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Local Artists, Students Plan Celebration Exhibit

Many local artists and art students who are members of the Summer Studio Society at Sue Hand's Imagery, Dallas, have been creating drawings and paintings almost daily since mid-June. The group of twenty-three artists has produced a body of work which ranges from classic oil landscapes, seascapes, and still lifes in oil, watercolor and acrylic to realistic portraits, various types of illustrations and innovative compositions in mixed media. The public is invited to a single evening Celebration Exhibition of their summer's work from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21.

Instructors Sue Hand and Mike Hiscox, both of Dallas, will exhibit their summer's works. Also participating in the exhibit from the Back Mountain are: Erika Doran, Amelia Grudkowski, Nicole Jacobs, Emily James, Alexis Lanza and Josh Peters, all from Dallas; Shawn Deeds, Anthony and Miranda Nardone, Allison, Caroline and Sarah Stallard, and Abbey Stokes, all from Shavertown, and Lexie Oster, Trucksville. Jacobs and Lanza are also art instructors for the younger students. The artwork may be viewed at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main Street, Dallas during a Meet-the-Artists reception on Monday evening, August 21 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. In photo above are: Mike Hiscox, Josh Peters, Sue Hand, Nicole Jacobs, and Lexie Oster.

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Dallas Elementary School collected over a million tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Ms. Regan Palfey, a third grade teacher at the Dallas Elementary School in Dallas, was able to present a $400 check to Mike Turlis of the Ronald McDonald House of Danville to help provide families whose children are receiving medical treatments a place to stay. Ms. Palfey started her endeavor to collect tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in February of this year with focus prominently in the Dallas Elementary School and Dallas community, however when she found herself short of her goal of 1 million tabs, she reached out to the surrounding communities and was overwhelmed by the reaction. Through the support of Dallas and surrounding communities, Ms. Palfey was able to collect 1,348,800 tabs in five months, which is approximately 823 pounds, weighed and recycled at Allan Industries in Wilkes-Barre. In addition, a donation from Phoenix Scale & Food Equipment of Dallas was given. Ms. Palfey would like to thank everyone who participated in the collection and who donated to this worthy cause. She is already planning to do the collection for the next school year.

Shown in photo above are: Ms. Regan Palfey's third grade class, Mrs. Jenny Derr's first grade class, and Mrs. Donna Zeyher's fourth grade class were the top classes for the collection. A total amount of 1,348,800 tabs was collected.

Ms. Regan Palfey presented the $400 check to Mike Turlis, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

Photo above: Allen Industries preparing to weigh the tabs prior to processing. The total weight of the tabs was 823 lbs.

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Ride for Honor will help other veterans

The Inaugural Karen Boback Veterans Ride for Honor, held on May 28, raised $4,000 to support local veterans' organizations. This year, they chose to donate all proceeds to the First Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund which has made a difference in the lives of so many of our veterans.

The event was sponsored by the Dallas American Legion, Post 672, Dallas, PA. The Bike Run was sponsored by the American Legion Riders from Post 672, Dallas and Post 495 Shickshinny.

Riders made donations of $15 and passengers donated $10. The Rotary Club of Dallas donated the funds to purchase the event patch.

On July 11, the check was presented, at the Dallas American Legion, to Jack Cleary, father of First Lt. Michael J. Cleary, to add to the thousands of dollars the fund has already raised to help veterans in our area.

Shown in photo from left are: Art Peoples, Dallas Rotary Past President and Event Treasurer; Darlene Kupstas, Dallas Legion Finance Officer; Jack Cleary; Michael Brandon, Road Captain, Legion Riders, Shickshinny; State Representative and Dallas Rotarian, Karen Boback; Art Parks, Commander, Dallas; John Emil, Sr., Dallas; Ed Dauch, Post Commander and President of Shickshinny Riders; Art Pimm, President, Dallas Legion Riders; George Tucker, Dallas Adjutant. Absent from photo, Mike Culver, Captain, Dallas Legion Riders.

Food Pantry hosts No Hungry Tummies Program

The Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry have created a summer nutritional program to provide extra food for school age children during the month of August.

The children are home all day and cannot take advantage of school breakfasts and lunches. They might otherwise go hungry except for the extra assistance given by this innovative program.

While all non-perishable foods are needed and welcome at any time, the greatest needs to make this program work are breakfast and lunch foods that children can easily open and prepare for themselves. These items include: cold cereal, instant oatmeal, canned milk, peanut butter and jelly, juice, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, Spam, canned fruit, soup, granola bars, and prepared Jell-O and pudding.

Individuals or groups wishing to donate nonperishable food may call the pantry at 696-2917 for additional information or to arrange a mutually convenient time for our volunteers on duty to receive the food.

Food may also be dropped off at the following locations during regular operating hours: Cooks Pharmacy, Rt. 309 in Shavertown, Hilbert's Tractor Store, Rt. 415 in Dallas and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rt. 118, Dallas. Monetary donations may be mailed to the Back Mountain Food Pantry, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708.

The members of the Board of Directors of the Back Mountain Food Pantry wish to thank everyone for their support all year long.

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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.

Wyoming Sem. to Open 174th Year of Classes

Wyoming Seminary, with campuses in Kingston and Forty Fort, will begin its 174th year of classes at the end of August 2017.

The Upper School in Kingston will register boarding and day students on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27 for grades nine through 12 and postgraduate. New students will participate in orientation activities on Saturday and Sunday, and will attend a special New Student Retreat on Sunday.

On Monday, August 28, a special opening-of-school convocation service will be held at the Upper School. Sem junior and government president Molly Leahy of Wilkes-Barre will offer words of welcome and will ring the historic Cokesbury Bell 17 times, one for each decade of Wyoming Seminary's existence, to usher in the new academic year. Logan Chace, English faculty member, will address the student body.

The Lower School, located in Forty Fort, will open for its first day of classes for toddler to eighth grade students on Tuesday, August 29. The Rev. Charles Carrick, Sem chaplain, will address the Lower School students at Convocation on Friday, Sept. 1.

Lower School Dean Dr. Kathleen Hanlon encourages all parents of toddler, preschool, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students to attend a Parents' Back to School Night at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 27. A similar Back to School Night for parents of children in first through fourth grades will be held on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 p.m., and for fifth through eighth grades on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

For more information about Wyoming Seminary, its programs and activities, call the Upper School at 570-270-2160 or the Lower School at 570-718-6610, or visit online at www.wyomingseminary.org.

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.

Irem women's auxiliary plans series of summer luncheons

The Irem Women's Auxiliary invites the public to attend Summer Luncheons that the group will host beginning at noon at the Irem Country Club on August 17, and September 21. Prizes will be awarded. The cost is $18.00 and reservations must be made by Monday, June 12, 11:00 A.M. for the June luncheon by calling Sally Wagner at 570-675-2325 or Kathy Bobeck at 570-675-2884.

The Irem Country Club is handicapped accessible and cost includes parking, lunch and a fun afternoon. The President of the Auxiliary is Suanne Moses and the Chairperson of the luncheons is Nancy Brace.

Annual Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show

The Lake-Lehman Band Students are hosting the 33rd Annual Back Mountain Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show on Sunday, August 20th, 2017 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Route 118, Dallas.

The Lake-Lehman Band Students are looking for sponsors for this family friendly event which includes a Flea & Vendor Sale and for the first time a 3 Mile Must DASH.

This is a rain or shine event and Indoor Flea/Vendor Spaces are available for $30, under the tent spots for $20 and outdoor spots for $10. 3 Mile Must DASH is an event for all fitness levels, ages and backgrounds. The Must DASH begins at 1 PM.

All proceeds benefit the Lake-Lehman Marching Band. Please visit www.lakelehmanbandsponsors.com for more information on Sponsorships, Flea Market Vendor Spaces, Car Show Registration and Must DASH Registration.

Beef Dinner, Family Style

Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sweet Valley, will serve a beef dinner on Saturday, August 26. 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 570-477-5121 for more information.

Flea Market, Vendor - Yard Sale planned

The Lehman Jackson Elementary PTO will hold a Back to School Flea,Vendor and Yard Sale on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 at the Jackson Township Fire Hall from 8 am to 1 pm. Vendors wanted. Outdoor spots $7, Indoor spots $15.

For more information or to reserve your spot please visit www.lje-pta.com.

Dallas Class of '65 Reunion planned

Dallas High School class of '1965 - Classmates, family and friends are invited to our annual reunion and the celebration of our 70th birthdays, on Saturday, August 26th. Join us at the Grotto - Harvey's Lake at 1 pm for lunch and conversation. For more information and to make reservations, please contact DALLASHS65@frontier.com or leave your name and phone number at 570-675-0167.

All You Can Eat Breakfasts Planned

The Shavertown Fire Department has the following dates set for their monthly breakfast fundraiser: August 27; September 24; October 22; November 26; and December 16 (breakfast with Santa). Adults are $8 and children under 12 years old are $3. The breakfasts will be hld at 170 North Main Street, Shavertown, PA. Help support your local volunteers.

Lake-Lehman JH Students of the Month

Each month the faculty and staff at Lake-Lehman JSHS recognize four students of the Month based on their demonstration of citizenship, leadership and scholarship. Pictured with Principal Douglas Klopp are the March, April, and May Students of the Month.

From left to right: (March) Abbey Stokes, Santino Diana, Gabrielle Shonis, and Chase Cole.

From left to right: (April) Claire Dougherty, Nathan Stanski, Corrine Tronsue, and Damian Concklin.

From left to right: (May) Joseph Vegas, Melanie Selner, Patrick DePiero, and Riley Egan.

Nigel Stearns has achieved Dean's List status

Nigel Stearns has achieved Dean's List status at the the College of Business Administration at Niagara University for the Spring 2017 semester. To qualify, a student must be registered for 12 credit bearing hours and earn a semester QPA of 3.25 or higher. Additionally, for the second year in a row, Nigel, has been named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) 2017 Baseball All-Academic Team by achieving a minimum GPA of 3.20 on a 4.0 scale.

For the second time since beginning his college career, Nigel is also a recipient of the Wilma Sue Fory Memorial Scholarship. The Fory Charitable Trust awards scholarships to Russian adoptees who maintain a certain average and are working towards an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree at an institute of higher learning in the United States. Nigel is the son of Thom and Laura Stearns of Dallas.

Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration continues

This year's Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration will continue on Saturday, August 19th with a Dallas Days Kids' Movie Night at Dallas High School – Disney's "Moana" be shown free of charge in the high school auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Kids, stop by the concession stand on your way into the movie for free popcorn and water; and don't forget to pick up a free commemorative balloon on your way out.

For more information about upcoming events, visit www.dallastownship.org; or like our Facebook page, Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration for a complete listing of events, current updates and news. Email Dallas Township Supervisor Liz Martin for an electronic copy of the Dallas Days Bicentennial Events brochure, at lmartin@dallastownship.com.

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Sixth Annual Car & Truck show

Dallas High School Economics Club will be hosting it's Sixth Annual Car & Truck show. The event will be held on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at the Dallas High School parking lot.

The event raises money for the Economics Club to participate in local and State competitions. Last year we have over 100 cars and truck compete for over 40 trophies. If you would like more information, contact, Dennis Garvey Club Lecturer at 570-881-1088.

Dallas American Legion to celebrate 80th Anniversary

Join the Dallas American Legion as they celebrate their 80th Anniversary on August 19, 2017 from 12 noon to 7:00pm. for a Clam Bake. 200 limited pre-sale tickets are available and the cost per ticket is $35.

Menu includes 1 dozen clams, 1 dozen large shrimp, bowl of clam chowder, macaroni salad, potato salad, cheesesteak, corn on the cob, dessert and beverage. This is a rain or shine event as there will be outside tents and tables. D.J. Bob Perks will entertain all day.

Dallas Rotary's 35th Annual Charity Golf Classic set for September

The 35th Annual Dallas Rotary Club's Fall Golf Classic to support Dallas Rotary Charities will be held at the Irem Country Club, Dallas on Monday, September 18 beginning with a shotgun start at 12:30.

Chairman, Kevin Smith, co-chair Kerry Freeman, and all club members are looking for hole sponsors and players. The sponsorship donation is $100 and the player's entry fee is $110.00. The format is captain and crew. Individuals are welcome and will be teamed up with others in a group.

Call Kevin Smith at 570-696-5420 for more information and an entry form. Sponsors are asked to respond by September 10 to allow enough time for proper sign printing.

Players are urged to respond by September 15 for the Rotary Club to determine how many will be in attendance at a delicious steak and clambake dinner with all the trimmings following the tournament. An awards ceremony and raffle will take place at the end of the day.

Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table plans meeting

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas, PA.

The program for the evening is entitled "Civil War Surgeon" and will be presented by Mr. Robert Marut, who has been portraying a Civil War surgeon since 2005. During the program, Mr. Marut will discuss medicines used during the time period, the soldier's diet and medical training. A surgeons' kit, period medical instruments and a Civil War medicine chest will be on display.

Mr. Marut, along with his wife have been participating in Living History events at battlefields, schools and museums throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. You can find the Marut's at the Heritage Museum in Gettysburg on numerous weekends and also at the Barton House during the annual Bloomsburg Fair.

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.

The Dallas Lions Club will hold its Fifth Annual Golf Tourney

The Dallas Lions Club will hold its Fifth Annual Golf Tourney to support the Back Mountain Library on September 28 at the Irem golf course.

Individuals interested in participating can contact any member of the club or Joe Czarnecki at 570-262-7060. Pictured, left to right, are members of the Golf Tourney Committee: Joe Czarnecki, Chairman, Paul Kutney, Joe Kester and Don Berlew.

Absent: Robert Shaffer and Sean McGrath.

Vacation Bible School announced

Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church, 1011 Mountain View Drive, Lehman, will hold their VBS on Friday, August 4 - Saturday, August 6, from 5-8 pm. Sunday will be their Celebration at 10 am. This is for ages 3 through (completed) 6th grade from the Back Mountain. This year's theme will Be CAMP OUT GETTING S'MORE OF JESUS. A small dinner will be provided Friday and Saturday.

Registration forms are available at the church or you can register online at https://vbspro.events/p/741340. For any question you can contact the church at 570-675-1216. Come and join the fun.

Build a Better World through Kindness, Courtesy and Respect at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Summer Reading Special Program

Jill Kryston, Director/Trainer of Defining Manners: A School of Contemporary Protocol
will present, "Be Your Best!" for the summer readers of the Back Mountain Memorial Library in
August.

The first session will be on Wednesday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m. for children ages four to seven. She will emphasize to the children that knowing what to say and how to say it is important anytime they meet new friends. Learning to smile, make eye contact, and use magic words will always help them to be their best.

The next session will be for children and tweens (ages 8 through 12) on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. This session of "Be Your Best!" will address the problem of children being rude without meaning to be. Understanding what is considered rude and learning how to show kindness, courtesy and respect will help your children to always be their best. Kryston has waved her usual fee for these programs in hopes that many children and tweens will attend and learn to build a better world by beginning with themselves.

Shown in the photo is Jill Kryston at the last Defining Manners program at the library.

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2017 Back Mountain speed, agility and conditioning camp was recently held

The 2017 Bmt Speed / Cheer Camp was held July 10, 2017 through July 14, 2017 at Bmt Football Field on Outlet Road in Lehman. All children ages 5 - 15 were eligible to attend. The concept was speed, agility, and conditioning training for the upcoming fall sport season.

A great time was had be all campers and coaches alike. Refreshments were served on the last day. Shown above are the participants in this years' conditioning camp.

Community Picnic planned

A community picnic will be held on Sunday, August 20th at Shavertown United Methodist Church. Buffet style serving will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwurst off the grill, picnic salads, and dessert. The picnic is held at the church pavilion located across the street from the church on North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown.

Donations are accepted, but not expected. For more information, contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

News from the Back Mountain Memorial Library

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Back Mountain Memorial Library sincerely thank everyone that volunteered to make the Library's 71st Annual Library Auction a success! These hard working people, along with the many businesses that donated items to be auctioned off, provided an enjoyable event for the many visitors that attended these four nights of fun. Remember to think of the Library when you use your treasures that you purchased at the Auction!

Although the hectic days of Auction preparing are over, it's now time to clean up and re-stock for next year. The Library's Slightly Read Bookshop is now on its summer schedule and will be open on Wednesdays (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (10 a.m. to 2 pm.). They will begin accepting donations of gently read books and the Library will also accept auction items beginning August 1. (The Bookshop's normal hours will resume after Labor Day.)

The Library is also sponsoring its annual Farmer's Market, which is already in full swing, continuing every Saturday to October 14. The Market is held at the Dallas Elementary School, which is located on Hildebrandt Road, Dallas. The Market is open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each Saturday. There are over twenty vendors; each with something different to offer, including baked goods, jams and jellies and many new delicious surprises!

The Library is also happy to announce that Monday evening Yoga classes will resume in August. Participants must pre-register for this six-week session of classes. Call the Library at (570)675-1182 for more information.

The Library will be closed on September 4 for Labor Day and will re-open on September 5 at 9:30 a.m. with regular hours.

BOOK SIGNINGS by LOCAL AUTHOR

Local author, **Chris Yanek Ondrea**, will hold several book signings during the month of August. ***Sixty is the new Forty*** is a self-help book for women of the Baby Boomer Generation. The focus is on how to create a vibrant, fashionable and healthy senior citizen for the 21st Century. The author also shares her four principles of life which will help you feel and look forty again.

Upcoming events and locations:

August 7th — **Danko's All American Fitness**
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8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

August 14th — **Danko's All American Fitness**
Twin Stacks Center
Dallas, Pa 18612
8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

August 20th — **Vitamin Shoppe**
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Certificate of Appreciation presented to Rave Landscaping, Inc.

Recently the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rave Landscaping, Inc. for donating their landscaping and floral work to our Legion for our Memorial Day Services. It was truly appreciated. Shown in photo above are from left to right: Rob Rave, president and Bernie Castillo, Post Finance Officer.

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 146, Jackson Township, recently participated in Flag Placement ceremony

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 146, Jackson Township, recently participated in a Flag Placement ceremony at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Jackson Township. The boys placed fresh American flags on the graves of those who had served in the armed forces. The flags were donated by the American Legion Post 672, Dallas. Scouts who participated include first row, from left: JD Jennings, Colin Marshall, Cole Dewees, Brandon Fleschut with brother Drew, Tanner Manzoni, Patrick Redington. Second row: Rick Roberts, Scoutmaster; Noah Daily, Danny Drost, Nathan Ostrowski, Matthew Roberts, Matthew Duffy, Andrew Molitoris and Rick Ostrowski, Assistant Scoutmaster.

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Back Mountain Chamber to Hold a Major Country Music, Dance Event

The Back Mountain Chamber's Cultural Event Committee is excited to announce that it will hold its fifth-annual musical cultural event in the Back Mountain on Friday, 09/08/17. Straight from NY, NJ, and Nashville, Jakes' Country Rockin' Band will perform at the Irem Country Club's pavilion.

Doors open at 6:00 PM and the event runs from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM. Admission includes food, beer, wine, soft drinks, a signature drink, music, and dancing all night long.

"This event has grown for five consecutive years, and we keep expanding to accommodate the crowd. Our band this year is phenomenal and has played in Nashville with Brad Paisley, Toby Keith, and Martina McBride. They also have won awards by Gigmasters in 2013, 2015, 2016 along with many other significant awards.

As soon as the band was announced, the excitement stated to build." said Sandy Race, Co-Chair.

The Chamber's Cultural Event Committee's goal is to provide a cultural event in the Back Mountain area. In the past, they held Jazz, Beatles, Jimmy Buffett musical events and have honored several local people who have contributed musical culture to our area.

All tickets are $50 each and include beer, wine, a signature drink, and music/dancing all night long. A limited number of reserved tables of 10 are available for an additional $25 fee.

Individually purchased tickets are general admission only. Tickets on sale on the Chamber's website at: www.backmountainchamber.org. This year's Honoree will be the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins organization for their cultural contribution to our area. The raffle table will benefit Misericordia University's Women with Children Program.

Start rounding up your country attire, and get ready for the ultimate foot-stomping country dance the Back Mountain has ever experienced. Questions can be directed to the Chamber's office at 570-675-9380.

Pictured above are the cultural event committee members. Front from left: Atty. Tom Mosca, Suzanne DePrimo, Cindy Post Mitchell, Sandy Race, Joanne Gensel, and Royal Sutton. Back row from left are: Linda Doughton, Donna Luksh, Susan Slocum, Ross Spengler, Amy Camptbell, and Jim Reino. Missing from photo are: Jane Ashton, Bill Leandri, Marty Leandri, Joe Nardone, Sr., Cheryl Summa, Chuck Swepston, Nadine Wesolowski, Malcolm Williams, Dawn Wiringer, and Ali Zurawski.

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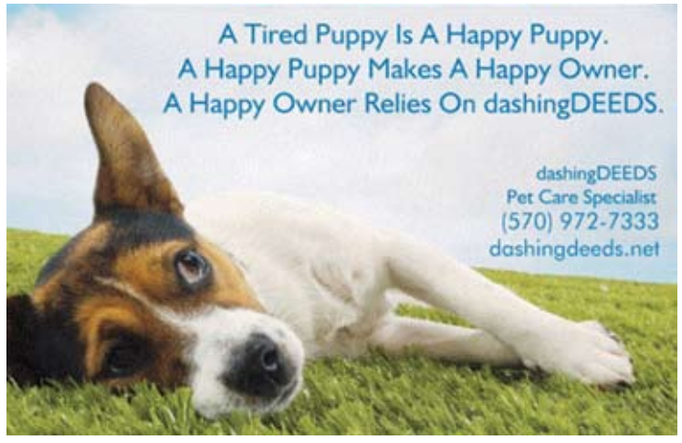

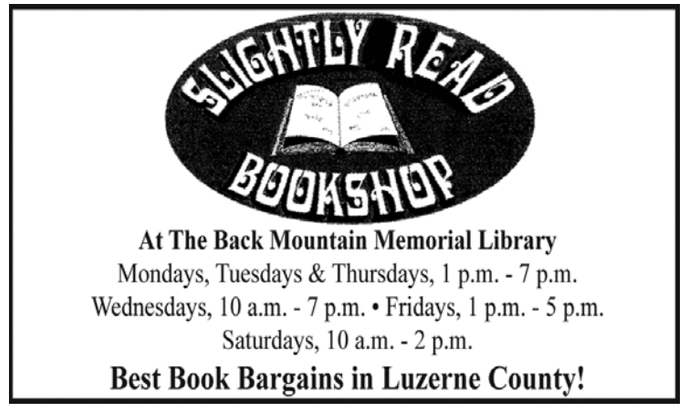

Rotary Club of Dallas installs new officers and board members

The Rotary Club of Dallas recently installed their officers and board members for the 2017-2018 service year at a dinner meeting held at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas.

The Dallas Rotary Club was chartered in March 1927 and celebrates 90 years of service to our Back Mountain community and the world. They sponsor more than two-dozen charitable projects in the Back Mountain including the annual Christmas shopping spree for 45 children, a Christmas luncheon for the Dallas Active Adult Center, and an auction and raffle event to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry. They are also part of Rotary International's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio. Their major fundraisers are an annual charity golf tournament at the Irem Country Club in September and an annual Wine and Dine Festival at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds in June.

The Rotary Club of Dallas meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Irem Country Club in Dallas. Look for them on Face book. The club is always looking for new members to join in the activities and community service projects available year round. You are invited to join in the fun and fellowship while serving your community at the same time.

Seated from left: Treasurer Jerry Reisch, Secretary Ashley Wagner, President Kimberlie Reynolds, Board Member Fred DiMaria, Vice President Sandy Peoples. Standing from left: Board Member Ron Fitch, Past President Jason Jolley, President Elect Jason Moran, Board Member Nick Stredny, Board Member Joe Stager. Absent for photo: Board Member Paul Saxon.

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 Tuesdays. All men are welcome to join the group.

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Letter To the Editor:

On behalf of the Meadows Auxiliary and the residents of the Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, we want to thank everyone who participated in the Auxiliary's 33rd annual "Market on the Pond" fundraiser held on June 17. The event was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without the overwhelming support of volunteers, community groups, family members and local businesses.

From donations of raffle baskets, plants, food and beverages, odds and ends, books, baked goods, as well as monetary gifts, their generous giving is a tribute to the commitment of the services we provide on a daily basis.

Since the Auxiliary's inception in 1984, volunteers have donated over 400,000 hours of service and more than $395,000 to various departments in the center for essential equipment. The Auxiliary has also sponsored many social events through the years as well as purchased holiday gifts and other items to enhance our residents' quality of life.

Again, thank you for supporting the Auxiliary and helping to make a positive difference in our residents' lives.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Camille Fioti & Amy Belles, Resident & Community Services
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St. Therese's Volunteers lend a hand at the Meadows during "Spirit of Service Day"

The Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center would like to thank the members of the Stewardship Committee of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, who recently visited the facility during the church's first ever "Spirit of Service Day."

The volunteers spent the morning visiting the residents and joining in a tea party. They also helped the staff and Meadows volunteers get ready for the Meadows Auxiliary's 33rd annual Market on the Pond by transporting boxes of donations and painting the benches around the pond. In photo front row from left are: Karen Mazzaccaro; Megan Bryk; Maggie Ropietski; Matt Ropietski; Olivia Maniskas; Christina Schuler and Molly Malpass.

Standing behind from left are: Gabby Olenginski; Michael Olenginski; Betty Bauman; Nate Roppelt; Kristen Roppelt; Judy Palka, Ed Palka; Kelly Bryk; Keith Zinn; Dorie Zinn; Dave Fazzino; Judy Schall; Michael Schuler; Susan Fazzino; Elisa Regan; Maureen Schuler and Erica Ropietski.

Baloga Beach Party fund raiser

Join us at the Harveys Lake Beach Club at Pole 187, Harveys Lake on Sunday, August 20 from 1 to 6pm.

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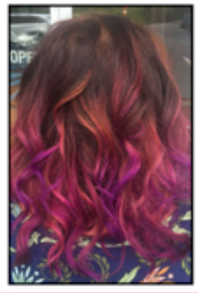

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6:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
6:00pm SwikaS Amusements your Midway Host Opens
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8:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
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Thursday
SEPT. 7TH

4:00pm Fairgrounds Opens to The Public
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5:30pm Open Steer Judging & 4-H Market Animal Judging
Livestock Tent
6:00pm SwikaS Amusements your Midway Host Opens
6:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
6:30pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
6:30pm Open Goat & Sheep Judging – Livestock Tent
7:00pm Antique Tractor Parade
7:30pm Rick K & The Allnighters – Main Stage
7:30pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
8:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
8:30pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
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Friday
SEPT. 8TH

4:00pm Fairgrounds Opens to The Public
4:30pm Arts & Crafts Buildings Open
4:300pm SwikaS Amusements your Midway Host Opens
5:30pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
6:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
6:00pm 4-H Fun Show – Horse Arena
6:30pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
8:00pm – Craig Wayne Boyd Winner of Season 7 of The Voice - Main Stage
7:30pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
8:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
8:30pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
4pm-Close Live Stingray Encounter – Kiddie Land
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11:30pm Grounds Close

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Saturday
SEPT. 9TH

11:00am Grounds Open to Public
10:00am – 4pm Halter and Riding Classes Horse Arena
12:00pm SwikaS Amusements your Midway Host Opens
1:00pm Fair Princess Contest – Livestock Tent
2:00pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
3:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
4:00pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
5:00pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
6:00pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
6:30pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
7:00pm Antique Tractor Parade
7:30pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
8:00pm Walker Hayes "You Broke Up with Me" – Main Stage
8:30pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
9:00pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
11am-Close Live Stingray Encounter – Kiddie Land
(There will be 30 minutes Breaks Throughout the day)
11:30pm Grounds Close

Sunday
SEPT. 10TH

Little Theatre
FAMILY FUN DAY

11:00pm Grounds Open to Public
12:00pm SwikaS Amusements your Midway Host Opens
12:00pm Kiddie Tractor Pull – Horse Arena
1:00pm Horseshoe pitching for the Whole Family!
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2:00pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
2:30pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
3:00pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
3:30pm Barnyard Olympics Horse Arena Sponsored by
4:00pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
4:30pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
5:00pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
5:00pm Tractor Obstacle Rodeo - Horse Arena
5:30 – 7:30pm Music Box Performing on The main Stage
6:30pm Meesner Magic – Kiddie Land
7:00pm HAAI, Inc. Live Shark Encounter – Kiddie Land
7:30pm Nergers Tiger Show – Main Ring Near Fair Office
8:00pm Little Theatre Performing on the Main Stage
11am-Close Live Stingray Encounter – Kiddie Land
(There will be 30 minutes Breaks Throughout the day)
8:00pm Barns Close
9:30pm Grounds Close

Puppeteer / Ventriloquist to perform at the Back Mountain Memorial Library

"Susan Klein & A Family of Friends" will present "Making a Masterpiece" for all the summer readers of the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Thursday, August 10 at 1:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to attend this special event as part of the "Build a Better World" program but parents are asked to pre-register their children by calling the library.

Klein has been a puppeteer and ventriloquist for over 23 years and has entertained at schools, libraries, churches, hospitals and numerous civic organizations.

Through her puppets, music, laughter, and fun she has touched the lives of many children and she hopes that through this library program the children will learn that what we give to others, not what we receive, builds a better world.

This program was made possible by a memorial donation from Cheryl L. Miskiel in memory of her mother, Shirley Goode. Shown in the photo is Susan Klein and her family of puppet friends.

Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 recently made a donation to the Veteran's Hospital Canteen Fund

Recently the Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 made a donation to the Veteran's Hospital Canteen Fund. Pictured left to right are: Bernie Castillo, Post Finance Officer; Nicole Guest, District 12 VA Hosposit Liaison Representative; and Joe Kelley, District 12 Officer.

August Special Programs and Final Party Set for Summer Readers at the Back Mountain Library

The summer reading program, "Build a Better World!" at the Back Mountain Memorial Library has been extended an extra week to accommodate all those readers who had a late start with the program. There are still many special programs on the schedule including:

"Construction Blueprints and Tools" with John Halbing of Summit Pointe Builders on Tuesday, August 1 at 1:00 p.m. and "Litter, No! Recycle, Yes!" with Tracy Carr and Ryan Longfoot of the Dallas Borough and DAMA on Tuesday, August 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Tweens may join in the book discussion on Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Riley Giff on Monday, August 14. Jill Kryston will present "Be Your Best!" - an etiquette program for children ages four to seven on Wednesday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m. and for children ages eight to twelve on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m.

An extra special program called "Making a Masterpiece" will be presented on Thursday, August 10 at 1:30 p.m. with Susan Klein and her puppets. This program will be in memory of Cheryl Miskiel's mother, Shirley Goode.

The final party is scheduled for Thursday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. All summer readers who have kept up with their reading and attended programs are welcome to attend. The children and teens will enjoy snacks, refreshments, games, crafts, and giveaways outside in the auction area of the library. TJ Belt of Jubilee Balloons will create a special balloon for each child. Parents are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets for their children on which they can enjoy their refreshments.

Parents are asked to pre-register their children for the special programs and the final party.

Golfers Dream of a Hole in One

On July 5, 2017 Bill Runner attained the Golfers Dream of a Hole in One witnessed by his wife, Joanne, on Hole #5 at Newberry Estates, Dallas. In Bills own words, " It only took 68 years of swinging and swatting". Well done Bill!

Loyalville United Methodist Church plans chicken and biscuits dinner

The Loyalville United Methodist Church will have a chicken and biscuits dinner on Saturday, August 12, serving from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Adults are $9 and children under 12 are $4.50. Takeouts available.

Call 570-477-3521. Plan for the next hoagie sale on September 13.

Dallas American Legion to hold Peach sale in August

The Dallas American Legion, will hold their peach sale on August 26 starting at 9:00am. The cost is $13 for a peck and $25 per half bushel.

Stop and buy the best peaches and help support our local American Legion. Call to place your order 570-675-6542.

Lake-Lehman Band Students are hosting the 33rd Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

The Lake-Lehman Band Students are hosting the 33rd Annual Back Mountain Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show on Sunday, August 20th, 2017 at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Route 118, Dallas.

This event is a very important part of our fundraising efforts to provide students in the Lake-Lehman Band with an outstanding opportunity to participate in a variety of outdoor and indoor marching band competitions and uphold a longstanding tradition of excellence and winning spanning 55 years.

The car show begins at 10 AM with registration beginning at 8 AM. Show cars must be on the show field by 12 noon. There will be an annual Vendor & Flea Market beginning at 10 AM including Chatty Cat's Handmade Jewelry, LuLaRoe, Young Living Essential Oils, Perfectly Posh, Scentsy and Paparazzi Jewelry.

Great food and a basket raffle will be available all day and there will be a 3 Mile Must Dash Run at 1 PM. All proceeds benefit theLake-Lehman Marching Band.

Above in photo are the members of the 2016 Lake Lehman Marching Knights get ready for the annual Back Mountain Car Show. Front row from left are: Dakota Williams, Mikayla Kidd, Andrew Leahy, Jessica DeAngelis, Bailey White, Emily Shirey, Madison Chulick, Justin Doran, Evan Judge, Collin McMullen, Nik Antinnes, and Dale White. Second row from left: Carly Tripanni, Cierra Snyder, Kayla Gliddon, Samantha Mihalko, and David Miller. Inside van: Charlie Wilson, Katie Kostrobala, and Conner Price. On top of van: Tanner Manzoni, and Mason Price.

Please visit www.lakelehmanbandsponsors.com for more information on Sponsorships, Flea Market Vendor Spaces, 3 Mile Must Dash Registration and Car Show Registration.

Memories of the 71st annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

The 71st annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction successfully concluded on Sunday, July 9. The committee members, chaired by Gerard Geise, and all of the many volunteers did a terrific job and visitors to the event seemed to have had a great time.

For the past 27 years, local artist Sue Hand has painted a scene on site at the auction and once again this year the painting was successfully auctioned on Sunday night. Her former student, and current art teacher at Wycallis Elementary School, Michael Hiscox helped with her painting, concentrating primarily on the individual faces in the painting.

In addition, two current students, Dallas Middle School 8th grader Janet Federici, and Dallas High School 10th grader Sarah Stallard, also auctioned paintings they did during the auction. All proceeds benefit the library.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 281 of Dallas were very helpful throughout the Auction. Pictured with past Auction Chair George Finch and his granddaughter Lexington Rose, from left are, Aric Gingo, Zachary Coy, and Joshua Coy.

Pictured during the Library Auction, from left, are Sarah Stallard, Sue Hand, Michael Hiscox, Joe Hand, and Janet Federici.

Photo right: Ochman's Coins and Jewelry is one of the perennial vendors for the Auction. Pictured from left are: Paula Quinn, John Ochman, Maryann Ochman, Jacob Ochman, Fran Ochman, and Betsy Roe.

Harry Potter was the theme for Thursday's Family Night at the auction. From left are Lindsey Humphreys, Lauren Austin, and Sara, Ethan and Cindy DeRosa.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 281 collected toys throughout the year and manned the Toy Tent at the Auction. From left are Mary Ann, Meghan and Matthew Maxfield, and Andrew Goodrich.

Members of the Jewelry Tent Committee for the 2017 Auction, from left, are Tiffany Wiernusz, Rachel Wiernusz, and Alison Russin.

Carol Warholak Sweeney loves to show off donated items as she performs her volunteer auctioneer duties. She was assisted at the auction block by Douglas Trumbower.

Dallas AAC members celebrated Country Western Day

Dallas AAC members celebrated Country Western Day with a special lunch menu and a performance by The Classic Country Line Dancers. The center choral group The Silvertones aka The Silver Spurs for the day, sang some old country tunes and members sang along as well as participating in a line dance lesson. Pictured are Country Line Dancers, Mary Dixon, Sarah Derhammer, Toni Weiss, holding Gonzo the yodeler, Leona Kuttenberg, and Sue Mazzocchi.

Wyoming Sem. Eighth Grade Latin Students, Winners in National Latin Contest

Fourteen students in Wyoming Seminary Lower School's eighth-grade Latin program recently received awards in the National Latin Contest for NEPA, held earlier this year. Seen following the announcement of their awards are, standing first row from left: Jakson Amend, Mountain Top; Oliver Lew, Dallas; Jonah Pascal, Forty Fort; Hannah Frels, Dalton; Gabriel Lott, Olyphant. Second row, from left: Shawna Casey, Jenkins Township; Alexis Greene, Moosic; Heather Paglia, Shavertown; and Matthew Kuloszewski, Scranton. Third row, from left: Brenna Jordan, Factoryville; Christina Kaspar, Dallas; Mercedes Vinsko, Wilkes-Barre; Max Liu, Kingston; and Bridget Tost, Scranton.

Blood Drive planned at Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake

The American Red Cross Blood drive will be held on Thursday, August 10, from noon to 5pm. Everyone has the opportunity to help save a life or 3. Donating blood is like giving a piece of your heart.

Our Lady of Victory Church at Harveys Lake, will be the host for this blood drive. To expedite your life saving donation, go to red-cross-blood.org and type in your zip code or call the church office at (570) 639-1535. Be sure prior to your donation of this vital life saving part of your heart, that you hydrate well and iron levels are normal. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated.

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Dallas Rotary Club welcomes visit from District Governor

District Governor Karin-Susan Breitlauch visited the Dallas Rotary Club on July 20 and delivered a message about the challenge to increase membership in the district. She also reviewed the many district events coming up in the next year. Shown in photo, from left are: AG John John, Dallas President Kim Reynolds, DG Karin, Dallas Treasurer Jerry Reisch.

Fund Raiser Reception planned for Donna and Dave Baloga

Friends of Donna and Dave Baloga are planning a fund raiser reception at the Lakeside Skillet at Harvey's Lake, to be held from 7 to 9 pm on August 16th. The cost is $15 and includes a cocktail party, cash bar and finger foods will be served. A great selection of raffle baskets will be on display and money raised will benefit the Baloga family.

Make your reservations for a great cause now by calling Lynn at 570-332-1226 or Barbara 570 594-6294. Monetary donations can be mailed to: Friends of Donna and Dave Baloga, 60 Oak Dr., Dallas, PA 18612.

Newberry Ladies Golf League held a Fun Tournament at the Hollenback Golf Course

On Thursday June 22, 2017 the Newberry Ladies Golf League held a Fun Tournament at the Hollenback Golf Course in Wilkes-Barre. Shown above are the tournament participants, first row: Karen Masley (Co-Chairperson), Judy Schall, Sharon Davis Koski, Ruth Federici, Jean Brennan, and Marsha Paczewski. Second row: Ginny Corcoran, Joanne Bittner, Janie Intelicato, Alice Niskey, Pat Peiffer, Libby Sutton, Inez Stefanko (Co-Chairperson), and Jolene Salvo. Standing behind are: Joan Britt, Mattie Hughges, Connie Setkoski, Joyce Lloyd, Janet Dent, Shelia McFadden, Marie Kruska, and Faye Silverstein.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas Commemorated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

By MB Gilligan
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St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a variety of fun and interesting activities for all age groups. The day featured a petting zoo, a visit from the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company's fire prevention Smokehouse, a car show, loads of food including ice cream and cotton candy, and an exhibit set up by the Back Mountain Railroad Club.

"St. Paul's is kind enough to let us meet here during the year. Today, we have replicas showing what both Dallas and Trucksville actually looked like in the 1930's to the 1950's," said club president Ray Mancke. "Everyone is welcome to join our club. We meet here at 7 pm on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. We have lots of fun." The club currently has over 35 members ranging in age from 14 to 94.

Music for Summerfest was provided throughout the day by Jesse and Friends. There was a dunk tank with Steve Thompson and the Reverend Charles Grube, pastor of St. Paul's, among the willing victims and there was also an American Red Cross Blood Drive during the event. In addition, Rev, Grube held an outdoor church service during the afternoon.

Getting things ready on the grill at the start of Summerfest at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas, from left, are Joel Eneboe, Jeff Wilt and Bill Peiffer.

Betty Schray, left, and Lois Hardisky manned the Bake Sale tent. All baked goods and baskets for the Basket Raffle were donated for the event.

Photo right: Members of the Back Mountain Railroad Club set up train exhibits in the church hall. From left are Mike Brinola, George Nardi and David Ide.

Steve Thompson was all ready for his turn at the dunk tank. The Rev. Charles Grube, left, also took a turn during the day.

Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration Continues

This year's Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration will continue on Saturday, August 19th with a Dallas Days Kids' Movie Night at Dallas High School – Disney's "Moana" be shown free of charge in the high school auditorium, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Kids, stop by the concession stand on your way into the movie for free popcorn and water; and don't forget to pick up a free commemorative balloon on your way out. For more information about upcoming events, visit www.dallastownship.org; or like our Facebook page, Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration for a complete listing of events, current updates and news. Email Dallas Township Supervisor Liz Martin for an electronic copy of the Dallas Days Bicentennial Events brochure, at lmartin@dallastownship.com.

Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration Welcomes the Dallas Harvest Festival Back to a New Venue

The Dallas Harvest Festival Steering Committee is planning a comeback for the Back Mountain's beloved community event for this fall, but with a new twist. The Festival will return, following a three-year hiatus (due to impending construction in the Downtown), on Sunday, September 17th, noon-5:00 p.m. The twist is that it will be held at a new venue – Dallas High School. The Festival's comeback, says Dallas Township Supervisor Liz Martin, a Committee member since its inception in 2003, is being included as part of this year's Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration.

"It was a no-brainer to include the Festival as part of our Bicentennial. After all, both municipalities are part of the Dallas community. And, with the anticipation of construction in the Downtown to continue for some time, it makes perfect sense that the Township should give the Festival a new home. The Dallas School District has been more than accommodating."

In addition, the Best of Open Mic (BOOM) will be held in conjunction with the Festival, on Friday evening, September 15th, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Dallas High School auditorium. As in years past, local talent will vie for cash prizes and the opportunity to perform on-stage during Sunday's Festival.

On Saturday, September 16th , beginning at 9:00 a.m. a special Bicentennial event will fit into this year's Dallas Days Weekend. "Play for the Park" will be held as a fundraiser for Dallas Township Park, a project near and dear to Martin. "We are once again becoming a community of young families with children in need of a place to grow and play, and Dallas Township Park will soon receive a long-overdue renovation thanks primarily to grant and some private funding sources."

"Play for the Park", an event being planned by Dallas Township and Dallas High School student Michael Carannante", will feature a day of activities planned for kids from K-12 for $5 per person. It will be held outdoors on the Dallas High School soccer field and practice fields. Food vendors will be on-site. More information will be forthcoming.

Sunday's Festival will welcome back featured local entertainment, crafter/retail and food vendors, Kid's Corner, Farmers Market, and a special Bicentennial History Exhibit. Visitors to this year's Festival will be able to see the amazing miniature train display of early 1900's Dallas and surrounding historical areas of interest, built especially for the Bicentennial by the Back Mountain Railroad Club.

Vendor spaces for the Dallas Harvest Festival are still available. E-mail Martin at lmartin@dallastownship.com or call (570)674-2000, ext. 2008. For more information about these and other Bicentennial Celebration events can be found at: www.dallastownship.org, or on Facebook at Dallas Days Bicentennial Celebration.

Beach Party Benefit planned at Harveys Lake

Join us on Sunday, August 20, from 1 to 6:00 at the Harveys Lake Beach Club, where a group of dedicated friends of the Baloga family are holding a benefit named, Baloga Beach Party. DJ Bob Perks will entertain, plus as the Master of Ceremonies will play all day with a performance by Riverfest Fame, Don Shappelle and the Pick-ups from 3:30 to 6:00. The cost is $15 at the gate per adult entitles participation in the afternoon events, rain or shine.

Prepaid tickets in advance are only $10 each for adults and no charge for children under 12 years when accompanied by parents. Tickets are available by calling 570-675-1394 or 570-690-2154. All proceeds go to a medical expenses fund held at FNCB.

A hot dog and sloppy Joe bar opens at 1:00pm. From 2 to 4pm a catered buffet and 4 to 6pm is a spaghetti supper. Desserts will be served all day plus many activities for children. Guests are requested to bring a covered dish or desserts or beverages. This is a grass roots effort with great appreciation to all who support and sponsor this event.

Monetary contributions and Basket raffle donors are welcome by calling 570-675-1394 and tickets by Nina at 570-690-2154. Donations of food items for the all you can eat buffet are welcome, especially pizza by contacting 570-519- 0214.

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Back to School Bash planned at the Shavertown United Methodist Church

Shavertown United Methodist Church will host a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 5 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Along with games, crafts, food, a bounce house, fire truck and more, children will be able to choose a free backpack and fill it with grade appropriate school supplies. The community is welcomed to this event. Children must be present and accompanied by an adult to receive a free backpack and supplies.

The event will be held at the church pavilion located across the street from the church on North Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown. For more information about the Back to School Bash, contact the church office at 570-675-3616.

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Wyoming Seminary Seventh Grade Latin Students named Winners in National Latin Contest

Fourteen students in Wyoming Seminary Lower School's seventh-grade Latin program recently received awards in the National Latin Contest for Northeastern Pennsylvania, held earlier this year.

Seen following the announcement of their awards are, first row from left are: Samantha Quinn, Duryea; Sophia Kruger, Shavertown; Mia Kotowski, Scott Township. Second row, from left: Vaughn Kutish, Forty Fort; Alvin Tuo, Kingston; Daniel Irwin, Kingston; Emily Aikens, Jenkins Township; and Alyssa Shonk, Clarks Summit. Third row, from left: Jacob Ruderman, West Pittston; Akira Kopec, Kingston; Niko Katsuyoshi, Morgan Hill, Calif. Fourth row, from left: Jessie Miller, Shavertown; Rhianna Lewis, Scranton; and William Vinsko, Wilkes-Barre.

A. Pickett Construction teams with Misericordia on book bag drive for kids in Bourger Women with Children Program

A. Pickett Construction Company of Kingston is asking the community for donations as it partners with the Ruth Matthews Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University to provide back-to-school book bags for the children in the program.

The Bourger Women with Children Program provides housing for 16 women and as many as 32 children on campus while the mothers earn their bachelor's degrees. The women and their children live in three homes owned by the university and share in a variety of support services and programs offered by the institution of higher education.

The book bag project is coordinated by Caitlyn Thomas, a Bourger Women with Children Program student and director of philanthropy at A. Pickett Construction. Among the supplies needed are book bags, pencils, crayons, notebooks, erasers, coloring books, folders, colored pencils, planners, construction paper, child-safe scissors, glue sticks, pencil holders, markers, lunch boxes, and children's books for ages 2-12 years. Donations can be dropped off at A. Pickett Construction, 128 Vaughn St., Kingston, or at the Bourger Women with Children Office, 201A Mercy Hall, Misericordia University, 301 Lake St., Dallas.

Thomas is also available to pick up donations. For information, please contact her at A. Pickett Construction at (570) 283-2057 or caitlynthomas@apickett.com.

For more information about Bourger Women with Children Program at Misericordia University, please call (570) 674-6400 or visit: www.misericordia.edu/wwc.

Shown in photo above: Misericordia University's Caitlyn Thomas, a student in the Bourger Women with Children Program and director of philanthropy at A. Pickett Construction, is coordinating a back-to-school book bag drive for children in the Bourger program.

Donations can be dropped off at A. Pickett Construction, 128 Vaughn St., Kingston, or at 201A Mercy Hall, Misericordia University, 301 Lake St., Dallas.

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THE FINANCIAL EQUATION:

Top Financial Advisors Don't Collect Commissions

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

In previous articles I've written, I've gone over the question to ask when hiring a true financial professional (aka a fiduciary), the way to find out if your current financial advisor is for "real", and a common theme in both these articles is that so - called financial "advisors" should eliminate conflicts of interest by not accepting commissions for selling certain products. Otherwise, they aren't real financial advisors; they're just salespeople. Granted some of them may not know any better when first entering this industry, but – once they've been in the industry for a few years, they should realize that pushing investment products isn't always in their clients' best interests.

Commissions can cloud the advice given by a financial advisor to his/her clients, so this is a potential conflict of interest. How can you trust that the advisor's investment recommendation is truly best for your situation (a fiduciary MUST put your interests first with all financial advice given), or is it just putting more money in your advisor's pocket? Eliminating commissions is just the right thing for financial advisors to do if they want to be taken seriously; otherwise, there will always be a tinge of distrust with that "advisor's" suggestions. It is much better if your true financial professional gets paid via a fee (usually a %) for managing your investments, a retainer, and/or an hourly fee for the work he/she does for you. It can help reduce and – in some instances– eliminate these conflicts of interest.

RIA firms with fiduciary advisors who do not get paid via commissions are going to be the first place to shop for your true financial advisor (unless you're a do - it - yourself financial guru, but be careful, a vast amount of topics to understand); that should save you some search time. These professionals will start with the basics and take the time to make sure you're on the right path (budget, risk assessment, and financial plan, anyone?) before suggesting the next steps needed (don't put the cart before the horse).

Commission - based advisors are almost always under pressure to sell, so often they aren't going to take the time to do what's right for you (they must hit their numbers AND keep their firm happy). A recent article from the magazine Financial Planning cited a study showing that almost none of the largest RIAs (measured by assets under management) receive commissions as part of their regular business models. If the top RIA firms are shying away from commission - based business altogether, smaller RIA firms should do the same (we don't accept commissions either). Makes you wonder why brokerag e firms often still work on this outdated model, and why you're still working with the advisor that gets paid via commissions? Wonder no more – now that you know better, hire a fiduciary as your financial advisor ... you're welcome!

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Annual James J. McCullough Award presented

The Forty Fort Lions Club recently presented their annual James J. McCullough Award. Each year, a $1,000.00 scholarship is awarded to an outstanding area high school student. This award has been in existence for 41years.

The award is in memory of James J. McCullough, former Mayor of Forty Fort in 1973 and a member of the Forty Fort Lions Club.

This year the award was presented to Holy Redeemer graduate Michael Lyons. Michael is planning on attending Temple University pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Shown in photo are, from left are: Scholarship Co-chairman, Tom O'Connor; Co-chairman, Matt Kelly; Mrs. Joseph Lyons, award recipient; Michael Lyons, Mr. Joseph Lyons, and Co-chairman; Jerry Novak.

Pulled Pork Dinner Planned

A dinner featuring Chef John Hudak's Kansas City Pulled Pork will be held on Saturday, August 12 at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 420 Main Street, Dallas. The menu will consist of pulled pork with house-made barbecue sauce, "KC" cheesy corn, coleslaw, potato salad, dinner rolls/butter and dessert. Price is $10 for adults and $6 for children 10 years of age and under. Takeouts will be available from 4:00 - 4:30 p.m, Eat-In from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be reserved online at www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org or by calling the church office at 570-675-1723. Shown in photo above are: The Reverend Jospeh Rafferty, Rector and Chef John Hudak.

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First Responders are recognized at Dallas Days Bicentennial Event

Officials and winners share in the awards presentation, from left are: Darlene Kupstas, Dallas American Legion; State Representative (and Dallas Rotarian) Karen Boback; Dallas Township Supervisor Bill Grant; Dallas Township Supervisor Liz Martin; Dallas Rotary Club President Kimberlie Reynolds; John Emil, Dallas American Legion; State Senator Lisa Baker; Ray Miller, Kunkle Fire Department; Susan Davis, Kunkle Fire Department; Chris Purcell, Back Mountain Regional Fire Department.

By Sandy Peoples
Back Mountain Community News Contributor

On July 1, Dallas Township and the Dallas Rotary Club partnered to recognize our local first responders at the Firemen's Bazaar, Parade and Fireworks at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

As the parade was about to begin, radios started cracking, red lights quickly turned on, and loud sirens were soon to follow. At least half of the First Responders quickly gave up their truck's place in the parade line, and headed over to Kunkle Road to do what they do best, try to save lives. What started out to be a fun day for them, soon turned into their witnessing what they see far too often as emergencies and tragedies happen, and they do their job to rescue and protect us all.

As spectators were waiting, the parade had to go on without them. Some units from each department were able to stay, so they were in consideration for the awards about to be presented by the Dallas Rotary Club in appreciation and recognition for their dedication and superior performance.

The awards, presented by Dallas Rotary Club President Kimberlie Reynolds, were as follows: Most Personnel Participating – Kunkle Fire Department; Best Appearing Engine Award – Shavertown Fire Department; Best Appearing Tanker Award – Kunkle Fire Department; Best Appearing Aerial Apparatus Award – West Wyoming Fire Department; Best Appearing Ambulance Award – Kunkle Fire Department; Best Appearing Overall Award – Kunkle Fire Department; Most Distance Traveled Award – Noxen Fire Department; Best Appearing Original Condition Motorized Antique Award – Back Mountain Regional Fire Department; Judges Choice Award – Idetown Fire Department; Firemen's Olympics Winners – West Wyoming Fire Department.

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Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman to celebrate the 33rd Annual Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival

A planning committee meeting was recently held for the Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival. Shown in photo, first row from left are: Dr. Dale Jones-Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, Gerry Wall-President, Arts at Hayfield. Second row: Cassie Munzing, Mary Ellen DeRemer, and David Scheff. Third row: Helen Davis, Janis Winter-Summer Festival Chair, and Carol Scheff. Fourth row: Sue Barnett and Sue Downey. Fifth row: Megan MacGregor, Karen Winters, and Alice Niskey. Sixth row: Louise Kubasti, Barbara Lemmond, Bonnie Oldham, and Melleray Thompson.

On Sunday, August 27, more than 120 artisans, performers, crafters and food vendors will converge on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman to celebrate the 33rd Annual Arts at Hayfield Summer Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., rain or shine on the campus grounds.

From 11:30 until closing there will be a steady string of performances including musical theatre, Highland step dancing, folk rock, blue grass and comedy, juggling, magic, costumed story telling, a children's theatre performance on Aesop's fables, and bagpipes to end the day. The food vendors will be serving up a variety of festival foods including burgers, wraps, Middle Eastern foods, chicken tenders, potato pancakes, haluski, pierogies, snow cones, pizza, hot dogs and kielbasa, funnel cakes, rice pudding and other desserts, fresh lemonade, ice cream, gelatos and sundaes.

Along with the fine work being sold by over 100 crafters, some crafters will be demonstrating their wheat weaving, fabric weaving, wood carving, and painting. Our craft tent will be the place to pick up free balloons, and will feature projects for children all day. Helen Grebsky will display and demonstrate needle crafts, including embroidery, doll making, and weaving, and will have projects for children and adults to try their hands at. Near the craft tent, Tim and Sharon Carey will be sharing their adventure in rescuing a fawn which they have written about in a beautiful book for sale that adults and children will enjoy. They'll be showing a video about the animals that appear in their book.

The Observatory will be open from 1:00-2:00. Dr. Violet Major will be available to answer questions, and with the new solar telescope being available, weather permitting, there will be special emphasis on the sun. The Master Gardeners will be available all day to answer your gardening questions, and will have a special focus on the theme "Winter is coming." While you're there, enjoy making something to take home for your garden.

Above is a photo from last year's festival.

Tours of the historical Hayfield House will take place at 11:00, 1:00 and 2;30. This is a great opportunity to learn some local history about the house and life and times of John Conyngham, the gentleman farmer whose interest in farming gave rise to Hayfield Farms in 1910. A DVD history of the farm that was made from primary sources to honor it's 100th anniversary is available for sale. A requested donation for adults of $2 supports an annual achievement award for an arts-oriented campus student, and public performances and arts programs offered to the larger community by other groups in the Wyoming Valley area, and contributes to restoration projects for Hayfield House and other art enrichment on the campus. For more information, please visit the Arts at Hayfield website, www.artsathayfield.org., or contact the Festival Chair, Janis Winter, at 570-675-9232, or jrw4@psu.edu.

Local Farmer's Market held every Saturday through October

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

Locally grown fruits and vegetables are such a treat and you can easily pick some up every Saturday at the Farmer's Market. Sponsored by the Back Mountain Memorial Library in cooperation with the Dallas School District, the event is held in the parking lot of Dallas Elementary School every Saturday from now through October 14. Parking is easy and the number of vendors for the market continues to grow, pun intended.

This year local farms like Braces, Dymonds and Golombs are sharing the event with Creek Side, Mad Mallard, Dancing Hen, Stone Hollow and Tilling Point Farms. In addition, you can get fresh baked goods from places like Beyond Bread, Beta Bread, and the Amish market tent. There are jams, jellies, salsas, herbs, seasonings, honey and even a variety of brittles available.

Join the smart shoppers at the Farmer's Market and you are sure to meet some family, friends or neighbors while you are there to support our local farmers and the community library.

Pictured selling fruits and veggies from Creek Side Farms, from left, are Dan Jones, Megan, Vitrone and Binnie Vitrone.

Taking advantage of a beautiful day at the Farmers Market are Stephanie Hennigan, left, her mother, Claudia Hennigan, and son Cole Hennigan-Murdock.

Dr. Harvey Riser and his daughter Ashlyn love to support our local farmers and always make a point to get to the Farmers Market.

Iris Ouellette and Evan Baier bought some fresh veggies from "Farmer Phil" Pannella who works at Dancing Hen Farm and CSA which specializes in vegetables grown using organic methods.

Taking a quick break from selling fruits, vegetables and flowers for the Dymond Farm are Ron Coolbaugh and Mariana Dymond.

Making a family outing of their visit to the Farmers Market, from left, are Ann Loughney, Jamie Carty, Meg Mathewson, M.D., Matt Carty, Julie Carty, Anna Carty, JoAnn Cawley, Margaret Mathewson, Jake Cawley, Emma Cawley, and Johnny Cawley.

Mad Mallard Farms sells hot grilled sandwiches and freshly made smoothies. Ed Troy is pictured getting a fruit smoothie from Zane Brown and Krystal Guglielmi.

Stone Hollow Farms and Tilling Point Farms combine to offer a variety of organically grown vegetables especially lettuce and other salad greens. Pictured is Amy Butler.

Spending some time visiting during a trip to the Dallas Farmers Market, from left, are Janet Smith, Jordan Banks, Sydney Banks, and Cheri Banks.

Dianna Varady, right, and Donna Fraser offer gluten free and non-gluten free bread and flour, free range eggs and even fresh whipped cream. In addition, you can buy seasonings, pure extracts and flavored butters.

Legion Logbook

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

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 held an election for 2018 officers. The votes were tabulated and Art Parks was elected Commander. Other officers include John Emil Sr., 1st Vice Commander, John Swetts, 2nd Vice Commander, Darlene Kupstas, Finance Officer, George A. Tucker, Adjutant, Rev. William Lewis, Chaplain, Clarence J. Michael, Historian, Edward J. Podehl and James George, SGT. At Arms. Tom Daniels and Charles Fleming were chosen for the Executive Committee; Thomas C. Backman, Dale Culver, and Darlene Kupstas will serve on the Home Association Board of Directors. Commander Parks congratulated all the nominees for coming forward to help keep Post 672 the vibrant Post that has a glorious history. He encourages all members of the Post to extend their thanks to these individuals.

Our Post Chaplain Bill Lewis had a busy day on June 14 Flag Day. Bill started his day with a presentation at the Dallas Middle School, then proceeded to give his program at a Day Care Center, and finally at 4 P.M. he was at the Back Mountain Library. Job well-done, Bill! If you have never seen Bill's outstanding presentation of the derivation of the American Flag through its many changes, I would advise you to take the opportunity if it presents itself. The Post observed Flag Day by having their traditional Flag Burning Ceremony. If you have a flag that you need to dispose of, please drop it off at the Legion. Just do not discard the Flag. Our Essay Contest this year dealt with "Should the American Flag Be Protected From Desecration".

The Post Honor Guard participated in the Dallas in spite of the rain showers. They also participated in the closing of the Back Mountain Memorial Auction, and received many compliments. We are very proud of our Honor Guard as they cheerfully contribute to many Back Mountain events.

Joe Ciaccia and Issa Dahdal were sponsored by Post 672 to attend Boy's State. They have returned and will be invited to speak of their week at a future Legion meeting.

Post 672 met on July 11 to cast a single ballot to accept the results of our election. Prior to the meeting Representative Boback and members of the Veteran's Ride For Honor chicken barbecue and bike run presented a $4,000 check to Jack Cleary for the Lt. Michael J. Cleary Foundation. Jack expressed his appreciation for the gift. He stated that the money will definitely be used on behalf of veterans. Representative Boback expressed her thanks to all who participated to make this inaugural ride a success.

Jack introduced me to Jack Swire who served in the U.S. Army for 22 years with a tour of duty in Iraq. Jeff and his wife Melissa are in the process of creating Patriots Cove. This is a trout habitat approximately 3/4 miles long on 18 acres. It will be created in Beaver Run. It will also have a pavillion. I asked Jack why he was doing this. He said, " I appreciate the role our military plays to keep us free, and I also want to include our wonderful first- responders. I will be inviting both groups to come and enjoy our facility at a later date. Basically, we are investing our own money in this project but will be open to contributions in the future." I will keep you updated on this wonderful project.

Members of the Legion attended the last day of Middle School on June 30 to present the American Legion medals to the boy and girl who best emulate the values of Americanism. The winners were Ethan Shilanski and Alexandra Strobel. Congratulations! By quirk of fate I could not attend because I had an appointment for a CAT scan at the V.A.

Our next meeting will be held on September 5 at 7:30 P.M. The initiation of officers will be held Sunday, September 10. Commander Parks invites any member or prospective member to attend.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Fun programs for teens recently held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

Jean Grube, left, was assisted by Kim Reinert as they showed teenagers how to make stained glass artwork at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

There are always summertime attractions for younger children at the Back Mountain Memorial Library but this year teenagers got in on the fun, too.

On July 13, Jean Grube offered a program featuring two crafts just for teens. Participants were able to create their own stained glass artwork by tracing and painting a design on a small piece of glass. The glass was then framed so it could be hung in a window. The teens also learned how to make necklaces and keychains using different sized flat washers decorated with a special alcohol paint.

Participating in a jewelry making project for younger children at the library, from left, are Madison Azarewicz, Emma Sgarlat, Peyton Strobel, and Lacey Youngblood.

Picking out just the right frame for their stained glass project are Chloe Dudick and Ryan Brennan.

A second program planned for July was to make a sculpted tree. "We are going to use aluminum wire and twist it into the shape of a tree," said Brianna Brennan, an 11th grader at Dallas High School who volunteers at the library. "We did a larger project like that in my art class and I was able to add a lot of detail to it. The wire is fun to work with."

For information on upcoming events at the library, visit www.backmountainlibrary.org.

Allie Morse, left, and Alyssa Pritchard are seen tracing the outline for their stained glass project.

Photo left: All smiles while deciding which colors to use for their metal jewelry pieces, from left, are Lucy Honeywell, Katja Kolanda, Meg Kolanda, and Julianna Conte.

Shavertown United Methodist Church announces Golf Tournament

The 10th Annual Shavertown United Methodist Golf Tournament will be held Monday September 18, 2017 at the Huntsville Golf Club. The format is 4 person Captain & Crew with registration at 8:30 AM and a 10:00 AM shotgun start. Dinner will be served immediately following the event at the Huntsville Golf Club. The cost of the tournament is $100.00 per person, which includes green fees, cart and dinner. There will be a number of skill prizes, door prizes and a silent auction. All prizes will be awarded at the dinner.

Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the tournament. All sponsors will have their company name prominently displayed at the event. Hole sponsorships are $100.00. Businesses may also offer a door prize or a gift for the silent auction. Registration brochures for both players and sponsors are available by contacting the church office at 570-675-3616. Registration deadline is August 31, 2017.

All proceeds of the golf tournament benefit the mission and outreach ministries of the church.

Cold Laser Therapy – Senior Patients Go For High-Tech Healing

One of the most common conditions believed to come with aging is pain. Sometimes, it is caused by certain conditions such as osteoarthritis or bursitis which are usually associated with middle-aged or elderly individuals. Sometimes pain occurs for seemingly no reason at all.

The good news is you can do something about it – who says pain is a "normal" part of aging? Moreover, you could turn to cutting-edge technology to see if there's a solution that could elevate or complement your pain management program. laser technology through the years lead to the creation of newer, better versions than before.

Cold laser therapy is recommended for pain relief because of the following benefits it offers: Painless accuracy. Fast and simple procedure. The duration of each session depends on each patient – it can last for 10 minutes to one hour. No medication or surgery is used, and it is done as an outpatient procedure. Dramatic results. Covered by most insurance.

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Boback's Healthy Habits and Wellness Event Set for August 9

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming) along with Misericordia University, will host a Healthy Habits and Wellness Event on Wednesday, August 9, at Misericordia's Insalaco Hall from 3-7 p.m. The event will feature over 25 vendors and will include special informational presentations.

Presentations will cover a range of topics, including Keeping Safe on Facebook and Social Media, Healthy Food Preparation, Yoga and You, Paint and Relax, and more.

"Last year's inaugural Healthy Habits and Wellness expo was a great success, and I am thrilled to once again offer this event for all residents of the 117th District," said Boback. "There is something for everyone at our Healthy Habitsand Wellness event.

I encourage area residents to attend this special expo on Aug. 9. Based on feedback from last year's event, we have changed the hours to accommodate residents who work during the day so more folks can attend."

PennDOT will be on site to share information about teen driving safety, and the Luzerne County District Attorney's office will bring a prescription drug drop box for the disposal of medication.

Pictured with Rep. Karen Boback (Lackawana/Luzerne/Wyoming) are event organizers Phil Swank Johanna Evans, Carol Sweeney and Dr. Tom Botzman.

This is a free event. For more information, visit www.RepBoback.com or call her offices at (570) 675-6000 or (570) 836-4777.

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Luzerne County Fair Queen Contest

The Luzerne County Fair will sponsor the Official Fair Queen Contest on Saturday, August 12th, at 7:00 PM in conjunction with the Fair V.I.P. / Volunteer reception.

The winner of this Pageant will compete for the State Queen Title, sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. The State Queen Pageant will take place at the State Fair Association Convention, held in January, 2018, in Hershey, PA.

2017 Queen - Brianna Rinehimer

EACH FAIR QUEEN CONTESTANT MUST:

1. Be a female who is a U.S. citizen and a resident of PA.
2. Be at least age 16, but no older than 20 years of age as of June 1st of the year entering local contest.
3. Be willing to be the certified representative of the local fair where she is crowned.
4. Have not been a former local Fair Queen winner, nor a former State Fair Queen contestant.
5. Not hold any other title for any other commodity group or pageant.
6. Have her parent(s) or guardian(s) consent to enter the PA State competition.
7. Be single, have never been married, have not been pregnant nor given birth to a child.
8. Act in accordance with the PA State Fair Queen "Behavior Policy". This will be furnished to contestants.
9. Be able to meet all time commitments, Queen obligations and Dress Code as set forth by the PA State Fair Queen Program.

IN ADDITION EACH CONTESTANT WILL:

A. Submit a signed agreement form and application, along with a written essay entitled, "What My Fair Means to My Community" (300 words or less).
B. Submit one (1) color photograph (portrait type) along with proof of age (copy of a valid driver's license or birth certificate) and mailed along with the application.
C. Present a three to five minute persuasive speech on the topic, "Why You Should Come to My Fair". Props that enhance the speech are allowed. Overhead projectors and Power Point presentations are **not** permitted. This is judged on content (to include agriculture). Each contestant will have a private interview with the judges prior to the contest at a time and location to be named.
D. Agree to participate in the 2017 Luzerne County Fair, September 7th through the 11th, participate in the January 2018 State Fair Queen event, as well as participate in promotional activities throughout the year. The first runner-up succeeds the winner should she, for whatever reason, not fulfill her obligations.

Contestants will be judged on Poise, Appearance (must be attired in a dress), Neatness, and Ability to Communicate, (in written essay, speech given during the contest and private interview with the judges).

PRIZES:

The Queen will receive a $1,000 Cash Prize in memory of our 2003 Fair Queen. The First runner-up will receive $250.00 Cash Prize. Prizes will be awarded after all obligations have been met.

For an application or information call: 570-675-2952, email: luzernecountyfair@hotmail.com,

or Mail to: Queen Contest, PO Box 393, Dallas, PA 18612

DEADLINE TO ENTER THIS CONTEST IS JULY 31, 2017

ROUND HAY BALE DECORATING CONTEST

prizes/awards

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	6th Place
$25.00	$20.00	$15.00	$12.00	$10.00	$8.00

PRE-REGISTER BY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2017
ENTRIES ACCEPTED: MON., SEPT. 4TH, 2017 8AM-5PM
JUDGING; WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6TH
RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All participants must pre-register by August 12, 2017 on Luzerne County Fair Open Arts & Crafts entry form, indicate **Dept. 22, Section 3, and class #2765**. Indicate on the form as to whether the bale is to be placed on its side or on end. There is no entry fee for this contest.
2. Round bales (approximately 5') will be provided and placed in outdoor locations. Participants must check in at the Fair Office for the location of their bale.
3. Participants must provide their own decorating supplies. Additional hay or items may be added at exhibitor's own expense, however, no stacking of second bale. Questions may be directed to Gail Verbyla at 570.709.7875
4. No mechanical, electrical or electronic devices may be used.
5. All entries must be completed no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

For more contests and information visit online:
www.luzernecountyfair.com
click on Guide!

LUZERNE COUNTY FAIR PRINCESS CONTEST

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 1 PM - Livestock Tent Area

In conjunction with the Luzerne County Fair, September 6th through September 10th, 2017 we will be holding a Luzerne County Fair Princess Contest.
This is not a talent or formal event, just a day for your little girl to shine.

CONTEST RULES:

1. **Must** be at least 4 years old and no older than 6 years old on Sept. 9, 2017
2. **Must** reside in Luzerne County.
3. **Must** dress in a party dress.
4. Girls will be asked to tell a little about themselves.
5. The Winner may be asked to take part in community events during the year.
6. A Luzerne County Fair Princess as well as 1st runner-up will be chosen.
7. **MUST HAVE FUN!!!**

By entering, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Fair Committee.I understand that the Fair Committee reserves the right to amend or add to the rules and regulations as their judgement may determine.

Signature of Entrant:_____ Birthday_____

Signature of Parent:_____ Date:_____

Name: _____

Address:_____

_____ Zip:_____

Phone #: _____

Parents: _____

Tell us about YOU: Example - School, family, pets, your favorite things to do, etc.

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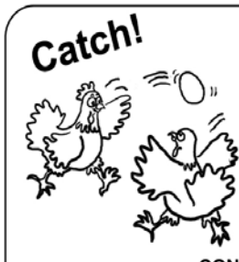
RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM TO :

Luzerne County Fair
Attn: Charlotte Williams
P.O. Box 393
Dallas, PA 18612

THIS ENTRY FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31, 2017!



BARNYARD OLYMPICS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH

3:00 p.m. in the arena

RULES & REGULATIONS

CONTESTS WILL BE HELD IN TWO AGE DIVISIONS:

1) 10 years old & under 2) 11 - 18 years old

1. Anyone within the age divisions may enter.
2. Contestants may enter any or all classes one time only.
3. Contestants must register 15 minutes before event (2:45 p.m.).
4. Winners will receive a place ribbon and all contestants will receive a special treat.
5. If you plan to participate, please write "Barnyard Olympics" in the lower right hand corner of any entry form you are using to enter other classes or any one entry form located in the back of this guide if you are not entering other classes.
6. Additional classes may be added.

Class A. Egg Toss

1. Any two people enter together.
2. Couples start 3 feet apart. After each toss they increase distance one step.
3. Couple who tosses and catches egg the farthest distance without breaking it wins.

Class B. Cow Mooing

1. Contestants will give 3 Moo's.
2. The best Moo wins.

Class C. Stick Horse Race

Contestant will be given a stick horse to run to and around a marker, the fastest wins.

Class D. Bubble Blowing Race

Contestant who blows a bubble the fastest wins.

Class E. Make a Pyramid

Timed Event - Contestant who stacks the highest pyramid of cups wins.

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Angel Food Cake Contest

Pennsylvania's INCREDIBLE! Angel Food Cake Contest

prizes and awards	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
	$25.00	$15.00	$10.00

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out an entry form, indicate Dept. 15, Section 1, class **#1441** and return it by deadline.
2. Contest is open to Pennsylvania residents only, one entry per person.
3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
4. Entries must be brought to the Arts & Crafts Building between **3 PM and 6 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 5th**
5. Entry must be made from scratch. Pennsylvania produced & packed eggs are requested to be used if at all possible. Please look for the "PEQAP" or PA Preferred logo or PA packaging dates on carton.
6. **NEW!** Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Any cake entry that requires refrigeration after baking must be so noted on the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
7. Cake must be submitted for judging on cardboard (no doily required. No pans will be returned).
8. Recipe(s) listing the ingredients and the preparation instructions must be submitted with the entry (printed or typed on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" paper). Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all recipe pages.
9. Cakes will be judged on flavor (30 pts), inside characteristics (25 pts), overall appearance (20 pts), creativity (15 pts), and topping, icing or decoration (10 pts).
10. ONCE A CONTESTANT WINS 1ST PLACE AT A 2017 FAIR IN A PARTICULAR PSACF SPECIAL BAKING CONTEST, THEY ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THAT SAME BAKING CONTEST AT ANY OTHER FAIR IN 2017.
11. There is no entry fee for this contest.

The 1st Place winner in this contest is eligible for 2018 Farm Show Competition.
PA Farm Show winners will receive 1st place $500, 2nd place $250 and 3rd place $100.

Event co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Egg Farmers and the Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs

Blue Ribbon Apple Pie Contest

prizes/awards

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
$25.00	$15.00	$10.00

RULES - How to enter

1. Fill out entry form.(Dept. 15, Section 1, Class **#1482**), return by deadline. There is no entry fee for this contest.
2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class.
3. Entry does not need to be a "traditional" two crusted pie and can have a variety of fillings but must include at least 60% apples in filling.
4. Entire pie must be submitted in a disposable pie pan. (No pans will be returned)
5. All pies will be judged on the following basis: flavor (30 pts), filling consistency, doneness, moistness, & flavor (25 pts), crust color, flavor, texture & doneness (20 pts), overall appearance (15 pts), creativity (10 pts).
6. Entry must be brought to the Arts & Crafts building between **3 PM and 6 PM Tues. Sept. 5th**
7. Refrigeration is NOT available at the Fair or PA Farm Show. Any entry that requires refrigeration after baking must be so noted on the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after the judging for food safety reasons.
8. Recipe for pie and pie crust must be submitted on one side of 8 1/2" x 11" paper listing all ingredients, quantities and instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on back side of all pages.
9. ONCE A CONTESTANT WINS 1ST PLACE AT A 2017 FAIR IN A PARTICULAR PSACF SPECIAL BAKING CONTEST, THEY ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THAT SAME BAKING CONTEST AT ANY OTHER FAIR IN 2017.

The 1st Place winner in this contest is eligible for 2018 Farm Show Competition.
PA Farm Show winners will receive 1st place $500, 2nd place $250 and 3rd place $100. 4th/5th ribbons.

At the PA FARM SHOW level, this contest is jointly sponsored by: The Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Program, The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and The Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs.

FUN SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
$20.00	$12.00	$8.00

RULES - **THREE AGE GROUPS!**

1. Only one poster consisting of original artwork by the exhibitor may be submitted.
2. The poster size must be either 14 x 22 inches or 14 ½ x 22 inches, equivalent to 1/2 of standard poster board. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging at the state level. Artwork may be vertical or horizontal.
3. This year's theme is "**Know Your Farmer.**" Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level. Artwork must include the theme as noted.
4. There will be three state competitions: ages 8-11, 12-14, and 15-18. Exhibitors must be in one of these age groups as of June 1st of the current fair season to qualify.
5. One poster per age group per fair may be forwarded for the state competition.
6. Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age.
7. Fill out an entry. (indicate **Dept. 22, Section 3,** and class **#2776 for age group 8 - 11;** class **#2777 for age group 12 - 14;** or class **#2778 for age group 15 - 18**) by deadline date listed on the Arts & Crafts Entry Form.
8. There is no entry fee for this contest.
9. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules and judging will coincide with Open Arts & Crafts. First place winner posters will not be returned and will be forwarded to the 2017 PA Farm Show competition.

First Place Winner in each age group is eligible for the 2018 PA Farm Show competition.

Premium checks for: 1st place.....$100; 2nd place.....$75 3rd place.....$50. These checks will be presented by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to the top three individuals during the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Winners will be notified in advance and invited to attend an awards presentation. They will also be required to provide their social security numbers for award disbursements. All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Any duplication of posters from previous years will be disqualified.

2017 HOMEMADE CHOCOLATE CAKE BAKING CONTEST

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
$50.00	$25.00	$15.00

RULES:- HOW TO ENTER

1.Fill out an entry form, indicate Dept. 15, Section 1, class **#1447** and return it by deadline.
2. Open to any individual amateur baker who is a Pennsylvania resident; one entry per person.
3. Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this 2017 HOMEMADE™ Chocolate Cake contest at any other fair in 2017.
4. Entry must be a layered chocolate cake made from "scratch". Pre-made mixes are not acceptable ingredients.
5. Entry must be frosted and frosting must be made from "scratch".
6. Cake recipe must feature chocolate or cocoa as a main ingredient.
7. The entire cake entry must be submitted for judging on cardboard or a disposable plate (containers or plates will not be returned).
8. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. Entrant's name, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. Entries must be brought to the Arts & Crafts Building between **3 PM and 6 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 5th**
9. Refrigeration is not available at the fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
10. **Judging Criteria**: **Flavor** . 30 points (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) **Texture** . 25 points (moist and tender crumb; not soggy or dry) **Inside Characteristics** . . 20 points (even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets) **Outside Characteristics** . 15 points (consistent shape/size/surface; overall appeal) **Frosting** 10 points (taste, texture, even color) TOTAL 100 points

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2018 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes at the 2018 PA Farm Show Competition: 1st = $500, 2nd = $250; 3rd = $100; 4th & 5th Place Rosette Ribbon

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for ages 8-18 yrs

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RULES:- HOW TO ENTER

1. Fill out an entry form, indicate Dept. 15, Section 1, class **#0225** and return it by deadline.
2. Exhibitor must be an individual ***age 8 through and including 18 years ONLY*** who is a PA resident; one entry per person.
3. Entrants may NOT have won 1st place in this PA Preferred™ Juior Baking Contest at any other fair in 2017.
4. Entry must be a plate of six (6) individual sixed portions of the baked entry item made from "scratch". Pre-made mixes are not acceptable ingredients.
5. PA Preferred™ ingredients must be used in the recipe. A comprehensive list of acceptable products will be available on the PA Preferred ™ website. Recipes are to include three (3) of the five (5) items listed: A. Grains such as flour or oats; B. Fruit such as peaches, apples or berries; C. Vegatable such as zucchini or carrots; D. Dairy such as milk, cream or butter; E. Eggs. All PA Preferred™ product labels, including the name of the product, must accompany the recipe. Look for the blue and yellow PA Preferred™ logo on ingredient packaging to ensure the product was produced in Pennsylvania. Please note some packaging may not have the blue and gold logo. **Visit www.papreferred.com to find PA Preferred™ products by zip code, in Luzerne County it can be Hillside Farms milk and eggs; The Farm Basket in Dallas for eggs.**
6. Entry must be submitted for judging on a doily set on top of a cardboard or disposable plate (No containers or plates returned).
7. Recipes must be submitted with the entry, printed on one side of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Entrant's name, **age**, address and phone number must be printed on the back side of all the pages. Recipe must list all ingredients, quantities, and the preparation instructions. PA Preferred™ ingredients are to be identified in writing as "PA Preferred" along with the brand name in the recipe (ex. PA Preferred Eggs - Weis Brand) PA Preferred™ product labels must be attached to the recipe. Entries must be brought to the Arts & Crafts Building between **3 PM and 6 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 5th**
8. Refrigeration is not available at the fair or PA Farm Show. Entries that require refrigeration after baking must indicate so in the recipe. Those entries will not be sold, auctioned or otherwise distributed for consumption after judging for food safety reasons.
9. **Judging Criteria**: **Flavor** . 30 points (aroma, taste, good balance of flavorings) **Texture** . 25 points(appropriate for the type of cookie, brownie or bar) **Inside Characteristics** . .20 points (even grain, evenly baked; free from air pockets) **Outside Characteristics** . 15 points (uniform size, shape, appearance; overall appeal) **Creativity** .. 10 points TOTAL 100 points

First Place Winner is eligible for the 2018 PA Farm Show competition.

Prizes - PA Preferred™ Junior Baking Contest at 2018 PA Farm Show: 1st = $500; 2nd = $250; 3rd = $100; 4th & 5th Rosette Ribbon

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DESIGN THE COVER

for the 2018 Luzerne County Fair Premium Guide

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9 - 12

prizes/awards:	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
	$35.00	$25.00	$15.00

RULES -

1. **GENERAL THEME:** "A Day at the Luzerne County Fair " The design should represent a variety of activities that are available at the fair. Some things to consider would be the animals, crafts, food, rides, arena shows and entertainment. Included in the design must be: **56th Annual Luzerne County Fair, September 6-7-8-9-10, 2017 Route 118, Dallas/Lehman, PA.**
2. **SIZE/MEDIUM:** 8 -1/2" x 11" done in black and white, any medium. (Must have strong dark and light areas)
3. **WORK MUST BE ORIGINAL**.
4. **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in grades 9 through 12 during the 2017 - 2018 school year are eligible to enter.
5. **PRIZES:** Premiums and ribbons will awarded as listed above. By entering the contest, you agree that if your entry wins, you will allow the Luzerne County Fair to use the entry (alone or as a composite of the winners) as the cover for the 2017 Luzerne County Fair Premium Guide. Proper design credit will be given inside the book. (artwork may be edited as needed.)
6. **WINNING ENTRIES:** All winning entries become the property of the Luzerne County Fair.

How to enter:

1. Fill out an entry. (indicate Dept. 22, Section 3, class **#2775**) and return it, **along with your cover design**, by the deadline date listed on the Arts & Crafts Entry Form.
2. Exhibitors are limited to ONE ENTRY in this class. There is no entry fee for this contest.
3. Contest entries will be subject to the general rules.
4. Judging will coincide with Open Arts & Crafts.
5. Display may be limited to winners only depending on the number of entries and space availability.

The Bridal Buzz

Isn't it hard to believe that summer is coming to an end? As I ponder that question, I realize that it is because I am so busy working with my brides and customers that time has gone by quickly. Before I know it, the end of the work day appears. Don't you agree that time moves a lot slower when we are bored?

This has been another great bridal season. Not too much has changed in trends. The best sellers for headpieces are side and back combs or hair bands. There was a time when the majority of headpieces were rhinestone tiaras, the higher the better !! Brides are looking for simplicity, both with their accessories and their gowns. Lace gowns are in the forefront of fashion. Sweetheart necklines dominate in style. Most of the jewelry that I design for brides has a drop in the center to complement that neckline. Since most gowns are sleeveless, wide bracelets look best. I rarely see a wedding gown that looks like Cinderella. By that I mean that it is wide on the bottom and heavily beaded with crystals and pearls.

The "babushka" for the bridal dance remains popular. The custom originated in Poland in the early 1900s in immigrant neighborhoods. Guests are told that the money will be used for the bride and groom's honeymoon or to give them a little extra cash with which to setup housekeeping. We make aprons to match to collect the money from the dance. I am repeatedly told that the newlyweds make a lot of money doing that dance. I cannot tell you how many times I have witnessed a "discussion" between the bride and her Mom about wearing the babushka. When the bride learns the monetary benefit of doing the "dollar" dance, she agrees to do it.

The past few months we have advertised SIP AND STRING PARTIES. Let me explain with details. I create a bracelet, eyeglass holder, ankle bracelet, necklace, earrings, or whatever comes to my mind..... and YOU arrange a party by bringing a group of friends (at least 6) and bring your beverage of choice. I provide all the supplies and instruct you how to make one for yourself. This has proven to be lots of fun for all. You can pick the day and time. Afternoons are becoming popular ... before the children come home from school. The added bonus is when you book a party at Amore-Bridal Trinkets, you can purchase ANY IN-STOCK item at 20% off.....no limit. Start your holiday shopping early!!!

Until next month, keep spreading smiles ..... Ciao, Mary

Painting Palooza Art Party to be held at Ross Elementary School

A three day painting party event is planned for August 14, 15 and 16 at the Ross Elementary School. Open to children of all ages and adults are welcome too. Children 8 years and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. All materals are included - beverages and snacks will be served.

There will be a different painting theme each day and some paintings will include Minions, cars and more. Special pricing is available for one, two or the three days. This is a fundraising event for the art department. For more information email: doulikeart@gmail.com.

Boback Announces Outreach Opportunities for August

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Wyoming) today announced her outreach events and satellite hours for August.

Veterans outreach hours will be offered on Tuesday, August 15, 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.

For a total listing of outreach opportunities within Luzerne and Wyoming Counties, visit Rep. Karen Boback's website at: www.repboback.com.

Wyoming Seminary Lower School students Support Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge

Members of the Wyoming Seminary Lower School Environmental Club recently presented a gift of $335 to Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge in Dallas, to support its mission of caring for and finding new homes for unwanted pets. The club members raised the money during a school dress down day in celebration of Earth Day. Seen during the gift presentation are, first row from left: Jill Carrick, Lower School science chair and environmental club advisor; Marge Bart, Blue Chip Farm founder and owner; Giuliana Schineller, Dallas; Amarinske Reitsma, Forty Fort; Christina Fawcett, Shavertown; JackAndrew Heisler, Plains; Olivia Sekel, Harding; Lucy Lew, Dallas; Cassidy Rhodes-Aniska, Bear Creek. Second row, from left: Moira Poepperling, Waverly; Kierra Cronin, Hanover Township; Camilla Caporale, Dunmore; Mariah Bentler, Roaring Brook Township; Adrien Hazzouri, West Pittston; and Rhianna Lewis, Scranton.

Mercy Foundation grants $100,000 to support care of women, at the Mercy Center Nursing Unit in Dallas

The Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Inc., in Dallas, PA., received for $100,000 from the Mercy Foundation at Mercy Center, Dallas, PA., in support of improving care for women in the personal care unit and starting a interactive activities department called "It's never 2 late." for residents of all cognitive levels.

The Mercy Foundation funding will help to provide support to residents who have spent down their funds and secondly, to begin a program called "It's never 2 late"or IN2L. This program promotes interactive activities for individuals, small groups and larger groups at all cognition levels.

The Mercy Center Nursing Unit, Inc., in Dallas, PA., recently received a grant for $100,000 from the Mercy Foundation. Pictured from the left are: Sr. Jane Kennedy, RSM, member of Mercy Center Board of Directors and the Mercy Foundation Board of Directors; Judy White, Mercy Center Director of Finance; Sr. Sara Sweeney, RSM, Mercy Center Administrator; Sr. Patricia Vetrano, President of the Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Community and member of the Mercy Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Martha Hanlon, RSM, Chair of the Mercy Foundation Board of Directors, and Sr. Antoinette Manley, Administrator of the Mercy Center Personal Care Unit.

Dallas Lions Club recently recognized three outstanding fifth grade students

The Dallas Lions Club recently recognized three outstanding fifth grade students at Wycallis Elementary School, by awarding them with cash prizes for their high scores in the mathematics section of the PSSA test. The President of the Lions Club, Dr. David Spring, makes it a top priority to sponsor community events helpful to our residents in the Back Mountain. He realizes that our youth are tomorrow's leaders and that they must be nurtured in order for them to reach their full potential. Above from left, first row are: Julianna Burdge, third place; Daniel Sabulski, first place; Zehrah Ali, second place. Back row: Dr. Amy Pavia, Elementary Math Coordinator, Joe Czarnecki, Dallas Lions Club and Brian Bradshaw, Principal.

Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter A.C.B.S. 27th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

The Northeastern Chapter Antique and Classic Boat Society is holding its 27th Antique and Classic Boat Show from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Harveys Lake on Saturday, August 12.

NEPA Harveys Lake Chapter President and Boat Show Chairman Josh Bryant and all members of the club personally invite everyone to become part of the fun. Admission is open to the public free of charge.

"Since Harveys Lake is easy to get to boaters traveling here from other clubs for the show will fill the docks at Grotto Marina with beautifully amazing wooden boats," said Bryant.

Antique and Classic Boat Society (A.C.B.S.) is a national organization that promotes preservation and restoration of antique and classic boats. Membership is open to the public and any other entities. Boat ownership is not required.

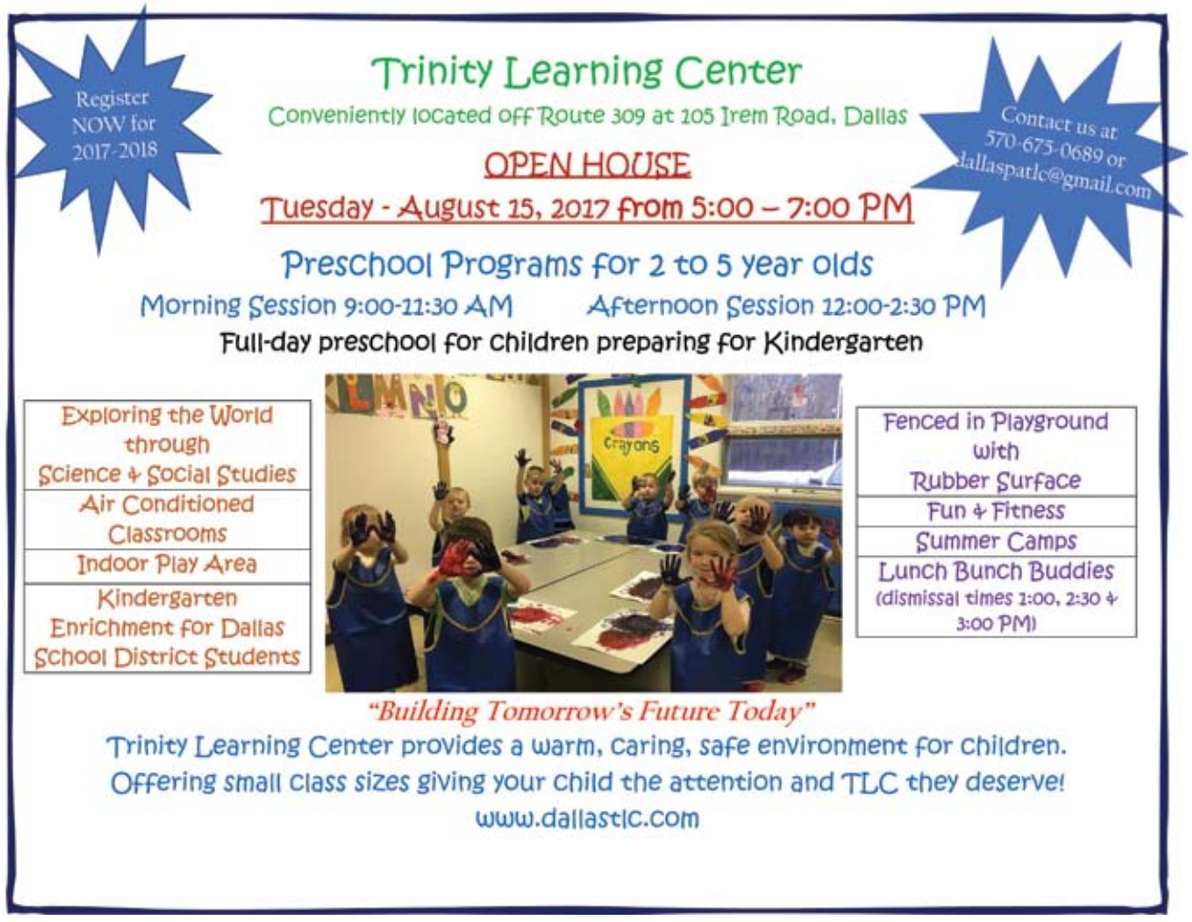
An exciting day of activities is planned including live band music presented by John and Terry from Strawberry Jam Duo. Winners of People's Choice Award and Ladies Choice Award are chosen by sightseers.

"Harveys Lake is a gorgeous waterway. After visiting the boat show we encourage visitors to take a ride around the lake and enjoy the wonderful scenery and pristine architecture," Bryant said.

For more information please contact Josh Bryant at 570-592-7634 or email harveyslakeacbs@gmail.com. Grotto Marina is located on RT 415 at the entrance to Harveys Lake. Plenty of free off-street parking at nearby lots.

Shown in photo above, riding in his 1940 Chris-Craft boat (THE BIKE KING) brings back memories of Josh Bryant's childhood days when he would go riding with his Grandfather and Dad on Harveys Lake. Traveling with Josh are his friends Fred Powell, Mifflinburg, (Front Seat) and Fred Moser, Danville, (Back Seat).

Photo and article submitted by Bobby Zampetti.



Residents of the Meadows cluster of Newberry Estate held their first weekly get-together

The residents of the Meadows cluster of Newberry Estate held their first weekly get-together at the new Recreation Area in Newberry. Pictured, left to right, are: Cappy Innes and Sis Ertley.

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