on Township streets between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am daily. Also stated in the Ordinance is that parking is prohibited on Township streets during snow storms and for eight (8) hours after the end of a snow storm.

News from the Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library lists the following upcoming events: The Chair Yoga class has proven so popular that instructor Lisa Galico will offer a second class. This session will meet Fridays from 1 PM to 2 PM. This class is suitable for beginners, and aims to improve participants' range of motion and balance. Call the Library to sign up.

The Library is selling fresh Christmas wreaths this season. They measure a generous 24" and are decorated with a huge, festive red bow and Christmas picks. Each wreath costs $26.00 and will be freshly made by Rogers' Nursery the week of pickup. Hurry in soon as orders are due by November 9. Wreaths may be picked up at the Library on November 24, 26, and 27.

And speaking of the holidays, be sure to stop in for the annual Christmas Extravaganza sale, which kicks off Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17. Gift items, decorations, wreaths, vintage collectibles, Nativity sets, holiday dinnerware, and much more will be available. The sale continues through December, and all proceeds benefit the Library.

The Children's Room is holding their "Fall into STEM" Expo on Saturday, November 17 from 10 AM to Noon. Attendees can explore various aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics using hands-on learning stations. This event is suitable for school-age children. Please call to register.

News and Notices: Amnesty Week will be observed November 12 through 17. Fines will be waived on any overdue items returned during that week. Please note that this does not cover previous fines, or fees on lost and damaged items. The Library will be closed Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving Day.

Reader Recommended: Patrons and staff are enthusiastic about these titles."Field of Bones" by J. A. Jance received high praise from a patron, who confided that she "couldn't stop reading it". Several interesting biographies have lately come in, including "Jell-O Girls", the story of the family behind the famous salad ingredient. Royal-Watchers will enjoy "99 Glimpses of Princess Margaret" for its insights into the younger sister of the Queen of England.

For more information, contact the Library at 570-675-1182, and find so much more online at: www.backmountainlibrary.org.

Dallas Middle School held a "Pink Out Day" for breast cancer awareness

Recently, the Dallas Middle School held a "Pink Out Day" for breast cancer awareness. Students and staff wore various shades of pink; however, for many of the students, pink is more than just a color. It represents a sign of hope and a battle cancer patients have to fight. Dallas Middle School Student Council decided to raise money to support Candy's Place.

Candy's Place is a non-profit organization that provides support and services for all cancer patients and their loved ones in a loving and safe environment. Because of all the support and care they give, DMS Student Council decided to raise money for this great organization.

Shown in photo above are: Dallas Middle School Student Council officers. First row, kneeling: Logan Tomkins. Second row from left are: Megan Ostrowski, Jordan Thomas, Reagan Halback, and Sadie Grochal. Standing behind from left are: Jordan Kelley, Isaiah Stull, Floyd Sutton, Selina Chen, Brian Nguyen, and Dominic Nelson.

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Fall Craft Show held at the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dallas held its Fall Craft Fair on October 17. Many vendors were on hand selling their holiday crafts. There was also a bake sale sponsored by the Auxiliary. Lunch items including chicken noodle soup, cream of broccoli soup, pierogis and hot dogs were also available for purchase. The Auxiliary uses all funds to assist with the various programs they provide for residents of The Meadows.

Doris Mingus, left, ordered some soup from volunteers Rose Ann and John Bauer at the Meadows Craft Fair.

Meadows' volunteer Susan Worth is all smiles as she prepares to take home some cream of broccoli soup and other goodies for her grandchildren.

Marlene Matosky, left, and Meadows' dietician Rebecca Sims checked out the various items available from the Avon Lady Traci Concert.

Photo right: Dena Gregory, right, and longtime Meadows' volunteer Maryan Daily attended the Craft Fair to show their support for the efforts of the Auxiliary.

2018 Lake-Lehman Marching Knights

Above in photo are seniors from left: Cierra Snyder, Evan Judge, and Carly Trapani. Front: Madison Budzak.

The Lake-Lehman Band would like to introduce the 2018 Marching Knights. The Marching Knights include four seniors: Madison Budzak, Color Guard, Evan Judge, Tenor Drums, Cierra Snyder, Alto Saxophone and Carly Trapani, Trumpet. The Marching Knights will be competing in the Tournament of Bands (TOB) this season. They will be performing this year's production, entitled "The Joys of Spring". The Lake Lehman Marching band is under the direction of Ms. Cheryl Kulikowski and Color Guard Design, Mr. Brian Marsh.

Shown in photo above, from left are: Mattie Round, Hunter Orlofski, Kayla Gliddon, John Kaplanski, Emily Spencer, Mark Kucewicz, Justin Doran, Miranda Olexy. Second row: Meagan Judge, Jaina Neyhard. Third row: Madison Chulick, Sara DeRosa, Katie Parsons, Richard Cronin, Cierra Snyder, Jacob Olson, Seth Mieczkowski, Brynn Tereska. Fourth row: Jessica McMahon, Amanda McGurk, Carly Trapani, Jared McLaughlin, Jacob Stillarty.
Last row: Jules Quare, Evan Judge, Madison Budzak, Emma Simon, Sierra Vogan, Lanie Weaver, Gennifer Symons, Allysa Shalata, Nathan Stanski. Missing from photo: Gary Mitchell and Jacklyn Watkins.

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Be Thankful and Give Back

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

We all know that it's important to be thankful for the things in life (family, friends, health, memories, etc.), but – especially with the holidays right around the corner – how often do we feel satisfied from just what we have now? Do we ever get enough out of life to the point where we feel truly content? Some people are constantly (sometimes blindly) wanting more when it may ultimately be better for these people to give rather than to receive.

Now I'm not saying you shouldn't work harder and/or smarter for what you really want in life (it's important to have a purpose to get out of bed in the morning; accomplishments – no matter the size – are important), but – if it's material possessions that you're into – you're probably going to live a shorter life than those who value people over things. I know – hard to believe a financial advisor (remember: I am a fiduciary) would tell you such crazy things!

Here's the point: instead of worrying if you have enough, think about people who don't have enough and find a way to help do something that'll bring a smile to a needy person's face. After all the disasters we've just recently seen (hurricanes, floods, etc.), it should make you think about how lucky you are to have the important people in your life. It should also make you stop and reflect on what you can do to help your fellow human being(s). After all, we'd sure want someone to be kind to us if we were in desperate need of help.

If you're doing alright for yourself, treat others as you'd like to be treated. Decide to give your time, valuables, money, etc., to those in need. If you didn't think it was important to do in the past, that's okay…decide to turn over a new leaf this holiday season. Volunteer, donate, help make someone's day brighter (you might even get a break on your annual income tax return for being charitable, depending on if you go over the new standard deduction limits for 2018) – chances are that person you helped will be sincerely appreciative and thank you. Is there truly any better feeling than that? You're welcome!

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Dallas Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament benefits the Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Dallas Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Back Mountain Memorial Library was held on Wednesday, October 17th at the Irem Country Club. The golfers braved the rain, cold and winds and then retreated to the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estate for a buffet dinner and the awards presentation. Martha Butler, Library Director spoke to the guests and gave a big "thank you" to the Lions for their support in purchasing audio and large-print books for the blind and also for the sign which they donated earlier this summer. She also mentioned that the library now has some braille books and plans to obtain more shortly. Pictured above, from the left are: Lions Joe Czarnecki and Frank Rollman, Karen Shuster, Library Board Vice President, Martha Butler, Paul Kutney, Lion President presenting a $500 check to the library, Lions Don Berlew and Joe Kester. The Lions have a dinner meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Fishtails (Lakeside Skillet) at Harvey's Lake. New members are always welcome and if anyone is interested they can contact any member of the club or the membership chairman, Joe Kester at 570-287-4823.

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Fresh goods and produce available during upcoming cooler months

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

Several vendors from the Back Mountain Library Farmers Market will continue to have their fresh goods and produce available as we head into the cooler weather.

"People can order ahead of time and we will have one central pick-up place available from 10 am to noon on Saturdays," said Vince Landers of Beta Breads. "We have an email list of customers so we will provide all of the information that way."

Beta Breads of Clarks Summit makes delicious hearth-baked specialty breads, scones and cookies among other items. Beta Breads has a Facebook page or you can call 570-586-3354 or email BetaBreadBakery@gmail.com.

Amy Butler of Stone Hollow Farms is one of the local farmers who participates in the summer Farmers Market. She will have fresh produce like potatoes, sweet potatoes, winter squash, beets, onions and some fresh greens available for order. She can be reached at 570-690-4762 or by emailing amy.stonehallowfarms@gmail.com.

Items from Fermented Delights and More will also be available for preorders that can be picked up on Saturdays. For more information contact Tammy at tammy.brill@gmail.com.

Vince Landers of Beta Breads helps customers Clare Dominik, right, and Margaret Susko with their purchases at one of the end of season Back Mountain Library Farmers Market days. You can still order from Beta Breads for weekly pick-up.

Amy Butler of Stone Hollow Farms will have root vegetables and fresh greens available for Saturday pick-up throughout the fall.

Taylor Sitkowski from Dymonds Farm Market waited on Jennifer Roginski as she checked out a variety of apples.

Tammy Brill of Fermented Delights will offer apple kraut, kimchi, and apple cider ginger water kefir among other specialty items for preorder.

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2018 Lake-Lehman Homecoming Court

Mr. Douglas Klopp - Principal of the Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School has released the Homecoming Court for the 2018/2019 school year. Above from left are, top row: Jacob Prest, Dylan Derhammer, CJ Cercone, Donald Thompson, Ian Evans, and Elmer Souder. Front from left are: Corinna Scoblick, Bailey Aumick, Rebecca Bonomo, Stephanie Chaga, Paige Eiswerth, and Brianna Lee.

Newberry Ladies Golf League held closing luncheon

On Monday, September 24, 2018, the Newberry Ladies Golf League held this season's closing luncheon at the Appletree Tree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas. In attendance were seated: Ruth Federici, Peg Serafin, Joanne Bittner (President Elect 2018-2019), Shelia McFadden, Mary Siegel, and Jean Brennan. Standing, Marsha Paczewski (2nd Flight Gross Champion), Sharron Koski, Judy Schall, Janet Dent (Gross Champion and Play of the Day winner), Joanne Campbell, Jane Intelicato, Marie Kruska (2nd Flight Net Champion), Pat Peiffer, Jane Lloyd, Connie Setkoski (1st Flight Net Champion), Mary Lou Evans (1st Flight Gross Champion and Most Birdies winner), Donna Fontanella, Karen Masley, Peg Thomas, Joyce Lloyd. Absent from photo: Cappy Innes, (Net Champion) and Libby Sutton, President 2017-2018. New members are welcome.

Misericordia students offering free assistance for enrolling in Health Insurance Marketplace

The Misericordia University Health Care Management Program and student-run Health Care Management Association are providing information and assistance on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for people who need help navigating the Health Insurance Marketplace for 2019. Registration for the free session is in the lobby of the Insalaco Center for Career Development in McAuley Hall. Open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace begins Nov. 1 and runs through Dec. 15 for anyone who needs to enroll, re-enroll or change their insurance plan through the Affordable Care Act. Medical coverage can begin as Jan. 1, 2019 by signing up for insurance.

"Students in our Health Care Management Association will be spearheading this service-learning project," said Ronald V. Petrilla, Ph.D., assistant professor of business at Misericordia University. "By volunteering, our students gain hands-on experience in their field of study and also provide a vital service to members in our local community who rely on the Affordable Care Act to receive health insurance."

For more information about the free community education event at Misericordia University, please call Dr. Petrilla at (570) 674-1764.

Fern Wood Manor in Sweet Valley entertained residents in the spirit of Halloween

When Halloween was creeping around the corner, nothing was more enjoyable to the residents than a little magic treat to get everyone in the spirit of Halloween! Residents at Fern Wood Manor were treated to a magical performance by Mood Magic. Flying tables, magical rings, and amazing card tricks were enjoyed by everyone. Afterwards the residents were treated to hot cocoa and donuts.

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Free Thanksgiving Dinner Planned

Shavertown United Methodist Church, located at 163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown will host a free Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Serving is at 12 noon. The dinner includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables and other traditional trimmings as well as dessert. Reservations are required by November 18 by calling the church office at 570-675-3616.

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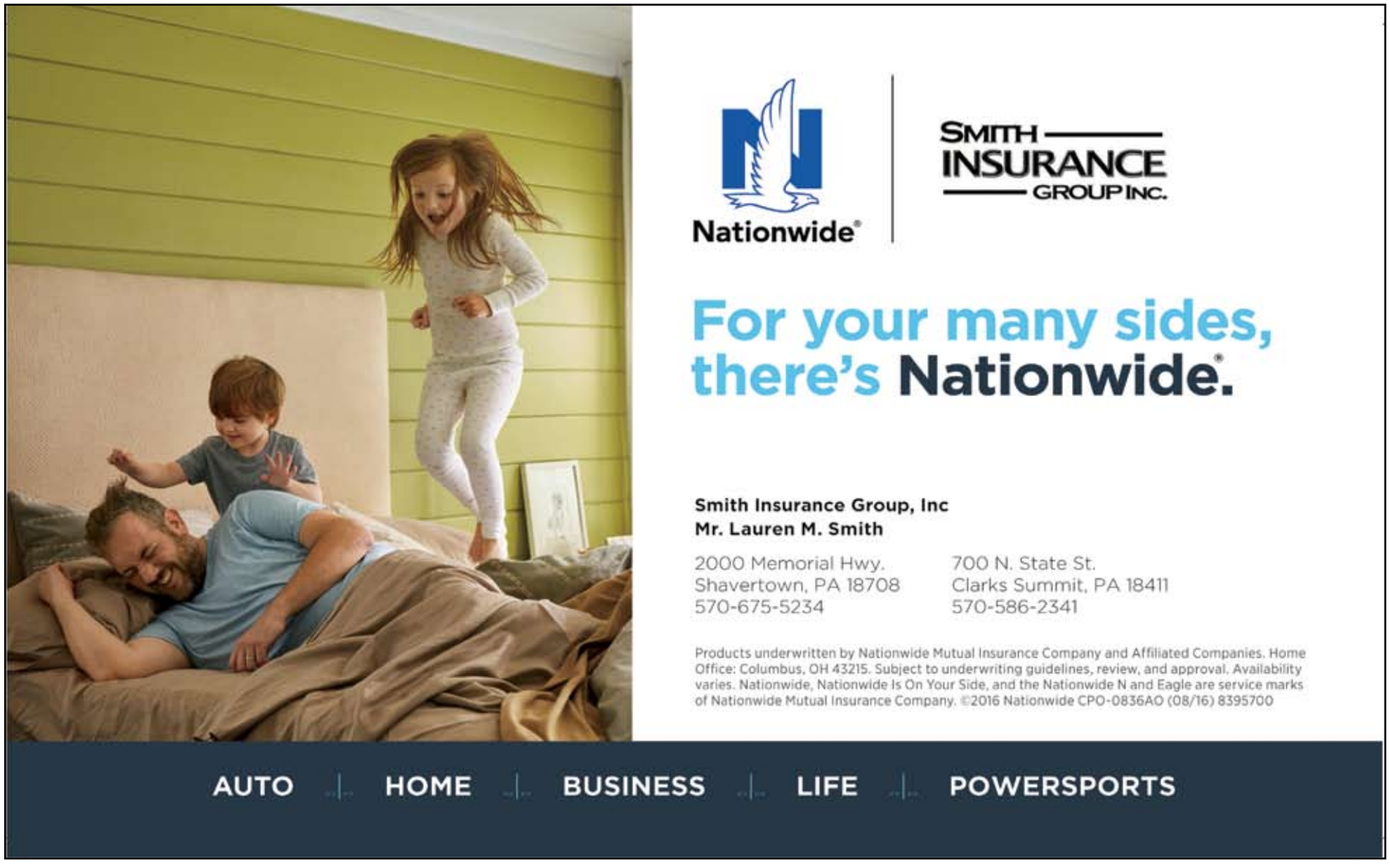
Little Red Riding Hood, a children's musical, on stage at Dallas High School

Little Red Riding Hood usually has to deal with just the Big Bad Wolf disguising himself as Grandma. In The Marvelous Misadventures of Little Red Riding Hood, the children's musical being prepared by the Dallas High School Theater Club, Red encounters Jack (of beanstalk fame) played by Davy Janoski, and his Mother (Nichole Conrad), a Wicked Witch (Francesca Augustine), the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland (Ethan Dyrli), Hansel and Gretel (John Toussaint, Carly Kavanagh), the Three Pigs (Emily Crahall, Lauren Palfey, Jacob Smith), the Three Bears (Connor Kavanagh, Matt Oley, Hannah Wolfe), Little Miss Muffet (Lydia Wrubel), Pinocchio (Jacinda Rose), Little Bo Peep (Lorissa Klinger), a messenger (Jesse Koserowski), and some local townspeople (Gina Kerrick, Sydney Tellis, Jacob Thomas). As she tries to find her way to Grandma's house there are many songs, dances and adventures along the way with a surprise ending for the Big Bad Wolf.

The production is directed by choral instructor Ms. Cassie Palfey and Mr. Harry B. McKeown. Student stage manager is Trent Szczeecinski. Join in the fun at Dallas High School Performing Arts Center either November 16th or 17th at 7:00 pm or November 18th at 2:00 pm. Tickets are $5.00 each and will be available at the door.



The Lutheran Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church plans last Roast Beef Supper for this year

The Lutheran Brotherhood of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Rd., Dallas off Rt 118 near the 415 intersection, is holding its last Roast Beef Supper of the year on Saturday, November 3rd.

Served family style, the supper includes succulent roast beef, mashed potatoes and home made gravy, green beans, glazed carrots, fresh rolls and home made deserts. Adults $11, children under 12 only $5. Dinner seating from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Takeouts begin at 3:30. Tickets are available at the door. Pictured in photo, from left are, front row: Joe Hardisky, Bill Smith, Joel Eneboe, and Brad Ide. Back row: John Fetterman, Ed Fritzinger, Jeff Wilt, Bill Peiffer, and Bill Eimers.

Madame Alexander dolls on display, for sale at the Back Mountain Library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will be displaying a collection of Madame Alexander dolls that will be for sale during the month of November. This will include different dolls from various collections such as the First Lady collection. Each doll will be for sale at $20 apiece. Also for display will be a few collectible Hummel Goebel porcelain figurines.

These include Barnyard Hero, Boy Singing with Score, and Girl with Doll among others and will also be for sale. All are welcome to view the collection in the library display case during the month of November.

Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors Annual Fall and Holiday Craft Show

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors Annual Fall and Holiday Craft Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17th at the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School. Just in time for celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas, up to 100 crafters will be on site offering holiday gift items and home decor.

A wide variety of vendors will sell wreaths, wood crafts, hand crafted beaded & silver jewelry, candles, soaps and lotions, candy and fudge, doll clothes, quilted and crocheted pieces, pet related gift items, purses, photography, pottery, holiday ceramics, apparel/sewn items, cupcakes, folk art, hand painted items and more! Our Cafeteria will be open to serve you all day with delicious lunch items and homemade baked goods. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School Band Programs. All ages are welcome. There will be a kids coloring contest and a door prize contest this year. The Lake-Lehman Band Craft Show supports all of the band students and programs at Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School.

Shown in photo above are: Senior Members of the 2018 Marching Knights. From left to right: Madison Budzak, Cierra Snyder, Evan Judge and Carly Trapani.

Dallas Kiwanis Club readies for the annual Back Mountain Halloween Event

Dallas Kiwanis Club members gathered recently, finalized preparations, and filled goodie bags for its indoor annual Halloween Parade and Party for children. The event was held on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at the Back Mountain Regional Fire & EMS Station 121 - Dallas Township Fire Hall - Dallas, PA. Members were assisted by students from High School Key Clubs in Dallas and Lake-Lehman School Districts. For over 60 years, Dallas Kiwanis Club hosted this annual Halloween event for area youths.

Dallas Kiwanis Members shown above from left are: front row: Mildred Dobash, Beverly Atherholt, James Snyder, and Shirley Moyer. Standing behind are: Ted Dymond, Bernard Banks, Harold Stout, Glenn Patrick, Charles Kishbaugh, Ted Shone, Abigail Call Patrick, Cathy Beretski, and Elizabeth Martin.

Dallas High School Key Club Members left to right: Alex McKnee, Mackenzie Langan, Maura Berecin, Sabrina Barlow, Riley Wren, and Amelia Bendick.

Lake-Lehman High School Key Club Members left to right: Alyssya Raczkowski, Alexa Karlowicz, Lili Raczkowski, Lily Wood, Kailea Adkins, and Ceaira Smith.

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Geisinger Health Clinic in Dallas recently hosted a Touch a Truck treat event

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

The Geisinger Health Clinic on Lt. Michael J. Cleary Drive in Dallas hosted a Touch a Truck Treat event on October 20. Many area children dressed in their Halloween costumes attended the event and enjoyed face painting, music donated by DJ Donnie Evans and lots of candy. They were invited to get up close to some great big vehicles, too.

"We just want to be familiar and not scary to the kids in case they ever need us," said Nick Torzilli, a volunteer with the Back Mountain Regional Fire Department. "We are giving out candy and fire helmets and letting them check out our uniforms and equipment today."

Also parked at the event were a PA State Trooper car, a fancy tractor, an ambulance and one of the Dallas Police Department vehicles. In addition, the children could tour a school bus provided by Legg Bus Co. and pick up some candy inside.

"We decided to hold a community event that would also benefit a charity that is important to us," said Tresha Vehoski, who along with Desiree Evans organized the event. "The vendors are donating a portion of their earnings and we also have a basket raffle and a 50-50 drawing. All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association."

All dressed up for the Geisinger Dallas Halloween event from left are: Audrey Hornick, Isabella Hornick, Aydan Hornick, Easton Reed, Finley Reed and Kurtis Reed.

Employees and volunteers of Geisinger Dallas helping at the event included, from left, Wanda Kowalski, Maureen Legg, Yvonne Bohlander, Nikki Howell, Desiree Evans and Linda Smith.

Benjamin O'Gorman, right, thought he should offer candy to volunteer firefighter Nick Torzilli during the Touch a Truck party event.

Pictured in front of a Legg school bus on site for the Touch a Truck party in Dallas, from left, are Jessica Van Orden, Lindsay Schwartztrauber, Jordan Schwartztrauber holding Rory Vehoski, Dionne Stone, Daltyn Vehoski, Blake Vehoski and Delos Stone.

Susan and Caitlyn Albertson, Trucksville, attended the Touch a Truck Trunk party.

Rebecca O'Gorman of Lake Silkworth brought her son Benjamin to the event.

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Thanksgiving week tradition on Main Street in Dallas, student art exhibit at Sue Hand's Imagery

A Thanksgiving week tradition on Main Street in Dallas for the past 42 years has been the student art exhibit at Sue Hand's Imagery. This year the tradition continues for the 43rd year from November 19-24 when Imagery students of all ages display their art for the public to view.

Artworks on display include impressionistic and realistic works in all fine art drawing and painting media. Landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits and figures, animals and floral compositions will be exhibited. Students ages range from 6 to nearly 90. Award winning artist and teacher Sue Hand will be present during the exhibit to welcome visitors and answer questions about the artwork. She invites visitors to watch while she draws and paints on her own current projects. Besides Hand, Imagery instructors also include Lora Womer, Michael Hiscox, Nicole Jacobs and Alexis Lanza.

The public is invited to view the exhibit at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main Street, Dallas, during Thanksgiving Week. Hours are Monday, November 19, noon – 9:00 pm; Tuesday, November 20 noon– 9:00; Wednesday, November 21 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; Friday November 23 9:00 am – 4:00 pm and Saturday, November 24 from 9:00 – 4:00. The exhibit will be closed Thanksgiving Day. For more information, call 570-675-5094.

Dallas Rotary Club hosts District Governor's visit

On Thursday, September 27, the Rotary Club of Dallas hosted a visit from District 7410 Governor Roger Mattes. His heartfelt message and stated goals were well received by the large number of Rotarians in attendance. Shown in photo above from left are: Dallas Rotary Treasurer Jerry Reisch, District 7410 Governor Roger Mattes, Dallas Rotary President Kimberlie Reynolds, Dallas Rotary President Elect John Doerfler, District 7410 Assistant Governor John John, Dallas Rotary Vice President Paul Saxon.

Boback Announces November Outreach Hours

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming) today announced her outreach events for November. Representatives from several different organizations will offer assistance at her district offices throughout the month. Please note these events are weather permitting.

"My staff and I are here to help with state-related issues," said Boback. "I offer these monthly outreach hours to ensure residents of the 117th District can access many of the great opportunities for veterans assistance, help with federal issues, information about starting a small business, and more."

On Wednesday, November 7, the American Legion will hold office hours at the Tunkhannock district office, located at 133 W. Tioga St., Suite 4, in Tunkhannock from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A claims consultant from the American Legion will provide the assistance. Area veterans may seek assistance and information pertaining to specific benefits and programs. Additional meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month. Call the Tunkhannock district office to make an appointment at 570-836-4777.

On Tuesday, November 13, Veterans outreach hours will be offered at the Dallas district office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A claims consultant from the Wilkes-Barre Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will be on hand to address questions and concerns of local veterans and their families.

The Mobile Vet Center will be in the Ace Hardware-Brady and Cavany Store parking lot in Eaton Township on Monday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some of the services available for veterans and their dependents include individual, group, family and bereavement counseling; medical referrals; assistance in applying for Veterans Affairs benefits; employment counseling; guidance and referrals; and alcohol and drug assessments.

On Nov. 20, a representative from the Center for Independent Living will be available for appointments at the Tunkhannock district office. Please call the Tunkhannock office at 570-836-4777 to make an appointment.

A representative from the University of Scranton Small Business Development Center will be at the Tunkhannock district office on Wednesday, November 28, from 10 a.m. to noon. The University of Scranton Small Business Development Center provides educational programs and no-cost, confidential consulting services to entrepreneurs looking to start or grow a small business. For more legislative information, visit Boback's website at RepBoback.com.

Dallas Rotary gives life saving devices to local law enforcement

At a recent meeting of the Dallas Rotary Club, Police Chiefs and Sergeants from six Back Mountain communities were recognized and accepted a total of 88 wound tourniquets, which everyone hopes they will never have to use. Chief Douglas Higgins from the Dallas Township Police Department was the spokesperson for the group and thanked the Rotary for their support of law enforcement in the Back Mountain. Dallas Rotary Past President and program chairperson Art Peoples and current President Kimberlie Reynolds presented the tourniquets to the Chiefs and Sergeants from each department.

Seated above from left are: Sgt. Martin Maransky, Kingston Township; Chief James Drury, Dallas Borough; Chief James Balavage, Jackson Township; Sgt. Mark Liparela, Lehman Township. Standing behind from left: Past President and program chairperson Art Peoples; Chief Howard Kocher, Lehman Township; Chief Douglas Higgins, Dallas Township; Dallas Rotary President Kimberlie Reynolds.

Pauly Friedman Art Gallery to host forensic artist for portrait exhibition symposium

Fans of television crime dramas will learn about how the science of the human body and art overlap when forensic artist Jenny Kenyon presents a talk at the "Contemplating Character" Exhibition Symposium at Misericordia University on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 5-6 p.m. in the Catherine Evans McGowan Room of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library.

The symposium is being held by the Pauly Friedman Art Gallery in conjunction with the exhibit, "Contemplating Character: Portrait Drawings & Oil Sketches from Jacques Louis David to Lucien Freud." The exhibit is on display in the gallery through Dec. 2. In her talk, "Seeing the Human Face," Kenyon will guide participants through the scientific and artistic aspects of portraiture based on her experience as a facial reconstruction artist. An informal reception will follow the talk.

Misericordia University students will present original research on select portraits from the "Contemplating Character" exhibition from 3-5 p.m. The exhibition, curated and collected by Robert Flynn Johnson of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, California, examines identity and personality in European and American portraiture dating from the 18th century to the present. Both segments of the symposium are free and open to the public.

"Fans of police procedural shows will appreciate the science and psychology aspects of Jenny's talk, and those who enjoy classical art traditions will see how past and current artists have had to understand the science of the human body to give their artwork lifelike features," said Lalaine Little, director, Pauly Friedman Art Gallery. "We have students who are researching portraits in the 'Contemplating Character' exhibit from the perspectives of health, socioeconomics and literature to see how those characteristics affect the appearance of a person. It is all very fascinating."

For more information about the Pauly Friedman Art Gallery at Misericordia University, please call (570) 674-8250 or visit www.misericordia.edu/art.

"Opioid Update" recently held at Misericordia University

State Representative Karen Boback, in conjunction with Misericordia University, recently hosted "Opioid Update" featuring PA Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine. Numerous health and drug addiction recovery agencies attended, along with staff and faculty members of the University. Shown in photo, from left are: Dr. Leamor Kahanov, Dean of the College of Health Sciences & Education at Misericordia University; Boback's Tunkhannock district office manager Carol Warholak Sweeney, Misericordia University President Dr. Thomas Botzman, PA Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine, Rep. Boback and Dr. Heidi L.K. Manning, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Misericordia University.

Spaghetti Dinner recently held to benefit injured Kunkle firefighter

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

There was a great turnout for the Spaghetti Dinner to benefit injured Kunkle firefighter Ed Nulton on October 21. The dinner was held at the Kunkle Social Hall and also featured a basket raffle.

"We have 61 donated items for the raffle," said Betsy Phillips. "We just put out the word that we were having a raffle and all of these things came to us. We didn't have to ask anyone." Items in the raffle ranged from a television and holiday wreaths to gift cards and baskets full of lottery tickets.

Ed Nulton was a volunteer at the scene of an accident when he was struck by a truck on September 21. He is still hospitalized. Donations to help with the expense of his recovery can be submitted to the Kunkle Fire Company, Firemen's Benefit Fund c/o Ed Nulton, Community Bank NA, 6453 State Route 309, Monroe Township, PA 18657-7708.

Kunkle Fire Department volunteers, from left, Nancy Higgins, Sally Dodson and Harry Sweppenheiser manned the check-in desk at the benefit dinner for Ed Nulton.

Working at the benefit dinner for Kunkle firefighter Ed Nulton, from left, are Jack Dodson, Chris Davis, Jim Barna and Pam Haddle.

Helping out at the dessert table at the Spaghetti Dinner held at the Kunkle Social Hall, from left, are: Betsy Phillips, Ron Redmond, Dodie Coolbaugh and Katie Higgins.

Pictured above are the grandchildren of injured firefighter Ed Nulton. From left are: Heidi Knoss, Tucker Kile, Olivia Knoss and Breanna Kile.

Photo right: Karen Wagner, left, and Kristen Lewis are all ready to enjoy their spaghetti dinner at the Kunkle Social Hall.

Many local individuals and businesses made donations to be raffled at the benefit. Pictured from left are: volunteers Betsy Phillip, Karen Traver and Judy Long.

Congratulations 2018 PMEA Freshman Honor Band students from Lake-Lehman High School

Congratulations to the 2018 PMEA Freshman Honor Band students from Lake-Lehman High School. George "Tanner" Manzoni, Adam Walp, Megan Hogan, Joselyn Contardi, Emily Spencer, Seth Mieczkowski and Kaitlyn Parsons were all selected to perform at the District 9 Ninth Grade Honors Band Festival on October 17th, 2018. The Lake Lehman Band is under the direction of Ms. Cheryl Kulikowski.

From left to right George "Tanner" Manzoni, Adam Walp, Megan Hogan, Joselyn Contardi, Emily Spencer, Seth Mieczkowski, and Kaitlyn Parsons.

All you can eat breakfast planned

The Kunkle Fire Company will be hosting its monthly All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, November 11th, from 8 AM to Noon at the Kunkle Social Hall, 815 Kunkle Road, Dallas, PA. Adults $10; Children 10 & under $5. Tickets are available at the door. For additional information, please visit our website at Kunklefire.com.

Hanson Amusement Park documentary planned, seeking videos and photos

Novo Digital Media is producing a documentary about Hanson's Amusement Park. Hanson's Amusement Park was an important part of the Harvey's Lake, the Back Mountain and Northeast Pennsylvania. Novo Digital Media is looking for Videos and Photos to ensure the preservation of this important part of many generations of families and childhood memories.

Those who submit material will receive a free video of the finished project. Novo Digital Media will restore and digitize your material and also provide you with a DVD of your raw footage.

Novo Digital can pick up the materials or they can be mailed to: Hanson's Documentary, C/O Novo Digital Media, PO BOX 63, Harleigh, PA 18225 hansonsdocumentary@novodigitalmedia.com. Call 570-454-3477 or private message on facebook to "tomnovo".

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Family Care Pantry is anticipated to open in February

A Family Care Pantry is anticipated to open in February 2019 at Shavertown United Methodist Church. The Family Care Pantry will provide personal care and household cleaning products to qualified families in the Back Mountain Communnity. A portion of donations received from the Living Nativity, November 30 to December 2, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds will be used to fund this ministry. Donations of the following items will also be welcomed throughout the year: toilet paper, paper towels, dishwashing soap, all purpose cleaners, garbage bags, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, soap, shampoo, deodorant, feminine products, toothpaste. Hours of operations for the Family Care Pantry will be announced at a later date. Shavertown United Methodist Church is located at 163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown. For more information about donations to the Family Care Pantry, please call the church office at 570-675-3616.

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