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Annual Blue and Gold Banquet recently held



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Cub scouts from the Gate of Heaven pack who crossed the bridge into Boy Scouts, from left, are: Gordon Matusavige, Tanner Manzoni, Kyle Langan, Caleb Cackowski, and Nathaniel Wren.

By MB Gilligan, Back Mountain Community News Correspondent

Cub Scout Pack 232 from Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday, February 1. The event was held in the church hall at Our Lady of Victory Church at Harvey's Lake and celebrated the bridging to Boy Scouts of five members of the pack.

"These five Webelos earned the Arrow of Light which is the highest award in cub scouts," said Cubmaster George Manzoni. "Tonight, they are being accepted into Boy Scouts." The five new Boy Scouts are Caleb Cackowski, Kyle Langan, Tanner Manzoni, Gordon Matusavige, and Nathaniel Wren. They have decided to join Boy Scout Troop 146 in Jackson Township.

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GOH Parish plans Designer Purse Bingo

On Saturday, April 18th, 2015 GOH Parish will have a "Designer Purse Bingo" Fundraiser. Bingo will start at 12pm in the gym, doors opening at 11am.

The price is \$20.00 and includes 20 regular games and 5 bonus games. Not included in the price of the ticket the following items will be for sale: bingo markers, extra bonus cards, gift baskets raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, instant bingo, food, drinks, and a bake sale. Handicap seating available.

Your reservation can be made by sending your \$20.00 check made payable to: GOH, 40 Machell Avenue, Dallas, PA 18612.

For additional information call 570-675-2121.

Back Mountain Food Pantry needs your help

For many reasons, the client list at the Back Mountain Food Pantry continues to grow. In 2014 it served 235 families. The beginning of this year shows an increase to 262 families. As a result, the pantry has a need for non-perishable foods during March when very few food drives are scheduled. With the extreme cold weather upon us, many families are forced to choose between food and fuel, and many of our elderly residents are forced to choose between food and their much-needed medications.

All non-perishable foods are welcome at any time. Individuals or groups wishing to donate food may call the pantry at 570-696-2917 for more information or to arrange a mutually convenient time for our volunteers on duty to receive the food.

Monetary donations may be sent to: The Back Mountain Food Pantry, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Road, Trucksville, PA 18708. The board members of the food pantry wish to thank everyone for their support all year long.

Special Notice to the Community

Dear Friends and Supporters,

After 12 hugely successful years, it is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that the **Dallas Harvest Festival** will not be held in 2015.

On a better note, within the next several months you will begin to notice many infrastructural and aesthetically pleasing improvements to Downtown Dallas thanks to a Local Share Account (LSA) grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Our dedicated volunteers and supporters, many of whom have been with the Festival since day one, are without a doubt the driving force that gives our Dallas Harvest Festival such a special hometown spirit.

We cannot thank you enough for your unending support of the Festival throughout the years. We hope to see you again in the not-too-distant future on a beautiful Sunday in September, between the Luzerne County and Bloomburg Fairs!

**Sincerely, Dallas Harvest Festival Committee,
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Winter Parking in Dallas Twp.

Except in locations whereby ordinance prohibitions against vehicular parking are more restrictive, vehicular parking on Township roads is prohibited now through April 30, between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:00 AM. Violators shall be subjected to a fine of \$15.00 for the first offense and \$25.00 for the second offense.

Dallas Lions Club announces annual Night at the Races

The Dallas Lions Club is planning their annual Night at the Races to be held at the Gate of Heaven Gym on Machell Ave., in Dallas. The Races will take place on Saturday, March 14th with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Horses can be purchased for \$10 from any Lions Club member. Admission is \$5 and includes food and beverages. There is no admission charge if a horse is purchased.

Details of the Race were discussed at a recent meeting of the club at the Irem Country Club. Pictured are members of the Club. Seated from left are: Lions Ed Hahn, Joe Dwinchick and Larry Spaciano. Standing are: Lions Craig Tupper, Paul McCue, Frank Rollman and Don Berlew, co-chairmen of the event, Garry Musselman and Robert Shaffer.



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It is unlawful to deposit any snow or ice on a road or immediately next to a fire hydrant.

It is unlawful for a vehicle to stand or park in any Borough roadway which interferes with the snow plowing or ice removal.

It is unlawful to be parked on a Borough road during or following a measurable snowfall of one inch or more. Parking on Borough roads is prohibited for a period of three (3) days following a snow accumulation for the purpose of clearing snow and ice. Vehicles not removed from streets or roadways will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

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Wyoming Seminary Lower School Students Place First in MATHCOUNTS Competition



The MATHCOUNTS team at Wyoming Seminary Lower School took first place in the Keystone Northeast Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition, held Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Wyoming Valley West Middle School in Kingston. Led by captain Tanaya Kollipara, eighth grade, Mountain Top, students Kyle Hromisin, eighth grade, Dallas; Logan McGowan, seventh grade, Pittston; and Ethan Tost, eighth grade, Scranton, won first place in the challenging team competition. Tost also won first place in the individual competition and Hromisin received a ninth place award. All four students will move on to represent the Keystone Northeast Chapter in the state competition in Harrisburg on Saturday, March 28. Sem middle-school mathematics teacher Barbara Bee coached this year's team.

Celebrating its 31st anniversary, MATHCOUNTS is a nationwide-math enrichment, coaching and competition program designed to increase interest and achievement in mathematics among all intermediate school students, to assist in developing a technically literate population essential to U.S. global competitiveness, and to improve the quality of life. More than six million students across the country have participated in the MATHCOUNTS program.

Members of Wyoming Seminary's 2014 MATHCOUNTS team are, seated from left: Max Liu, sixth grade, Kingston; Christina Kaspar, sixth grade, Dallas; Kabir Satija, seventh grade, Sugarloaf; and Ashleigh Pyke, seventh grade, Mountain Top. Second row, standing from left: Gabriel Lott, sixth grade, Olyphant; Kyle Hromisin, eighth grade, Dallas; Tanaya Kollipara, eighth grade, Mountain Top; Ethan Tost, eighth grade, Scranton; Logan McGowan, seventh grade, Pittston; and Felix Hammond, seventh grade, Wilkes-Barre.

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MEADOWS CROWNS VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN



The residents of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center recently celebrated Valentine's Day with milk shakes and love songs. Residents Betty Pumbo and Charles Scrobola were crowned Valentine Queen and King and received chocolates and stuffed animals. Above in photo from left are: Betty Pumbo and Charles Scrobola.

Dallas Rotary welcomes Gift of Life Speaker



At a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Dallas, they welcomed Susan Koomar, Regional Community Relations Coordinator for the Gift of Life Donor Program. At the end of her presentation, she introduced transplant recipient Diane Scheuer who told her poignant story about receiving her gift of life. From left: Dr. Thomas Botzman, Vanessa Botzman, Susan Koomar, Rotary President Randy Loyd, Diane Scheuer, Rotary President-Elect Jason Jolley.

Trucksville United Methodist Church Annual Turkey Supper for Missions

Join us on Saturday, March 7, 2015 for our annual Turkey Supper to benefit Mission. Take-outs from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Dining Room 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Help us help others through our Mission work as we serve up turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, cole-slaw, cranberry sauce, rolls and home made dessert!

The supper will be held in the William & Melba Dickson Educational Facility, 40 Knob Hill Road Trucksville. Adults \$8.75 and Children \$4.75. To help us end hunger in our life time, please call to reserve your tickets Monday through Friday between the hours of 9am - 1pm: (570) 696-3897.

Save the Date! Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Tour set for Saturday, June 27

The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club has announced that the organization's 2015 'Tour of Back Mountain Gardens' will be held Saturday, June 27, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., rain or shine. The tour will include six beautiful private gardens in Shavertown and Trucksville, Pa., two neighborhoods in the area known as the Back Mountain of Luzerne County.

The gardens include a variety of styles and themes including a secret garden hidden in plain sight off the existing Back Mountain Trail and a garden where old and new world flowers and shrubs encircle a 1930's home with delightful results. The Back Mountain Bloomers will offer table designs at each garden, as well as a large display of miniature floral designs at one location.

All proceeds from the Garden Tour will benefit the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association (ASTA), an organization developing and maintaining the Back Mountain Trail, a 14-mile former railroad bed that is under development and being transformed into a recreational trail for hiking and biking from Luzerne Borough in the Wyoming Valley to Ricketts Glen State Park. To date, 4.5 miles of the trail is developed.

Tickets for the 'Tour of Back Mountain Gardens' are \$25.00 per person. To request a Garden Tour Brochure and registration form, contact Angela Vitkoski by email at avitkoski@pecpa.org, or by phone at (570) 718-6507. The completed registration form and payment should be mailed to Anthracite Scenic Trails Association, P.O. Box 212, Dallas, PA 18612. Additional tour information is available online at www.backmountainbloomers.org.

Back Mountain Library Author Luncheon to feature Barbara Ross

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library will host their 27th annual Luncheon with a Special Author at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 23 at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas. The guest speaker will be author Barbara Ross who grew up in our area.

Barbara Ross is the author of the Maine Clambake Mysteries, *Clammed Up*, *Boiled Over* and *Musseled Out* published by Kensington Books. Barbara attended school at Wyoming Seminary and Wyoming Valley West. She is the daughter of the late Richard Morrow Ross and Jane McKim Ross of Dallas.

Clammed Up was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best Contemporary Novel, the RT Book Reviews, Reviewer's Choice Best Book Award for Amateur Sleuth for 2013 and was a finalist for the Maine Literary Award for Crime Fiction. *Boiled Over* was nominated for the RT Book Reviews, Reviewer's Choice Best Book Award for Amateur Sleuth for 2014.

Barbara is a co-editor/co-publisher at Level Best Books, which produces an award-winning anthology of crime and mystery stories by New England authors every November. "Bread Baby" in *Best New England Crime Stories 2014: Stone Cold* was nominated for an Agatha Award for Best Short Story. Barbara also blogs with a wonderful group of Maine mystery authors at Maine Crime Writers and with a group of writers of New England-based cozy mysteries at Wicked Cozy Authors.

Barbara's first mystery novel, *The Death of an Ambitious Woman*, was published by Five Star/Gale/Cengage in August, 2010. In her former life, Barbara was a co-founder and Chief Operating Officer of two successful start-ups in educational technology.

Barbara and her husband own the former Seafarer Inn at the head of the harbor in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. When they are not in Boothbay, she and her husband live in Somerville, MA.

The cost is \$27.00 with all proceeds going to benefit the library. Tables of eight are encouraged and may be reserved. Checks should be made payable to the Back Mountain Memorial Library and received at the library at 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, PA 18612 by April 16. Invitations will be mailed to previous attendees. Additional reservation forms will be available at the library on March 9th.



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Legion Logbook

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 annual Pig Roast turned out to be a big success despite trepidations many of the Legionnaire's had about the weather. Global warming or global cooling, it has been a veritable nightmare of snow and ice. I think we are all contemplating the advent of Spring. I see ice in my gutters, but my wife cautions me not to go on any ladders!

Our Commander Jim Baloga wishes to express a special thanks to all that helped and all that attended. It's always a pleasure to see Lisa Pretko and her compatriots make that special effort to attend. The monies that we raise will benefit our community projects. Keep in mind our annual Golf Tournament in June that garners money for scholarships for Back Mountain students. We will be contacting individuals and businesses for hole sponsorships and also door prizes. We are in the planning stages, and I will tell more of the details in my next column.

John Emil, Sr. informed me that on January 31 at the Lehigh Valley vs. Penguins hockey game that our Honor Guard was chosen to open the ceremonies. Art Parks, Harold Bolton, George Tucker, Charles Fleming, and John participated and received a wonderful reception. It was a nice tribute to our active Post 672.

The Essay Contest is finished accepting essays for this year, and the judges are reading the Essays to choose the local Post 672 and the District winners. I will relay the results in a future column, but I thank all entrants for taking the time to enter. A certificate, a medal, and a monetary award will be presented by our Post.

Our District representative in the Oratorical Contest Paul Ciacca won second place in Sectional competition. Commander Jim Baloga braved the snow to take him to the contest in Middleburg. Paul really impressed all of our local judges with his oration. We are proud to salute our District 12 orator.

Our annual Ham Raffle will be held on March 29, 2015. Monies raised will be used for the Children's Easter Party. The party will be held at our Post on April 4, 2015. Children to the age of 12 are invited and presents and food will be offered. Our own Easter Bunny (John Emil, Sr.) will arrive by fire truck, pose for photographs with the children, and hand out presents. The Easter Bunny and some post members will later take some leftover presents and candy and visit our veterans at the VA. The veterans really enjoy the visitation from the Easter Bunny and other Post members. If you have noticed recently, that we have a Legion Rider's group at our Post and they are becoming quite active. Please support their activities.

When you enter the Post in the near future, you will see flags representing all of the Armed Services. It should really brighten up the foyer. Our thanks to all that are involved in this project. Send me your comments on this.

Our next meeting will be on March 3, 2015 at 7:30 PM. Our Commander Jim Baloga invites all current Legion members and those seeking membership to attend. (I also see on my calendar that "The Star Spangled Banner" was made our national anthem in 1931 on this date.) GOD BLESS AMERICA!



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

Meadows Nursing & Rehabilitation Center thanks NEAREA Telecom Pioneer Club

The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently received fourteen crocheted lap robes, eight hand crocheted shawls and a throw through the generosity of NEAREA Telephone Pioneer Club. NEAREA is nationally affiliated with the Independent Telecommunications Association. Members have the opportunity to make a difference through serving their communities, adding value to their sponsor companies, preserving history and providing leadership.

Pictured from left: Nancy Space, Director of Meadows Activities Dept.; John Stubeda; Ray Wandel; Bill Barber and Tanya Christ, Telecom Pioneer Club members.



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Monthly Bingo

Monthly BINGO at the Jackson Township Fire Hall at 1160 Chase Rd., Shavertown.

Our first BINGO is set for Saturday, March 7th, Doors open at 6 p.m. games start at 7 pm. Ten regular games PLUS special games.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the hall along with 50/50's. Bingo to benefit the local elementary school.

Hoagie Sale

Loyalville United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Call the church at 570-477-3521 no later than 3/8/15 & leave a message stating name / phone and number of hoagies. Please specify with or without onion.

Pickup time on 3/10/15 is between 6:00-7:15 at the Loyalville Church Hall. Hoagies made with premium ham, salami, bologna & cheese. Tomatoes, lettuce, onion, & dressing packaged separately to maintain freshness. Cost \$5.00.

Italian Buffet planned

Join us on Saturday, March 21 at the Huntsville United Methodist Church, Shavertown. Will be hosting an all you can eat Italian Buffet. Time is 4:30 - 7 pm. Cost is \$9.50 per adult and \$5.50 for children under 10. All kinds of pastas, salad, dessert and a beverage included. For more information, please call Kris at 570-477-3748.

Kingston Twp. Local Income Tax Assistance

Kingston Township announces that taxpayer assistance will be provided for all residents of Kingston Township for the filing of their 2014 Local Tax Returns. A representative from Berkheimer will be available at the Township Municipal Building, 180 East Center Street, Shavertown on Tuesday, March 17 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Berkheimer representative will be available to answer any questions pertaining to local income tax.

Kingston Township changes ambulance designation

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors at a Special Meeting held on February 18, 2015, voted to designate the Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS, 184 E. Center Hill Road, Dallas, as the primary 24/7 provider of emergency medical services for Kingston Township.

The Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS has been designated the 'first due' EMS responder for all emergencies requiring basic life support (BLS) care, treatment or transportation.

Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS Medic-30 will continue to be the 'first due' EMS responder for all emergencies requiring advanced life support (ALS) care, treatment and transportation.

Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS will honor the subscription plan memberships of the Kingston Township Ambulance.

The Back Mountain Regional Fire and EMS was launched as a joint operation by the Dallas and Lehman Fire Companies, Shavertown Fire Company in Kingston Township is an associate member at this time.

Rummage sale dates set at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas

The Deacons have set May 29 and May 30 for their gigantic rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 30. Saturday will be bag day: all you can stuff into a large brown grocery bag for only \$2. Items available for sale are: clothing in good condition for men, women and children, jewelry, household items, knickknacks, collectibles, toys, books, holiday items and more. Trinity is located at 105 Irem Road, Dallas, across Rt. 309 from the Country Club Shopping Center.

Penn State Wilkes-Barre To Host 2015 Northeast Regional Science Olympiad

The Pennsylvania Northeast Regional Science Olympiad 2015 will be held on Wednesday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Penn State Wilkes-Barre (Lehman, PA)

More than 800 students from over 50 schools in northeastern and central Pennsylvania will compete in individual and team events including Disease Detective, Forensics, Mousetrap Vehicle, and Rotor Egg Drop.

Winners of both junior and senior high schools will advance to the state competition in April at Juniata College. Snow dates will be Thursday, March 12th and Friday, March 13th.

Opening Ceremonies (Athletics & Recreation Building) [8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.] Events: Campus Wide from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Awards and Closing Ceremonies will be held in the Athletics & Recreation Building from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Information packets will be available on site in the Athletics & Recreation Building throughout the day. Official results will be released after the awards ceremony. For more information, please contact Rachel Rybicki, Marketing Communication Specialist, at 570-675-9269 or rrybicki@psu.

News from the Back Mountain Memorial Library

If you're like the rest of us and think that 25 degrees is a "heat wave", you may want to register for one or more of the following activities to be held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library to ease your "winter woes". All programs (with the exception of yoga) are free of charge. You may call the library at 570-675-1182 for more information and to register.

"Expressing Your Personality in the Garden" will be held on Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 a.m. Your garden is an expression of yourself. Jean Kolojechick and Roseann Nardone, Luzerne County Master Gardeners, Penn State Extension, since 2005, and members of the Back Mountain Bloomers Club will detail how to add plants, structures and accessories to your garden that reflect your personality.

Drum Circle with Thomas Odeerheart - The date has been changed and will now be held on Tuesday, March 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A Drum Circle brings together a group of people that share in the experience of learning to drum. Sign up for this fun, informative event and learn about drums from all over the world and the sounds that they make. This is a musical event that allows participants to experience the tradition and power of the energy of the drum. No musical ability is needed.

Ongoing classes: Basic Beginning Yoga Classes are offered each Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost of a class is \$10.00 and participants must sign up for a series of classes which typically run for six weeks. These relaxing classes are a great way to increase your flexibility at a time of year, when outdoor exercise is limited.

The Fiction Writing Group is open to all ages from High School and up. The group meets on alternate Saturday afternoons (next meeting will be March 7) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and practice writing and reading their work, with facilitator, Alyssa Waugh. Contact the library for more information.

Individual I-Pad and Basic Computer instructions - call the library to schedule a one hour session with an instructor to answer your questions with your electronic Tablet or to offer basic computer/internet/e-mail assistance.

Thinking ahead to the warmer temperatures of spring and (dare we say, summer), the Library's Nearly Olde committee of the annual auction is currently seeking volunteers to help clean donated items such as glassware, silverware, ceramics and linens. These items, which will be displayed in the Nearly Olde Booth are an important part of the auction's success and their "sparkle" has been known to attract shoppers near and far!

Morning Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the library. This month's selection is "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. Anyone may join the Book Discussion Group at anytime. Please call the library at (570)675-1182 for more information.



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Alzheimer's Support Group meets monthly

The Meadows Nursing & Rehab. Center hosts an Alzheimer's Support Group on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Meadows board room. This support group benefits caregivers by providing the opportunity to address their concerns and learn about the newest developments in the treatment of this disease. For more information, call (570) 675-8600, extension 115 or 195.

Friends of the Library plan Luncheon

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library have set Thursday, April 23 for their annual Luncheon With A Special Author.

The event will take place at the Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate, Dallas. Tickets will go on sale in March at the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Clothes Closet to open in the Spring

The Clothes Closet at River of Life Fellowship Ministries, 22 Outlet Road, Lehman, is now closed for the winter season. The tentative date for re-opening is Saturday, April 4, 2015, weather permitting.

Watch local newspapers in March for information regarding definite opening date and times.

Trinity Men's Club plans chicken and biscuit dinner

On Saturday, March 7, the Men's Club of Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas will sponsor a chicken and biscuit dinner including homemade desserts and beverages.

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

The church is located across the highway from the Country Club Shopping Center on Route 309 in Dallas. All proceeds will benefit the programs of the church. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the church office at 570-675-3131 or at the door.

George M. Dallas Lodge #531 Donates to Penn State Wilkes-Barre's THON



The George M. Dallas Lodge #531 of Free and Accepted Mason's recently donated \$500 to the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Student Government Association Benefitting THON Committee. This donation will go directly to benefit children with cancer at the Hershey Medical Center through the Four Diamond Fund and Penn State University's THON. Accepting the donation was this year's THON Chair and Surveying Major, Carmen Ciampi. "It is through donations such as this from the George M. Dallas Lodge that the most benefit is seen. We are so very grateful for their donation through the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Benefitting THON Committee to the 4 Diamonds Fund," stated Ciampi.

THON has a mission of conquering childhood cancer by providing outstanding emotional and financial support to the children, families, researchers and staff of the Four Diamonds Fund. The Four Diamonds Fund, based out of Penn State Hershey Medical Center, was established in 1972 by Charles and Irma Millard after the death of their son, Christopher, who was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 11. The funds raised mainly benefit research but they also help to benefit Four Diamonds Families to cover expenses which insurance will not. These benefits cover everything from hotel arrangements to chemotherapy treatments; essentially these families will never see a bill. Since the start of THON there have been over 2,000 Four Diamond's Families that have benefited from the charity.

Show in photo above from left are: Brother Ned Podehl, Brother Jeff O'Donnell, Brother Noel Kline, THON Chair and Surveying Major Carmen Ciampi, Brother Donald Holdredge Sr. Worshipful Master, Brother Pete Caulkins, and Brother William Brown.

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Blue and Gold Banquet continue from cover.



Pack 232 leaders are pictured at the Blue and Gold Dinner. From left are: Tracy Manzoni, George Manzoni, Amy Jennings, Leroy Jennings, Judy Barycki, and Kerri Hajkowski.



Members of the Lowwapaneu Lodge Order of the Arrow Drum Team participated in the bridging ceremony. From left are: Brian Swatt, Matt Wheeland, Jacob Rogers, and Jake Weston.

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Members of the Jackson Township Boy Scout Troop 146 attended the Cub Scout event to welcome their five new Boy Scouts. From left are: Tyler Manzoni, Thomas Manzoni, Dan Duffy, Connor Duffy, and Matt Duffy.



Jacob Parsons, seated in front, had several friends and family members attend the Blue and Gold dinner. From left are Melissa Barcheski, Jeffrey Weaver, Kaitlyn Parsons, Judy Bar, Francis Parsons, and Allyson Barcheski.

Free Movie Night planned

The Sweet Valley Church of Christ @ 5439 Main Road, Sweet Valley will be having a FREE Movie Night on Saturday, March 14th @ 6PM. Disney's "Big Hero 6" with refreshments provided.

Call 844-782-2266 for more information or visit online to www.svccconnect.org and look under the events tab.

Shuffleboard players get a "hanger" during recent game



Shuffleboard players at the Dallas Senior Center saw a rare scoring occurrence during a recent game. In shuffleboard, points are awarded for pucks thrown into specific areas at the end of the board, one point for the largest scoring area, two points for the next and three points for the smallest area at the end of the board. In addition, a player who throws the puck so that it hangs over the edge of the board, earns four points.

"Getting a 3 is hard enough, but getting a 'hanger' is really tough and rare," said Mike Paige, who recently threw both a 3 and a 4 in one set. "It was the first time that had happened and was a big deal for the four of us who were playing in that game."

The other players in the game were Betsy Balara, Pat Dent, and Heni Grosdidier. The four are among many seniors who enjoy playing shuffleboard at the Luzerne Dallas Senior Center. Shown above from left are: Betsy Balara, Heni Grosdidier, Pat Dent and Mike Paige.

Senator Lisa Baker launches second annual calendar contest

Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Lehman Township, is once again calling on area shutterbugs and asking them to participate in the 2nd annual "Scenes from the 20th Senatorial District" Photo Contest, which kicks off in March.

"Residents are proud of the historic structures, natural beauty, events and people that make their towns special," Baker said. "I invite everyone to share the sights and scenes that best showcase their communities."

Last year, nearly 200 photographs were entered and more than 16,400 votes were cast to select the winning entries. "The quality of the images was remarkable and truly captured the splendor and excitement of the region," Baker added. "I am confident there will be even more interest this year."

Contestants can submit their favorite shots by going to <http://www.senatorbaker.com/photo-contest/> between March 1, 2015 and August 31, 2015. Photos will be organized by the season they best represent – Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter. Voting will take place from September 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015. The top three vote-getters in each category will serve as a featured month in the 2016 "Scenes from the 20th Senatorial District" Calendar.

The contest is open to all individuals, but photos must have been taken within the boundaries of the 20th District, which includes all of Pike, Wayne and Wyoming counties and portions of Luzerne and Susquehanna counties. Go to <http://www.senatorbaker.com/new-20th-district/> to see a map and list of municipalities that make up the territory.

Sweet Valley Vol. Fire Company announces fund raiser dates

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company would like to announce the dates for our 2015 fundraising dinners. Our dinners are Family style, all you can eat (with the exception of dessert). Sit down serving is from 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. Take-outs are available starting at 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 6-11, children under 6 are free.

The dates are as follows:
March 28 - Ham; April 25 - Beef;
May 9 - Ham; June 27 - Beef;
July 25 - Ham; August 22 - Beef;
September 26 - Ham; October 24 - Beef and November 14 - Ham.

Take the Stage Celebrates 5th Birthday with a Community Party

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 7th to celebrate "Take the Stage Center for the Performing Arts" fifth year in business with a huge community Birthday Bash.

The celebration is open to the public and will be held at the studio, 5 Dug Road in Trucksville from 2 to 7 pm. (turn at the Checkerboard Restaurant off Carverton Road).

The event is FREE to the public. However, "Take the Stage" is offering the opportunity to donate a non-perishable food item for the Back Mountain Food Pantry during their celebration.

"The community is an integral part of our performing arts culture, so we would like to provide a means for concerned citizens to help restock the pantry's empty shelves during this slow time for food donations," said Caitlyn Metz, Artistic Director

During the party, there will be free creative movement classes offered to children ages 3 to 7. Come meet our staff, check out our numerous programs and join the dance party (literally wear your favorite dancing clothes). Refreshments will be served. For additional information visit www.takethestagepac.weebly.com or call 570-690-5439



Lake-Lehman Last Knight Lock-In Committee Announces Coach, Vera Bradley Bingo



Save the date! The 4th Annual Coach/Vera Bradley Bingo benefitting the Lake-Lehman Graduating Class of 2015 will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School Gym, Old Route 115, Lehman. Doors open at 12 Noon with Bingo starting at 1:00 PM. Large room accommodations are offered with plenty of comfortable seating. \$20 buys 20 games of Bingo. Tickets pre-purchased (prior to April 18) buys 20 games plus a free game sheet for a Special Game of your choice. Homemade food, baked goods and refreshments will be available. Bingo is sponsored by the Lake-Lehman Last Knight Lock-In Committee. Pre-purchase tickets by calling Amy Spess @ 570-239-0737. Shown above committee members for Lake-Lehman's Last Knight Lock-In Bingo event.

Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc., Honors Founding Members

At a recent appreciation dinner at the Westmoreland Club, Ecumenical Enterprises, Inc., honored three members of the Board of Directors who have served the corporation since it was founded in 1968.

Co-founders were Msgr. Donald A. McAndrews, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services and Rev. Dr. Jule Ayers, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre. They recognized a need in the Wyoming Valley area for more housing projects for low and moderate income families as well as for the elderly.

Funding for the project was donated by four sponsors: the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton, the First Presbyterian Church of Wilkes-Barre, the Jewish Foundation of Wilkes-Barre and the Metropolitan Lutheran Council of Wyoming Valley. Each sponsor donated \$6,000.

Mr. Ray Condo, an employee

of the Redevelopment Authority, was hired as Executive Director. Each sponsor nominated five members for the Board of Directors. Mr. George Sailus, who was president of Susquehanna Savings and Loan Corporation, was elected as the first president of the new board, Philip R. Tuhy, a faculty member of Wilkes College, was elected secretary, Msgr. McAndrew was treasurer and Dr. Ayer was Chairman of the Board. The three honorees have served for 46 years and still are active members.

From the beginning, EEI has built and operated nine housing projects, the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas, the Meadows Manor Assisted Living Center, as well as the Little Meadows Learning Center. From its initial fund of \$24,000, the corporation's assets now total more than \$50 million and employ more than 200 employees from the area.



In photo above from left are: Philip R. Tuhy, Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky, Msgr. Donald A. McAndrew and George Sailus.

The other members of the board serving at the present time are: Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky; Ned Delaney; Robert S. Capin; Maurice

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Step By Step Praise Band to perform in March

The Step By Step Praise Band of the Shavertown United Methodist Church presents a free contemporary Christian music concert the 2nd Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

The concerts are held in the sanctuary of the church. The band is comprised of members of the community from the various local churches. Come and join us for an hour of uplifting music and fellowship.

This is a music ministry and is open to the community. The next concert date is March 9, 7 p.m., at the Shavertown United Methodist Church, 163 North Pioneer Ave, Shavertown. phone 570-675-3616 for more information.



Prince of Peace Episcopal to Host Spaghetti Dinner

A spaghetti dinner will be held at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 420 Main Street Dallas, on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of spaghetti with white or red sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, coffee, tea, fruit punch and dessert. Eat in or take out available. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4-7 and free for children under 4. Reserve tickets by visiting our website www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org or by contacting the church office at 570.675.1723.

Palm Sunday Distribution of Palms

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 420 Main Street Dallas, will distribute palms on Palm Sunday, March 29. The service of Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms will take place at 9:30 AM and will begin in the church yard, weather permitting.

Easter Worship Services



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Holy Week Services ~ 2015

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass, Procession and Adoration ~ 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy Communion ~ 7:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Blessing of the Baskets: 10:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt: 11:00 AM

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March 29 – 10:00 AM
 Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 2 – 7:00 PM
 Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Holy Communion

April 5 – 6:30 AM
 Easter Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion
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April 5 – 10:00 AM
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April 2 – Maundy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
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April 3 – Good Friday: 7:00 p.m.
 Service will take place at St. Luke Reformation Lutheran Church, Noxen, at 7:00 pm. Please contact the church office for directions.

April 4 – Saturday Easter Vigil: 7:00 p.m.

April 5 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: 6:30 a.m.
 Service begins outside (weather permitting)

April 5 – Easter Resurrection Celebration
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Sneaky names for MSG

It is well known today that some people react negatively to the food ingredient monosodium glutamate or MSG. The most common reactions to MSG have been labeled as “Chinese Restaurant Syndrome” since Chinese food has been singled out in the past as containing MSG.

What many people may not know is that more than 40 different ingredients contain the chemical in monosodium glutamate, (processed free glutamic acid) and can still cause these reactions. Common symptoms of a poor tolerance to MSG



may include: • headache • sweating • skin flushing • numbness or burning in your mouth or throat • nausea • fatigue. Less commonly, people experience severe, potentially life-threatening symptoms that are similar to those of allergic reactions after eating foods that contain MSG. Severe symptoms may include: • chest pain, rapid or abnormal heartbeat • difficulty breathing • swelling or pressure in your face • swelling in your throat.

Below gives synonyms for MSG that the food industry uses since there are many consumers who would pass on products that blatantly contain MSG in the ingredients list. Names of ingredients that always contain processed free glutamic acid: Glutamic acid (E 620)2, Glutamate (E 620), Monosodium glutamate (E 621), Monopotassium glutamate (E 622), Calcium glutamate (E 623), Monoammonium glutamate (E 624), Magnesium glutamate (E 625), Natrium glutamate, Anything “hydrolyzed” - Any “hydrolyzed protein” Calcium caseinate, Sodium caseinate, Yeast extract, Torula yeast, Yeast food, Yeast nutrient, Autolyzed yeast, Gelatin, Textured protein, Soy protein, Soy protein concentrate, Soy protein isolate, Anything “protein fortified”, Soy sauce, Soy sauce extract, Anything “enzyme modified”, Anything containing “enzymes”, Anything “fermented”, Anything containing “protease”, Vetsin, Ajinomoto, Umami.

Names of ingredients that often contain or produce processed free glutamic acid during processing: Carrageenan (E 407), Bouillon and broth Stock Any “flavors” or “flavoring”, Other Natural flavor, Maltodextrin, Oligodextrin, Citric acid, Citrate (E 330), Anything “ultra-pasteurized”, Barley malt, Malted barley, Brewer’s yeast, Pectin (E 440), Malt extract

“Seasonings” (1) Glutamic acid found in unadulterated protein does not cause adverse reactions. To cause adverse reactions, the glutamic acid must have been processed/manufactured or come from protein that has been fermented. (2) E numbers are use in Europe in place of food additive names.

The following work synergistically with MSG to enhance flavor. If they are present for flavoring, so is MSG. Disodium 5'-guanylate (E 627) Disodium 5'-inosinate (E-631) Disodium 5'-ribonucleotides (E 635).

The choice to consume these products is entirely up to the consumer. The goal of this article is to inform on some sneaky tactics used by the food industry to sell more processed products to people who would otherwise not consume “food” containing MSG.

Dr. Frank Yanik is a chiropractor in Luzerne, PA. His wife, Jessica, and he own Changes Health and Fitness Center where they educate their clients on the benefits of exercise and the “clean eating” lifestyle. To learn more about how processed foods adversely affect your health please visit Luzernewellness.com.

Harvey’s Lake American Legion Line Dancers perform at Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center



The Harvey’s Lake American Legion Line Dancers recently entertained residents at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas. Residents, family members and staff enjoyed a variety of old time favorites and new dances. The Harvey’s Lake Legion Line Dancer’s meet every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM. Classes are open to the public and are held on the second floor of the Harvey’s Lake Legion. In photo above from left are: Clay Zimmerman, Sandi Darling, Taylor Sitkowski and Victoria Dent. Second row standing from left are: Betty Sorchik, Jen Dent, Bonnie Sweeney, Barb Kane, Joann Wright, Jean Shaffer, John Dent, Jane Walters and Dave Zimmerman, Instructor. Standing behind is Joe Darling.

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Great Book at Hayfield Spring 2015 Schedule Announced

Community residents, local students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the Spring 2015 Great Books at Hayfield informal discussion series open to all who enjoy reading great literature.

On Monday, March 23rd, David Smith will lead a discussion on Anton Chekhov's *The Sea-Gull*. This drama is set in the Russian countryside at the end of the 19th century. The cast of characters is dissatisfied with their lives. Some desire love, some desire success, and some desire artistic genius. No one, however, ever seems to attain happiness. Some critics view *The Seagull* as a tragic play about eternally unhappy people. Others see it as a humorous albeit bitter satire, poking fun at human folly.

On Monday, April 27th, Robert Salsburg will lead a discussion on Baldwin's *Notes of a Native Son*. This Baldwin's first non-fiction book, published in 1955. Baldwin is trying to find his path as a Negro writer; although he is not European, American culture is informed by that culture too - moreover he has to grapple with other black writers. His work on the autobiography is widely regarded as a classic of the black autobiographical genre, and has been called Baldwin's finest work.

All meetings are held in Hayfield House Community Room, H105 and begin at 7pm. Refreshments will be served during each discussion. For more information, please contact Rachel Rybicki, Marketing Communication Specialist, at 570-675-9269 or rrybicki@psu.edu.

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Are You Prepared For Taxes?

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



It's that time of year – tax preparation is in full swing! I'm sure some of you dread this time of year, but I've got a few ideas that can make it a bit more bearable and help you in the long run.

1. If you're not the do-it-yourself type, hire an experienced, professional tax preparer to handle your returns. Stay away from the generic chain tax prep services – they tend to significantly overcharge for preparing returns...as in charging by the form (which is a rip-off) instead of hourly (much fairer).
2. Make sure you have all needed tax documents. Sounds simple enough, but being organized about collecting your tax documents makes life much easier for your preparer.
3. Your preparer should ask you lots of questions, especially if it is the first time they are preparing your returns. Even after the first year, things can change with your personal/financial situations over time, and any qualified tax preparer will know to ask the important questions (law changes, new possible deductions, etc.) so you don't leave anything on the table.
4. If you work with a CPA, hopefully they offer advice for your specific tax situation during and after preparing your returns. This can be very important for not only the current year (can a traditional IRA contribution lower your tax bill?) but the following year as well. Offering suggestions that can improve the amount you get back (or help you pay less than you have in the past) can be very valuable for some.
5. Your tax professional should be willing to speak with any other professionals you have hired. There are a lot of reasons why insurance professionals, professional financial advisors, attorneys, etc. should speak to your tax preparer (with your permission of course) to coordinate on issues that may be important and need to be looked at from different perspectives. This way you get the input of trusted professionals on issues that have overlap into several areas of your personal financial/tax situation.

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Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, Sweet Valley, will serve a ham dinner on Saturday, March 28. Dinner served 4:30 to 6:30. Take-outs begin at 4:00. Adults \$10.00, children under 12 are \$5.00 and children under 6 eat free. Call 477-5121 for more information.

Soup and salad supper

The Mount Zion United Methodist Church on Mount Zion Road in Harding is holding an "All You Can Eat Soup and Salad Supper" on Saturday, March 7 from 4:30 pm until 7:00 pm. A variety of soups, chili, salads, breads, desserts, and beverages will be available. Cost for adults is \$7 and children's meals cost \$4. Everyone is welcome!

Wyoming Seminary "Pink-Out Game" raises funds and awareness for breast cancer



The Wyoming Seminary Upper School girls basketball team recently competed in a "pink-out" game to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer. The athletes wore pink and white uniforms, pink headbands and shoelaces and t-shirts that emphasized the need for more research into breast cancer and more support for those who suffer from breast cancer. This game was played in conjunction with the annual "Coaches vs. Cancer" game in which the Sem boys basketball team took part. All funds raised from the girls and boys cancer-awareness basketball games are donated to area organizations that treat and support cancer patients.

Seen following the Sem "Pink-Out" game are, kneeling from left: senior Jordyn Rickrode, Mountain Top; freshman Emily Sims, Nanticoke; freshman Julia Gabriel, Forty Fort; and sophomore Mary Theresa Lehman, Hanover Township. Standing, from left: Kathy Rickrode, Sem girls basketball assistant coach; Alexis Shipula, assistant coach; sophomore Brenna Satkowski, Dupont; sophomore Alexis Sokach, West Pittston; senior Emily Gabriel, Forty Fort; senior Gabrielle Volpetti, Shavertown; freshman Olivia Meuser, Shavertown; sophomore Maya Kornfeld, Kingston; Ken Angradi, Sem head coach.

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Misericordia to offer 'Autism: Solutions for Successful Collaboration,' workshop

The Department of Speech-Language Pathology at Misericordia University will offer a comprehensive workshop on how to facilitate collaboration among professionals working with individuals with autism on Friday, March 13. The program, "Autism: Solutions for Successful Collaboration," is designed for professionals and parents of children with autism. It will feature experts in the areas of occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, psychology, social work and behavior. They will offer practical solutions to promote professional collaboration among the various health care disciplines utilized in the care of a person with autism, and also discuss how to actively involve families in the collaboration process.

The program will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall. It is sponsored by the Department of Speech-Language Pathology at Misericordia University and the Liv with Autism Foundation. "Successful collaboration." For additional information and conference details, please go to www.misericordia.edu/conferences or contact Jeffrey Kelly in the Center for Adult and Continuing Education at (570) 674-6155 or jkelly2@misericordia.edu.

“Souper Bowl of Caring” at Trinity in Dallas

On Super Bowl Sunday, some of the children at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas stood in the rear doorway of the sanctuary holding large soup pots and collected \$273.00 from the congregation to donate to those in need.

This year, the funds will once again be designated to help those in our own community by being delivered to the Back Mountain Food Pantry in Trucksville. The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990. Youth across America continue to work hard to fight hunger in their own communities.

Shown in photo, first row from left are: Natalie Baer, Aspen Marchakitus, Sam Sgarlat, Grayson Perzia. Second row: Deven Marchakitus, Morgan Marchakitus.



Lehman Supervisors support food pantry garden



At a recent meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lehman Township, representatives from the Back Mountain Food Pantry presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Board in recognition of their continued support of the food pantry. The Board approved a food pantry vegetable garden to be operated on their property, and helped secure a grant to improve the property to include a road, fencing, trees and more. The garden produces hundreds of pounds of fresh vegetables which are given to clients of the pantry. Above from left are: David Sutton, Marian Deangelis, Food Pantry Board President Elect Bob McGuire, Douglas Ide, Raymond Iwanowski, Alvin Cragle, Food Pantry Manager Carol Eyet.

Penn State makes donation to Victim’s Resource Center

Penn State Wilkes-Barre’s Chancellor Charles Davis, on behalf of the campus faculty and staff, presented Victim’s Resource Center’s Education and Outreach Manager, Pat Rushton, a monetary donation. Throughout the academic year, Penn State Wilkes-Barre faculty and staff can pay \$2 to dress down in jeans on Fridays. At the end of each semester, a vote is held to decide where the jeans money will be donated.



Lake-Lehman Last Knight Lock-In Committee Announces Coach, Vera Bradley Bingo

Save the date! The 4th Annual Coach/Vera Bradley Bingo benefitting the Lake-Lehman Graduating Class of 2015 will be held on Saturday, April 18 at the Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School Gym, Old Route 115, Lehman.

Doors open at 12 Noon with Bingo starting at 1:00 PM. Large room accommodations are offered with plenty of comfortable seating. \$20 buys 20 games of Bingo. Tickets pre-purchased (prior to April 18) buys 20 games plus a free game sheet for a Special Game of your choice. Homemade food, baked goods and refreshments will be available. Bingo is sponsored by the Lake-Lehman Last Knight Lock-In Committee. Pre-purchase tickets by calling Amy Spess @ 570-239-0737.

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Bingo Dates Announced

Bingo will be held on Monday, March 9, at the Northmoreland Twp. Volunteer Hall in Centermoreland. Doors open at 5:00 PM and early birds begin at 6:30 PM. Food and beverage available.

Bingo will also be held on Monday, March 23, at the Northmoreland Twp. Volunteer Hall in Centermoreland. Doors open at 5:00 PM and early birds begin at 6:30 PM. Food and beverage available.

Info: Jim 570-333-4906

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner planned

A chicken and biscuit dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 25, at the Northmoreland Twp. Volunteer Hall in Centermoreland. Serving from 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Adults \$9.00 and children 12 and under \$4.00. Eat in or take out. Pay at door.

For more information call James Gilpin at 570-333-4906.

Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors Annual Craft Show



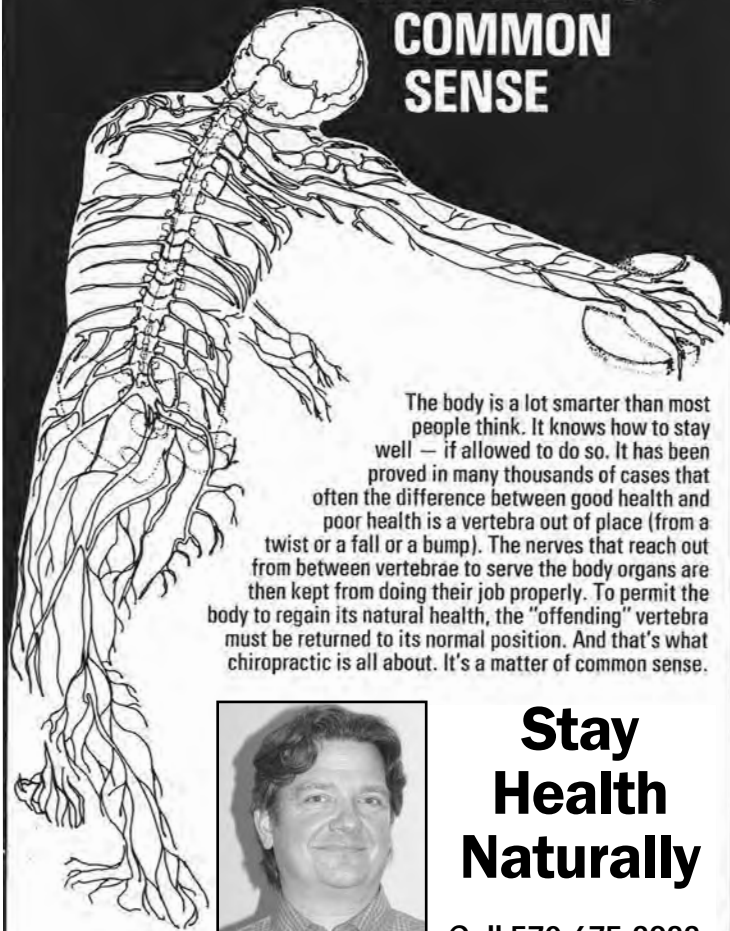
The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors Annual Spring Craft Show will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 28th, 2015 at the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School. The craft show features handcrafted items for the Home & Garden, Easter & Spring. 100 crafters will be on site offering Easter candy and fudge, hand crafted beaded & silver jewelry, candles, soaps and lotions, glass flowers, doll clothes, quilted and crocheted pieces, pet related gift items, purses, photography, apparel/sewn items, folk art, hand painted items, and much more!

Our Cafeteria will be open to serve you all day with delicious lunch items and homemade baked goods. Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School Band Programs.

For more information send email to bandcraftshow@gmail.com or you can find out more at <http://www.lakelehmanbandsponsors.com/craft-shows/>. Members of the 2015 Lake Lehman Indoor Color Guard from left to right: MacKayla Sims, Claire Wilson, Dakota Williams, Mikayla Kidd, Jess Geiger, Lila Szabo, Sierra Titus, Ariana Hogan, Kayleigh Konek, and Lacey Carey.

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Daily chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss PA Pageant

Miss Megan Daily from Dallas, age 14 has been chosen as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Pennsylvania Pageant to be held Sunday, August 17, 2014 at the beautiful Hilton Towers in Harrisburg. The National American Miss Pageants are held for girls ages 4-18, and have five different age divisions. Megan will be participating in the 13-15 age division, along with other outstanding young ladies from across the great state of Pennsylvania.



The winner of the Pageant will receive \$1000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the National Pageant in California where she will receive an exciting complimentary Tour of Hollywood and two V.I.P. tickets to Disneyland. The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's future leaders and equipping them with life-long skills. Each year the pageant awards 1.5 million dollars in cash, scholarships, and other prizes.

Miss Megan's activities include performing arts of dance and theater, science club, and volunteering. She also enjoys making crafts, going to movies, socializing with friends and having fun! Miss Megan's sponsors include family and friends. There is a statewide advertising opportunity for NEPA businesses to support Megan. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Mary Beth at 570-333-5000.

Trucksville Early Childhood Education students learned about animals that live in the zoo



The 4/5 year old classes at Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center spent two weeks learning about animals that live in the zoo. Their study included STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities that facilitated learning about the animals and their habitats. The unit culminated with a "trip to the Zoo" where the children were treated to viewing the habitats made by the other classes, playing games, movement activities and popcorn. Parents were also able to visit the TECEC Zoo and all enjoyed the experience! Shown in photo above, front from left are: Avery Greenfield, Gianna Hoover, Cecily Johnston, Alanna Acuff, Catherine Straka, Riyana Parikh, McAuley Somers, and Zein of Siam. Kneeling behind, from left are: Islam Dabsheh, Xander Coolbaugh, Nick Cramton, and Ammar Shella.

Morgan made presentation to WV Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

In 1881, William Conyngham from Wilkes-Barre, purchased acreage in the Back Mountain. He had made a fortune brokering coal and by thus helping to fuel the Industrial Revolution. The original property size exceeded 700 acres. Presently it is 412 acres. He added many structures to the property and created a Gentleman's Victorian Estate which the family enjoyed mostly as an escape from the City during the hot summer months. Today this area is known as "the Lands at Hillside Farms."



Richard "Chip" Morgan, the owner of Wilkes-Barre Book-keeping Company, recently gave a presentation on the Cottage at the Lands Hillside Farms to Wyoming Valley Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Irem Country Club in Dallas. He shared slides of the renovations made to the Cottage and shared historical stories.

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join. The organization is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and the Wyoming Valley Chapter is the oldest in the state, having been chartered in April, 1891. For more information on joining the Chapter, please contact Regent Ragan Blidner at ragan@epix.net. Shown in photo above are Chip Morgan and Ragan Blidner.

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Two Dallas High School Cross Country Runners Honored by Senator Baker



Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Lehman Township, welcomed Dallas High School cross country team members Lindsey Oremus and Ally Rome, along with their coach Matthew Samuel, to the State Senate on Feb. 18. The students were presented with Senate Citations from Sen. Lisa Baker for their 2014 State PIAA Class AA Girls Individual Cross Country Championship performances. Junior Ally Rome captured first place with fellow Franklin Township resident Lindsey Oremus, a senior, coming in second at the Nov. 1 championships in Hershey. The Dallas duo finished nearly 20 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. The students visited the Capitol, were introduced during a Senate session, visited the senator's office and posed for pictures with their citations on the Senate floor. Shown in photo above are: Sen. Lisa Baker presented Senate Citations to, from left, Lindsey Oremus and Ally Rome, both members of the Dallas High School Cross Country team. At right is coach Matthew Samuel.

Dallas Knights of Columbus Free Throw Champion Wins International Championship



At a recent gathering at the Dallas Leggio's restaurant, congratulations were extended and an International Championship Trophy was presented to Ben O'Connell the 2013 - 2014 International Champion of the 14 year old boy's Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition. The local competition is sponsored by the Dallas Knights of Columbus Council 8224. International winners not only demonstrated their athletic ability in free-throw shooting, but also demonstrated outstanding conduct and resolve throughout the levels of the competition.

O'Connell has continued improving his basketball skills with the Freshman Team at Dallas High School. Ben is the son of Tom & Trish O'Connell, Dallas; and his biggest supporters are his grandparents Frank and Polly Michael, Dallas; Marilyn O'Connell, Dallas and the late John O'Connell. In photo above, congratulating and presenting the international trophy, from left: Ed Sholtis, Joe Sallitt, Ben O'Connell, recipient; Jack Cacoza, Grand Night and Bill Roberts.

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Men's Breakfast Group meets at Irem

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Square Dance Planned

A Square Dance sponsored by the Franklin Township Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Fire Hall located at 329 Orange Road, Dallas, (also known as the Village of Orange). Featuring: The Roger Furman Band. Admission is \$6.00 Food and refreshments will be available. Doors and kitchen will open at 6:00 pm.

All are welcome. For information, call 570-333-5912 or 570-333-4626



Mr. Jeffrey D. Shaffer, Dallas High School Principal, announces the second quarter honor roll

The honor roll is determined by the following: Honors with Distinction: 98-100, no C's, D's, or F's. First Honors: 93-97, no D's or F's. Second Honors: 88-92, no D's or F's.

Honors with Distinction ~ Seniors: Jesteen Adams, Michael Alves, Kaylin Augustine, Abigail Bendick, Jacob Bozentka, Madalyn Bozinski, Nicholas Conway, Dakota Cuba, Brian Drouse, Erik Dyrli, Aleksey Gitelson, Lindsey Jacobs, Kelsey Karasinski, Connor Koscelansky, Ryan Marshall, Olivia Musto, Milan Novak, Kajal Patel, Madison Perez, Jonathan Sabatini, Grace Schaub, David Schnable, Jillian Simon, Ashley Strazdus, Caroline Thomas, Christina Valenti, Carlotta Viana, Courtney Wagner, Joanna Wallace, Krzysztof Zielinski, Tara Zukosky.

Juniors: Christopher Biesecker, Peter Capitano, Allison Deboer, Tanner Gattuso, Lauren Hudak, Madeline Jones, Kaitlyn Kochanski, Michael Kovalick, Michelle Leonard, Rachel Luke, Stephanie Lyons, Robert Martin, Ryan Martin, Justin Novitski, Megan Parsons, Julia Ramirez, Kathryn Roberts, Alexandra Rome, Kathryn Snedeker, Rebecca Stout, Krista Vivian, Emilee Zawatski.

Sophomores: Maria Bednar, Angela Bendick, Paige Boyle, Zachary Charlton, Ryan Cohen, Jason Culp, Maxine Derome, Christopher Good, Kaitlyn Hill, Connor McAndrew, Abigail McCabe, Ann Metzloff, Carley Perloff, Troy Reinert, Joelle Serafin, Alexis Spaciano, Allison Stallard, Sarah Strazdus, Shayla Stuart.

Freshmen: Audrey Aristeo, Rebecca Balara, Cassidy Buda, Caroline Conrad, Andrew Francis, Mason Gattuso, Olivia Kimmerle, Alicia Langan, John Macey, Matthew Metzloff, Benjamin O'Connell, Rayna Roberts, Rachel Rollman, Samantha Sorokin, Hannah Vitale, Jennifer Yench, Patrick Yurish, Kyle Zern, Abigail Zolner.

First Honors ~ Seniors: Emily Banta, Peter Baut, Keith Baxter, Amy Bolton, Sarah Boyd, Alexandra Bruch, Naejana Carredo, Katie Conrad, Eric Davies, Michael Davis, Christopher Diltz, Abigail Downs, Aaron Eldred, Sarah Fasulka, Allen Fell, Melissa Fleming, Lia Giampietro, Caitlin Gill, Cheyanne Gray, Collin Gryskiewicz, Haley Haddle, Anthony Huntington, Caylee Irvin, Amandeep Kaur, Sydney Kern, Owen Kiluk, Ross Kleinman, Elizabeth Kutza, Alexandria Lesinski, Amanda Lopez, Kameryn McGee, Aidan McLaughlin, Devin Michalec, Alexandra Milligan, Kelsey Monahan, Ezra Moore, Alexis Murdoch, Julianna Murray, Catrina Notari, Jessica O'Malley, Lindsey Oremus, Mark Pall, Eric Pincofski, Jacob Plank, Carissa Price, James Rinehart, Megan Roberts, Marissa Rollman, Lia Ruggerio, Richard Sarker, Amanda Schwerdtman, Allyson Sebolka, Caroline Sheehan, Michael Shutlock, Samantha Starbuck, Kayla Stearn, Talia Szatkowski, Olivia Thomas, Dylan Thomas, Sadie Trudgen, Stephanie Vanderhoff, Cassandra Weeks, Mercedes Whitaker, Jonathan Wilson, Christina Yanuzzi, Cierra Yonchik, Stephanie Zimmerman.

Juniors: Saleem Abualburak, Abdulrhman Almekey, Lia Barbacci, Joseph Blaine, Catherine Blankensop, Brielle Brace, Jacob Buda, Julie Butwin, Danielle Caputo, Maura Chappell, Andrew Chupka, Anthony Deluca, Catherine Dillon, Lauren Dottor, Tayler Dove, Mariana Dymond, Timothy Elston, Chase Feeney, John Fessler, Lauren Finnegan, Joseph Fiorello, Jr., Joshua Frankevich, Anna Giacometti, Madison Goodwin, Tabitha Grabowski, Tabbytha Greene, Kathryn Grose, Makayla Guzzo, Rachel Healey, Courtney Hoats, Alexis Hockenberry, Annalisa Jolley, Taylor Joseph, Madison Kaminski, Katie Kapral, Kyleigh Kravits, Jared Krawetz, Angelo Kwak, Jillian Kwak, Caitlyn Landau, Ruby Mattson, Connor Motley, Adam Niznik, Michaela O'Connell, Byron Oldeack, Marlena Ostrowski, Bria Polachek, Samantha Pollick, Spring Pratz, Samantha Rinehimer, Jacob Roberts, Janelle Sherman, Griffin Stone, Jayson Strausser, Stephen Strumski, Justin Sweeney, Alexis Wyandt, Anne Yanik, Justin Yavorski, Julia Zochowski.

Sophomores: Ashlie Alves, Hannah Baloga, Mikaila Chakon, Brandon Clemow, Aneilia Cummings, Katelyn DeAnthony, Courtney Devens, Meghan Donahue, Leah Gorr, Mia Greenwood, Elizabeth Grose, Rachel Habib, Blake Herstek, Joshua Hunter, Christopher Huntington, Madison Hurst, Ryan Kelly, Elizabeth Kennelly, Greta Ketchner, Tori Landon, Nina Leeds, Anna Lehane, Emma Lehman, Sara Lojewski, Justin Marshall, Erin May, Corey McAndrew, Jordan McLaughlin, Megan Meyer, Megan Miller, Riley Oremus, James Oschal, Emily Pellam, Collin Perl, Sara Reichold, Margaret Rinehart, Brianna Rinehimer, Christian Roberts, Madeleine Ross, Michael Santora, Sara Schwartz, Jonathan Scintilla, Arthur Spears, Jessica Stuart, Jordan Wilson, Abigale Zondlo, Derek Zum.

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February 11 named National 211 Day

211 is available in your community by simply dialing 2-1-1 for information and referral services for any need. Call us up and talk it through!

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What types of information are available by calling 2-1-1? There are six basic types of assistance housed in the PA 2-1-1 database Emergency Preparedness/Recovery; Basic Human Needs; Physical and Mental Health Resources; Employment Supports; Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities; and Children, Youth and Families. Proven Community Benefits of 211 are that it strengthens your community by uniting the people in your area who can help with those who need help. Reports are made available to the community. These reports will show needs not being addressed in the community; and can help policy makers decide what central programs to fund. 2-1-1 reports, can be used as a community planning tool, and are available 24/7, it is there when it is needed and finally, the 211 database is updated on a regular basis ensuring the community has reliable information.

You might ask yourself what are the benefits during Disasters? 2-1-1 is a critical information system, which is necessary prior to, during and after a community crisis such as a flood, fire, attack or other local or national tragedy. 2-1-1 professional case workers respond immediately during times of crisis, to field calls regarding the crisis and to direct callers to services most appropriate to their needs. Easy access by just dialing 2-1-1 on your phone, no area code is needed, just dial these three digits. Alternate numbers for 2-1-1 are 570-829-1341 or 1-888-829-1341.

Family owned, JACS Creamery and Eatery in Lehman, expands to Full Menu Restaurant

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

JACS Creamery and Eatery opened in July 2014 as a soft serve ice cream parlor and grill but expanded in October to a full menu restaurant.

“We had so many people tell us that there wasn’t any place nearby to go for breakfast, that we decided to expand,” said Maria Armstrong, co-owner of the restaurant located on Route 118 in Lehman at the intersection of Outlet Road. Maria and her husband John have completely renovated the building which recently housed the Pavlick Winery store and Curves.

“John used to own his own business building homes so he did all of the work in here,” said Maria. “He also does most of the cooking.” Maria was an executive secretary for 30 years and is en-

joying her new role as restaurant manager. She is also in charge of the creamery.

“We have Hershey’s hand-dipped ice cream available throughout the year but we plan to open up the soft-serve business again on March 17,” said Maria. “Our soft serve is creamy and delicious. We have vanilla, chocolate and twist. Everyone loves our soft serve.”

JACS is a very welcoming, family oriented restaurant. There is a glowing fireplace in the main dining room along with a children’s book shelf and coloring supplies to keep little ones entertained. In addition, the restaurant is decorated by two local women who bring in their own handcrafted items that not only enhance the décor but are available for purchase. “Some of the decorations are ours, but these women do such a nice job and I can’t tell you how many things we’ve sold,” said Maria. “We do



John and Maria Armstrong are pictured in the dining room of JACS Creamery and Eatery located on Route 118 in Lehman.



The Ringo Burger pictured above, as well as other menu items available for take-out at JACS Creamery and Eatery.

like to decorate for the holidays.”

The menu at JACS is still a work in progress but breakfast and grill selections are already very popular. Customers love the homemade sausage biscuits and gravy, and there is a large selection of omelets. The breakfast sampler is 2 eggs, 2 pancakes, 2 sausages, 2 pieces of bacon, and toast all for just \$6.49. French toast is made from Texas toast and scrapple is also on the menu. Most breakfast items are available until 1pm and the grill opens at 11am.

“We have hand-patted burgers here. John makes something called a ‘JACS Attack’ which is two ½ pound burgers, with bacon, lettuce, tomato, onion rings and your choice of cheese,” said Maria, who explained that a ‘Ringo’ is also popular and has all of the above with a smaller 1/3 pound burger. John makes his own pulled pork, coleslaw and a sort of Bourbon sauce for steak sandwiches. “Customers really like his French fries, too.”

The dinner menu has many popular choices and they offer different specials all the time. “We are basically building the menu, now,” said John. “We are trying different things and focusing on expanding the menu.”

JACS, which got its name from

the first initials of their children’s names, is now open from 7am to 8pm from Tuesday through Sunday but will expand their hours in March when they will be open every day from 7am to 9pm.

“We have 2 cooks, 2 dishwashers and 2 waitresses. We also have several Lake-Lehman students who will work at the creamery, too,” said Maria. “Lehman is a lovely old town and the people are great. I love it when old friends bump into each other here.”

JACS is open for small parties and breakfast groups. They have had events for the youth group at Idetown UMC, Lake-Lehman’s field hockey team, and the Christmas party for the Lehman Township municipal offices. They can accommodate nearly 40 people for a closed party but smaller groups are always welcome for an event in the dining room.

For more information, you can visit JACS Creamery and Eatery on facebook or call 570-675-2225.

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34th Annual Rossetti Art Exhibit planned

The 34th Annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Exhibit will open on Sunday, March 22 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Schulman Gallery, LCCC, Nanticoke, PA. The public is invited to the art exhibit as well as the awards ceremony which follows at 4:00 p.m. in the James T. Atherton Gymnasium. Tours will also be given of the LCCC Art Department at 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. by department chairperson, Thomas McHugh, and members of the faculty.

Joe and Sue Hand of Dallas have sponsored the Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Contest for the past 34 years in memory of the daughter of the late Peter and Louise Rossetti of Saugus, MA.

Artworks in pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil, ink, scratchboard, mixed media, fibers, photography, prints, miniature drawings and paintings, 3-D, and applied design were created by 7th through 12th grade students associated with the geographic areas of Dallas, Lehman, Tunkhannock, or Northwest. Entries were judged separately on each grade level in twelve different categories by two panels of three judges each. In addition, a separate awards jury awarded over \$8,000 in community-sponsored awards.

The public is invited to view this exhibit of winning art works during the opening reception on Sunday, March 22 continuing through Tuesday, April 28 at the Schulman Gallery, LCCC, 1333 South Prospect Street, Nanticoke, PA. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For additional information, contact Heather Madeira at 570-675-5094.

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You may also contact us through our website at www.trucksvilleecec.com, or by facebook message at Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center.

Boback Introduces Bill to Create Marcellus Shale Health Registry

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) recently introduced legislation to create a Marcellus Shale Health Registry. The bill was introduced as House Bill 252.

“I remain committed to tracking the potential health risks to people who live near drilling sites,” Boback said. “Our state’s natural gas industry is the fastest growing in the nation. This bill would keep an eye on any health effects caused by drilling activity.” The measure would create a population-based registry. All health-related data, which may be associated with drilling activity, would be provided by health care practitioners to the state Department of Health.

The legislation was a suggestion of the Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission in 2011. Furthermore, the House of Representatives had previously passed legislation which would have provided \$2 million for this project, but the bill did not gain passage in the Senate prior to the end of the legislative session. For more news, go to www.RepBoback.com.



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Back Mountain Memorial Library displays local coal-miners' artifacts

During the month of March, the Back Mountain Memorial Library is honored to be displaying local coal-miners' artifacts on loan from the Luzerne County Historical Society in our display case.

Anthracite coal was discovered in the Northeast region of Pennsylvania in 1762 with huge ground deposits here in Luzerne County. Anthracite is a hard coal that burns hot and cleaner than the softer bituminous coal found in other regions. With the building of canals and later the railroads, it became possible to transport tons of this coal and mining coal became the basis of our economy. The growing coal industry and related businesses brought thousands of immigrants here to work in the mines. Coal, as fuel, was shipped all over the United States by railroad and used by the hundreds of millions of tons in factories, steamships, railroads, homes and as a primary fuel in the two World Wars.

The artifacts on display in the library give a glimpse of mining work done in the mines by thousands of men and boys from the 1800s to the 1950s. All of the authentic display articles were donated by Luzerne County miners and their families. These articles include; a miner's helmet, lamps, canteen, dinner pail, several tools, and black and white photos of the miners and a colliery. Come to the library to see this display and catch a glimpse of the rich history of our area and the men and boys who worked with their lives to provide a life for their families and all of us here in Luzerne County.



Scouts participate in service at Trinity in Dallas



On Sunday, February 22, scouts from Troop 281 and Pack 281 participated in the Scout Sunday service at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas. The scouts formed a color guard for the opening of the service, helped hand out church bulletins, collected the offering and took part in the reading of the scout law litany and the scriptures. The service began with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of God Bless America. The Deacons at Trinity hosted a reception in the fellowship hall to celebrate the birthday of scouting and its more than 100 years of building future leaders of our country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes that helping our youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society. It is noteworthy that many of the leaders in scouting are parents of the scouts.

Shown in photo above, first row from left are: Leader Sam Guzzo, Alex Perry, Scott Alexander, Rusty Coolbaugh, Spencer Marso. Second row: Leader Paul Smith Sr., Eli Chappell, Carter Marso, Life Scout Jeff Buscher, Eagle Scout Dylan Pilger, Leader Randy Perry. Third row: Leader Mark Chappell, Life Scout Paul Smith Jr., Life Scout Michael Smith, Life Scout Drake Dettore, Leader Tom Dettore, Leader Bob Pilger, Committee Member Charla Pilger.

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Wyoming Valley Civil War Roundtable to meet

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

The program for the evening will be presented by Charles Herring, a Crestwood High School history teacher, who will present his program on "Theodore Gerrish, 1st person, Last Survivor of the 20th Maine Infantry Regiment" reliving his memories from when he was recruited to the end of the war. The Roundtable is accepting new members; a \$3 dollar donation for non-members. For more information, call John at 570 675-8936.

Making the best of a winter's storm, Back Mountain Baseball Players get some early practice

By MB Gilligan
Back Mountain
Community News
Correspondent

The snow storm in early February provided some Back Mountain Baseball players an opportunity to get in some early practice.

The four friends broke out some baseball bats and a bright green tennis ball and took to the snow-covered street in Orchard View Terrace in Dallas.

Photo right: Pictured during a break in the action of their snow-baseball game, from left, are: E.J. Williams, Beaudyn Lewis, Michael Collins, and Cooper Lewis.



Getting in a little baseball game despite the weather are Beaudyn Lewis, pitching, and E. J. Williams, fielder.



Even 5 inches of snow didn't seem to hamper these Back Mountain baseball players.



Watching the bright green tennis ball fly off the bat and into the deep snow are batter Cooper Lewis and catcher Michael Collins.

Help fight hunger in our community

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring its annual Scouting for Food Program. This charity collects food and monetary donations to benefit the poor and less fortunate families in our community.

On Sunday, March 1, 2015 we will be distributing door hangers which ask for non-perishable food items to be donated to the needy families of the Back Mountain. On the following Saturday, March 7, 2015 the food will be picked up by the scouts beginning at 9:00 AM. The food is sorted, boxed and taken to the Back Mountain Food Pantry located in the lower level of Trucksville United Methodist Church. All the food collected will stay in the Back Mountain.

Pack 281 and Troop 281 of Dallas represent just a few of the many organizations that will participate in this food drive. Any uncollected bags may be dropped off at the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Please give generously, as this year, because of the economy, there are many more people who desperately need our help.

Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center 100 Day Celebration



Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center Kindergarten class recently celebrated their 100th day of school. The children participated by creating a 100 Day Museum, where each child displayed a collection of 100 items of their choice.

Some of their other activities included counting by 5's to 100; writing number sentences with a sum of 100; drawing a picture using the number 100; counting 100 steps; and writing and drawing about their favorite learning experience, their first day of school, and what they would like to learn in the future. They finished their 100th day with a class party. It was a fun and educational experience for all!

Shown in photo above, front row from left are: Braden O'Brien and James Manasco. Standing behind from left are: Eleanor Greenfield, Chase Kresge, Lily Horsefield, Owen Wielgosz, Marissa Greco, Spencer Long, Danielle Cramton, Isaac Switzer, Gemma Ciravolo, Ryan Roman, and Noah Nikita.

Dallas Rotary Club - Wine and Dine Festival – Save the Date

The Dallas Rotary Club, in association with the Dallas Area Fall Fair, Inc., will be sponsoring its third annual special event for charity on June 27 from noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Rt. 118, Dallas, PA.

The Wine & Dine Festival will feature tastings of the finest wines from the Back Mountain and Endless Mountains areas and beyond. A variety of food and goods will also be on sale by area vendors and craftsmen, and there will be live musical entertainment all day long.

The Dallas Rotary Club is an all volunteer, public service organization and will be holding this event to support their various charities and projects such as their annual Christmas Shopping Spree for 45 area children, their annual Christmas luncheon for 50 area members of the Dallas Active Adult Center, their book scholarships of \$500 each for six area high school seniors to use during their first year of college, and much, much more.

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Trinity welcomes new pastor

By: Sandy Peoples
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

On Sunday, February 15, the members and friends of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Dallas were pleased to welcome and install the Rev. Jennifer A. Baer as their new pastor and head of staff. Rev. Baer is the ninth pastor to serve the church since its founding in 1962.

Before coming to Trinity, she served two congregations as a Christian educator enabling her to work with her deep passion for families and children, but found herself missing preaching and pastoral care. She then accepted a short term call as a solo pastor and fell in love with the ministry. "I am excited to begin my first long term solo pastorate here in Dallas," said Rev. Baer. "The church should be a glimpse of the kingdom of



God, a place of peace, grace, mercy, community, and love for people of all generations, a place like home where you are welcomed and greeted by name," said Rev. Baer. "I am excited to be working with this congregation of believers who are already hard at work to fulfill Christ's commandment to feed the hungry, care for the sick, mourn with those who mourn, and seek justice."

Although she is a well-traveled individual having spent professional time in Scotland, France and West Africa being fascinated

by the variety of expressions of Christianity in the world, she is now happy to call Dallas home. She is married to John, a classmate from seminary, and together they have two wonderful children. Natalie is three years old, and Calvin is nine months old.

"It will be my honor and privilege to help this congregation continue the legacy of those who have gone before us," said Rev. Baer, "and to minister to this congregation as we share the good news of God's love."



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First Honors: Ian Atkinson, Francesca Augustine, Rebekah Boback, Chloe Boespflug, Thomas Bolesta, Karisa Brunges, Kanisha Cheshire, Felicia Clark, Sarah Cominsky, Jacob Connolly, Luke DelGaudio, Alexandre DeRome, Matthew Dolan, Ethan Dyrli, Jacob Esposito, Isabella Farina, Jack Farrell, Jacob Fenske, Emily Finnegan, Maria Fioti, Cassidy Ford, Olivia Habib, Haley Habrack, Terrence Herron, Zachary Holthaus, Lyndsey Hornlein, Sydney Hornlein, Zachary Hornlein, Steven Horst, David Janoski, Alexander Jennings, Anna Jorda, Madison Kaufer, Cooper Kelley, Rachel Klings, Sarah Krokos, Morgan Landau, Robert Lauer, Melissa Leonard, Christiana Leu, Federico Lombardo, Morgan MacNeely, Nina Malkemes, Samantha Matushek, Jared McGuire, Alexandra McNee, Jensen Meade, Tyler Meyer, Jacy Muldoon, Francis Nockley, Shannon O'Donnell, Madison Pertl, Calvin Polachek, David Rinehimer, Dominick Rizzo, Gabrielle Sabatini, Anna Samanas, Dean Shaver, Jake Shaver, Joellen Spencer, Michael Starbuck, Logan Steele, Abigail Sutzko, Shane Szczecinski, Trent Szczecinski, Jacob Thomas, John Toussaint, Kaylee Yagloski, Jeremy Zolner.

Second Honors: Kaylee Albrecht, Kevin Allen, Sydney Bittner, Caitlin Blaum, Zachary Blockus, Skyler Boyer, Samantha Bufalino, James Caskey, Matthew Chase, Nathan Collins, Olivia Connors, Noah Cooper, Noah Daily, Dani Eldred, Brandon Fleschut, Cheyanna Hillman, Haley Hiltabrand, Mia Karcutskie, Cara Lake, Mackenzie Langan, Clinton Lehman, Reese Lewandowski, Michael Lukasavage, Nora Luke, Jasmin Marquez, Scott McLaughlin, Samantha Michael, Mira Miller, Kaitlyn Morgan, Billy Nguyen, Jacob Onda, Brett Ostroski, Hannah Ostrowski, Sydney Perloff, Todd Phillips, Joseph Sabatini, Tanner Saracino, Dylan Schuster, Christian Sebastianelli, Xander Shaner, Madison Sinoracki, Adrik Steele, Jacob Tencza-Sorber, Emma Thomas, Ethan Thomas, Tierney Williamson, Samuel Zondlo.

Eighth Grade - Honors with Distinction: Emily Bogdon, Brianna Brennan, Lauren Delamater, Mia Dixon, Haley Fennell, Justin Finarelli, Emily Fleming, Bernard Frantz, Andrew Hirko, Lindsey Jorda, Alexander Kapral, Erin Kelly, Samantha Kern, Jenna Kurent, Michael Luksic, Kyle McAndrew, Elisabeth Mead, Christian Motley, Steven Newell, Zachary Palfey, Stephen Postupak, Michael Quinnan, Patrick Redington, Tyler Reinert, Renee Rinehimer, Mitchell Rome, Christina Schuler, Chloe Scott, Jaelyn Shaver, Grace Young, Kelly Young, Ethan Zawatski, Eugene Ziemba.

First Honors: Angelena Allen, John Betzko, Shelby Carr, Gianna Centrella, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Faith Christman, Nichole Conrad, Abigail Curtis, Amanda Danishanko, Colin Dempsey, Ava Dettore, Hannah Doran, Mikayla Engler, John Falcone, Ivy Fox, Erin Garnett, Joshua Gerstein, Zachary Hill, Christina Hoidra, Nicole Jacobs, Brenden Jesse, Nicholas Kachur, Jacqueline Kalinosky, Makenzie Kapitula, Darren Kerdesky, Johanna Kiska, Julia Krawetz, Sydney Kraynack, Payton Lepore, Beaudyn Lewis, Kathleen Lydon, Dante Marianacci, Adison McClain, Connor Mikovitch, Courtney Moss, Colin Murray, Gianna Musto, Joseph Nardone, Brian Novicki, Nathan Ostroski, Keely Patton, Raymond Perez, William Petherick, Alyssa Podskoch, Blaine Rex, Madison Riley, Matthew Roberts, Evan Sabecky, Hailey Sobocinski, Alexander Solano, Nicholas Solinsky, Gianna Spaciano, Zachary Strazdus, Sydney Strickland, Gabrielle Sweeney, Caleb Sweitzer, Madelyn Swire, Hannah Thomas, Vincent Vespiro IV, Alicia Vincelli, Lukas Volpetti, Connie Weaver, Ashley Weinstein, Eric Weiss, Eric Williams, Brandi Yale, Hannah Yanovich, Sara Zaykowski, Kaitlyn Zimmerman.

Second Honors: Joseph Aliciene III, Kayla Barber, Samantha Blamire, Audrey Blessner, Colin Bowanko, Charles Castellino, John Costello, Sean Cuba, Catherine Daly, Haydon Edwards-Lewis, Emily Farrell, Dylan Feeny, Dylan Hakim, Jacob Henninger, Grace Jarden, Daniel Jones, Heath Jones, Ethan Kolojchick, Hailee Koytek, Alexis Lanza, Michael Lee, Sierra Loiselle, Jonathan Manzella, Andrew Menig, Jacob Novitski, Gabrielle Oleginski, Daniella Pace, Brandon Porasky, Makayla Potsko, Benjamin Reavy, Vanessa Ryan, Megan Sebastianelli, Jacob Smith, Ondrea Taffera, Laura Timinski, Andrew Trumm, Savannah Zimmerman.

Dodge For Play Tournament

Shake off those winter blues and celebrate the arrival of Spring while supporting the LJE Playground Fund!

Whether you Dare to Dodge or just come out and cheer your friends and family, the first day of Spring is sure to get your heart pumping and feet jumping!

The tournament will take place Friday, March 20th, 2015 from 6 PM — 8:30 PM at the Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School. This parent / child tournament is open to grades K - 6 and their parents or guardians. Teams will be made up of 4 adults plus 4 children (one child in K - 2 grade, one child in 3 - 4 grade and 2 other children in K - 6 grades). The cost is a \$10 donation per team member.

Registration forms and payment must be received by March 13, 2015. You can either register as a team, partial team or parent/child. Please visit www.lje-pta.com for registration forms.

There will be prizes for the 1st and 2nd place teams. There will also be a prize for the most spirited team chosen by fan vote. Bring your spare change to vote for the team with the most team spirit. Every penny will count as a vote. Dinner, snacks and drinks will be available.

Eric Davies becomes Eagle Scout

Eric Davies, a senior at Dallas High School and a member of Boy Scout Troop 281 of Dallas.

Eric recently became the troop's 152nd Eagle Scout on December 17th, 2014.

His project was making an entrance sign and a collection of small directional signs for Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge in Dallas.

The directional signs were placed nearby the farm to help people find their way there and the large entrance sign Eric made now lets people know when they arrive at Blue Chip Farms.

Eric will be honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor and dinner in March at The Irem Clubhouse in Dallas.



Photo of entrance sign to Blue Chip Farms Animal Rescue that Eric Davies hand-crafted as part of his Eagle Scout project



Third Grade “Soup”er Bowl at Dallas Elementary School

Miss Regan Palfey’s and Mr. Michael Viglone’s third grade classes recently had their class elections. Their class representatives teamed up to do a food collection for the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

Miss Palfey’s class were the Seahawks and Mr. Viglone’s class were the Patriots. The class with the most donations in a week were to be an indicator of who will win the real Super Bowl. It was a very close “Soup”er Bowl. The Seahawks won in their drive.

Shown in photo are: bottom left: Scarlett Hobson-Tomascik (Miss Palfey’s Class Secretary), Abby Cruz (Class Judge), Myles Tirkpak (Class Vice-President), Gavin Adamski (Class President), Elizabeth Viglone (Mr. Viglone’s Class President), Sydney Bolesta (Class Vice-President), Sarah Gauntlett (Campaign Manager). Second row:

Carter Davis, Kailey Ryan, Ben Sevenski, and Brownley Manasco. Third row: Sterling Augustine, Anson George, Colin McCann, Emma Blazure. Fourth row: Alex DelGaudio, Kaylee Farrell, Alyssa Fazzi, Natalie Vincelli, Brienne Demsey, Jack Barr, Zoe Hakim, Cami Marianacci, Belah Robbins, Isaiah Samuel, Emma Krzysik, and Zach Coy. Fifth row: Logan Bednarsky, Jeff Ladamus, Victoria Wicht, A.J. Fife, and Paige Scott. Top row: Olivia Thomas, Logan Tomkins, Eva St. Clair, Sophia Farina, Andrew Lewis, Bruce Kapral, Steven Kollar, Camryn Mallarkey, Jacob Speicher, Alex Castro, Cameron Faux, Zak Mikolosko, Nick Farrell, Nicole Chen, and Andy Goodrich. Missing from Photo: Sam Barrouk and Zackary Zurn.



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Dallas jeweler makes annual donation to the food pantry



Elva Valentine, left, owner of Valentine’s Jewelry Store, Rt. 309, Dallas, recently made a donation of \$500 to help with the work of the Back Mountain Food Pantry. Food pantry board member, Sandy Peoples, right, accepted her generous contribution which will help the pantry supply much needed food to our neighbors in need. Valentine’s is a long-time supporter of the work of the food pantry, and their continuous help is very much appreciated.

Lake-Lehman Foundation held its third annual Bowl-A-Thon at Back Mountain Bowl

By: MB Gilligan
Back Mountain Community
News Correspondent

The Lake-Lehman Foundation held its third annual Bowl-A-Thon at the Back Mountain Bowl on Sunday, February 22. This year's event featured a competition among the four schools in the Lake Lehman School District with Lake Noxen Elementary School winning "The Pin" by bringing in the most money at the event.

"We decided to start a tradition, like 'The Old Shoe,' where the winning school gets to display The Pin for one year," said Bonnie Turchin, president of the Lake-Lehman Foundation. "We are going to have a plaque on it engraved with the winner each year."

The Lehman Foundation is a group of interested community members, administrators, faculty and former educators. Their goal is to provide funding for the extra things often required in education while limiting the burden to local taxpayers.

"We've provided funding for things like band uniforms, transportation for students in Future Business Leaders of America to attend competitions and also with the district's tutoring program," said Bonnie. "We also provide scholarships and we've helped with Girl Scout projects and Eagle Scout projects."

The Lake-Lehman Foundation will be holding the annual Breakfast with Characters on March 21 at The Skillet Restaurant. School



Members of the Lake Lehman Theater Group supported the Bowl-A-Thon. In the front row, from left, are Courtney Richards, Donna Richards, and Jenna Mortenson. Standing in back are Susan Sin-cavage, Nancy Moku, James Cihocki, Jasmine Moku, and Sara Tronsue.

students dress up as various action figures and cartoon characters and have breakfast with children in attendance. Children can also dress up for the event.

The Foundation has also scheduled the annual Ladies Tea for April 25 at the Hayfield House at Penn State. The tea helps raise money for the Foundation's scholarship fund.

For more information and to make reservations for these events, visit the Lake-Lehman Foundation Facebook page. Flyers will also be sent home with students and there will be an announcement on Global Connect.



These seventh graders at Lake Lehman enjoyed the Bowl-A-Thon. From left in back are Kayla Gliddon, Olivia Anderson, and Eryn McMonagle. In front are Madison Chulick and Shelby Traver.



Members of the Lake-Lehman Foundation helped out at the Bowl-A-Thon. From left are Barbara Baigis, Karen Chulick, vice president of the Foundation, Bonnie Turchin, president, and Georgia Egan.

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Easter celebration planned

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Along with great games and chances to win candy-filled eggs, we will have face-painting, contests, raffles, and a special presentation for you and your family to enjoy! All families welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information visit fellowshipefc.org.

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