

Rattlesnake Roundup offers four days of fun

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The fourth annual Noxen Rattlesnake Roundup will begin Thursday, June 13 and run through Sunday, June 16 with a full slate of activities on the fire hall grounds in Noxen.

Low Hackling, Jr., chairman of the event, is enthusiastic about the many activities scheduled for the four days. "If the weather cooperates this should be a great weekend," said Hackling.

The roundup is a major annual fundraising event for the Noxen fire company and more than 10,000 people are expected to stop and see the sights and take part in the events.

"There is going to be something for everyone," said Hackling. "This really is a family affair and it is always good to see a large crowd which shows its support to the area and the fire company."

The action begins at 6:00 p.m. Thursday and will last until 11:00 p.m. On Friday the hours are 6:00 p.m. until midnight. On Saturday events will last from noon until midnight and things will wrap up on Sunday from noon until 11:00 p.m.

Again this year there will be amusement rides, games, food and refreshments all four days. There will also be musical entertainment each night.

The stars of the weekend will undoubtedly be the snakes. The annual roundup will take place Friday and Saturday as snakes are caught live and unharmed and brought to the grounds to be judged.

Hackling stressed that all the snakes are treated properly and

are unharmed throughout the weekend. "We get a lot of snakes and they will be on display for the public to see," said Hackling. "Everyone dealing with the snakes knows how to handle them for the public's safety and the snakes well-being."

The judging for the snake contest will take place on Sunday with awards presented at 5:30 p.m. Another highlight on Sunday will be an "all you can ride" special from 1:00 until 4:00. Visitors can ride all that time for just \$6.

The roundup will conclude Sunday evening with a fireworks show that will begin at 10:00 p.m.

Some of the excitement of the roundup has already begun as area school children took part in a drawing contest to create this year's emblem for the fire company T-Shirt and a special Post Office cancellation.

The contest was open to children from all area schools and was a big success, according to Post personnel.

Dawn Traver, a clerk at the Noxen Post Office, said that the contest drew a large response for only its second year. "This is something everyone looks forward to," said Traver. "The kids enjoy it and we at the Post Office love the drawings."

The winner of the Post Office Contest was Brandon Warner of Dallas whose slogan was "I wound up at the Roundup." The slogan and drawing will appear on the Post Office cancellation for the weekend of the event.

A Post Office cancellation is the mark used when a stamp is cancelled after it is mailed.

Other winners of the contest were: Natalie Felten of Dallas,

NOXEN RATTLESNAKE ROUNDUP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Thursday, June 13**
6:00-11:00 p.m.
Games, rides and events open to public
8:00 Presentation of awards to winners of children's art contest
- Friday, June 14**
6:00 p.m.-midnight
7:00 Firemen's parade
8:00 Presentation of awards from firemen's parade
8:00 Great Rock Scare
- Saturday, June 15**
12 Noon-midnight
snakes on display throughout the day
8:00 Strawberry Jam
- Sunday, June 16**
12 Noon- 1:00
1:00-4:00 p.m. All you can ride, \$6.00
5:30 Presentation of awards for snake roundup
6:00 Schooley Mountain Boys
10:00 Fireworks display



OPEN FOR BUSINESS - Steven Leonardo stands next to some dry cleaning at his new shop at the Country Club Shopping Center in Dallas. Leonardo opened his shop two weeks ago and is thrilled with his success so far. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Cleaner says he's off to good start here

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People have many different reasons for coming to the Back Mountain. For Steven Leonardo it was a chance to be closer to his family and maintain a business at the same time.

Leonardo is the owner of the newly opened Town and Country Cleaners in the Country Club Shopping Center in Dallas.

The dry cleaning store opened two weeks ago and Leonardo is pleased with his business so far.

"Things have gone very well," he said. "There is plenty to do but the

people have really treated me well."

Leonardo brings 15 years of dry cleaning experience to the area. He moved here from New York and is just getting settled.

"I have family in Wilkes-Barre and when my father retired from the business I thought I would open up shop in this area," he said. "The Back Mountain is a great place and I decided to try it here."

Things have been busy for Leonardo getting set up in his new business but he is receiving some help from his father, who stops in daily to offer a hand.

The store offers dry cleaning and shirt alteration services along

with suede and leather cleaning.

There are same day and next day dry cleaning options but, being picky about his work, Leonardo suggests three days for "...optimum quality."

The store is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Even though he is still new to the area Leonardo is optimistic about his future. "I have my work cut out for me like most who are new, but this area is nice and I've been accepted well so I think things are going to work out," he said.

Recycling containers coming June 17-21

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Dallas Area Municipal Authority plant manager Tom Bagley said June 7 that Danella Environmental Technologies will begin municipal garbage pickup and recycling July 1 in Dallas Borough, Dallas Township and Kingston Township.

"Kingston Township supervisors have already adopted its garbage and recycling ordinance and Dallas Borough will adopt its ordinance at a special meeting Wednesday, June 12. Dallas Township supervisors will pass its ordinance at their June 18 meeting. These are the final papers to be adopted before the collection begins," said Bagley.

The garbage and recycling collection will cost \$135 annually or \$11.25 per month payable in advance for the total of \$33.75 per quarter.

"Containers for recycling will be distributed the third week in June," Bagley said, "And instructions will be attached."

"All recyclables may be comingled with the exception of newspapers which should be stacked and tied in bundles or inserted neatly in brown paper bags. Other recyclables to be collected include white or colored glass; plastic containers Nos. one, two and three (numbers on bottom of containers); aluminum and bi-metal cans; office paper, and corrugated cardboard," Bagley explained.

The garbage will be picked up weekly, recyclables will be collected every other week.



SUMMER REC LEADERS - Kingston Township officials are preparing to begin the 1991 summer recreation program for area children. Shown above from left are William Wilson, councilman; Bill Runner, summer rec. director; Kristen Gladey, summer rec. counselor; Shirley Moyer, recreation board member; Jeffrey Box, township manager; and Ben Franklin, councilman. (Post Photo/Rich Johnson)

Kingston Twp. park has fun for kids

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As summer quickly approaches area children are looking forward to many hours of enjoyment outside. In Kingston Township, the children will again have the opportunity to participate in many activities during the Summer Recreation Program at the Center Street Park.

According to Bill Runner, director of the summer program, a variety of activities are planned and they will provide enjoyment and education to the kids.

"We want to make this a great summer program," said Runner. "We have many things planned including trips to Frances Slocum Park to swim and maybe other trips to museums or amusement parks."

The summer rec program begins on June 17 and will run each weekday until August 9. For the kids the day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

"Each day will be something different," said Runner. "We want

the kids to enjoy themselves and this is a way we can give something back to the taxpayers and show them that their tax money is doing some good."

Runner, of Trucksville, has experience working with children as he has spent time working at a camp run by the YMCA. "I liked what I did with the 'Y' and now I can bring some of that experience to the kids," he said.

The experience of the staff will be a plus for the children, according to Township Manager Jeffrey Box.

"We are very fortunate to have some very good young people to run our program," said Box. "We have, on many occasions, had employees return and that helps the kids."

Helping Runner this year will be Kristen Gladey and Melissa Kohli, both of Shavertown. Kohli has worked with the children for two years and is studying elementary education at Bloomsburg University.

The summer program is open to resident children of Kingston Township entering first grade through those leaving fifth grade.

Registration for the program will be held at the Center Street Park Pavilion on Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors and Box said that the board encourages all resident families to take advantage of the opportunity.

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