

Rabies vaccination clinic this Sunday

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No matter what the weather forecast for April 24, the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club hopes that it will rain cats and dogs.

They're expecting several hundred family pets at their annual rabies vaccination clinic at the Dallas Township garage behind the municipal building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Dr. Brock Phillips will administer the vaccinations, which will cost \$6 each. Kiwanis members will provide manpower for organization, clerical work and cleanup, while Dr. Phillips will provide the vaccine.

Pets must be on leashes or in carriers to prevent them from running away. At last year's rabies clinic a cat slipped from its owner's arms and ran into the woods.

"Rabies vaccinations help protect public health as well as family pets by preventing exposure to the disease," Phillips said. "It's also a state law for all dogs to have rabies shots. Although it's not required by law, cats should also be vaccinated. Even a house cat can sometimes sneak outside and become exposed."

Termed a three-year shot, the rabies vaccine may not fully protect an animal for that long, depending on the animal's immune system, Phillips said.

Rabies, a fatal viral disease of the central nervous system, is

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Sunday, April 24
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Dallas Township
garage, Route 309
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transmitted through the saliva by a bite or a lick from an infected animal. It affects all warm-blooded animals, humans included. Even birds of prey which eat carrion (dead animals) can contract rabies from eating an infected animal.

Since the disease's incubation period can be up to two weeks and can have many different symptoms ranging from lethargy and depression to extreme irritability, it is often difficult to know if an animal is rabid simply by looking at it. Death from paralysis and respiratory failure is inevitable.

The only definite rabies test for animals is an examination of its brain.

Treatment for humans who suspect that they have become infected consists of a series of five shots costing approximately \$1,000, according to epidemiologist Bernie Healey of the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

"The best prevention is to avoid contact with all strange animals, no matter if they appear to be



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NOW TELL ME WHERE IT HURTS - Dr. Brock Phillips consults with Rusty, the golden retriever, in his office waiting room. Dr. Phillips will give rabies vaccinations to dogs and cats at the Kiwanis rabies clinic April 24 at the Dallas Township garage.

tame house pets or if they're wild," Healey said.

Dr. Phillips said that 95 confirmed rabies cases have been reported statewide during the first three months of this year. In eastern Pennsylvania, 28 cases have been reported since January 1.

"At this time, raccoons are the most likely rabies carriers, and seem to be bringing the disease into the northeastern counties from the southeastern and south central counties," Dr. Phillips said. "Rabies has also been found in opossums, skunks, foxes, bats, cats, dogs, squirrels, flying squir-

rels, groundhogs, rabbits and horses."

Staying away from wildlife, especially animals that act strangely, is a good idea, according to the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Unusual behavior, such as opossums or raccoons moving around during the daytime may indicate that the animal is sick.

If a person or pet has been bitten by a strange animal, the Game Commission recommends that a hospital emergency room, family doctor or veterinarian be contacted immediately.

Prison water use to get hearing April 20

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Area residents will have a chance to speak out about a request by the State Correctional Institution at Dallas (SCID) to increase the amount of water which it pumps from its wells at a public hearing April 20.

Held by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the hearing will start at 7 p.m. in the Center for Technology on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus.

Before the commission makes a final decision on the request to increase the amount of water which the prison pumps from two of its four wells by 13.5 percent - from 320,000 gallons per day to 370,000 - it wants to hear from interested citizens.

In 1992 the Department of Corrections spent \$663,000 to build a pipeline from the Ceasetown reservoir to SCID. Since then, area legislators, municipal officials and residents have been at odds with SCID of-

icials whether the pipeline is to be used simply as a backup system, as SCID officials claim, or as the prison's main water source.

All statements will be made part of the commission's official hearing record on the matter.

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission regulates all water use within the area drained by both branches of the Susquehanna River and all of its tributaries, encompassing the southern tier of New York State, two-thirds of Pennsylvania and parts of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

The commission urges those wishing to testify to notify them in advance; however anyone who wants to testify may do so, whether or not they have given prior notice.

For further information, the Susquehanna River Basin Commission may be reached at 717-238-0423, or at 1721 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102-2391.

Entries are due for Back Mt'n Color and Read Book

People of all ages seem to love to color in coloring books. One such coloring book is the "Back Mountain Color & Read Book."

Illustrations in the book depict scenes which are characteristic to the Back Mountain completed by students from around the area in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Dedicated to Children's Librarian Marilyn Rudolph, the "Color & Read Book" was published in appreciation for her years of service, commitment and dedication to all of the children she has served at the library.

Cost of the book is \$5 with all proceeds to benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

There are seven age categories in which to enter: pre-school; elementary (kindergarten to 4th grade); middle school (5th to 8th

grade); high school (9th to 12th grade); young adults (ages 18 to 39 years); Mid Life Crisis! group (ages 40 to 59); and the "Older Kids" group (ages 60 to 109 years).

A panel of five judges will award a plaque to the creator of the best coloring book in each age category.

Interested persons should completely color a "Back Mountain Color & Read Book" and include their name, address, phone number and age category on the inside cover of the book.

Entries must be completed and delivered to either the Back Mountain Memorial Library, Huntsville Road, Dallas, or Sue Hand's Imagery, Main Street, Dallas, by April 30.

For more information, call 675-5094.

Lake man found guilty of crimes against minor

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According to assistant district attorney John Aciukewicz, Harveys Lake resident Edward Layaou, 30, was found guilty of corruption of minors and endangering the welfare of children in a jury trial before Luzerne County Criminal Court judge Michael

Conahan.

The jury found Layaou not guilty of simple assault, indecent assault, statutory rape and involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, Aciukewicz said.

The charges stemmed from a three-month investigation after Layaou's victim, the teenage daughter of his girlfriend, had

complained to Luzerne County Children and Youth that Layaou had performed sexual acts on her from the time that she was 12 years old until she was 15.

Harveys Lake assistant chief Ronald Spock, Pennsylvania State Police trooper William Bevan and lieutenant Gary Sworen had investigated the complaint.

Layaou will be sentenced May 26 at 9:30 a.m. He is presently free on \$75,000 bail, for which he used his mother's home as security, Aciukewicz said. He has also been ordered not to have any contact with the victim.

Since Layaou has no prior offenses, the penalty is zero to six months in prison.

Randa Fahmy will lecture at Wilkes Univ.

In the continuing mission to provide the community quality educational seminars and workshops, the Luzerne County Commission for Women will present the first in a series of lectures on Women's issues April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Arnaud C. Marts Center, 274 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Dallas native Randa Fahmy, Esq., Congressional Liaison of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) will speak on the "Role of Women in Foreign Policy: Overcoming the Obstacles."

The free lecture is open to the public.

For further information contact the LCCW office at 825-1727.

KT to set up speed traps

Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage announces that his department will be increasing patrols on State Route 309 during the current construction project.

The patrols will aggressively enforce speed limits on the highway areas under construction and the alternate routes which motorists will utilize during the construction project.

Balavage asks all motorists to respect the posted speed limits and to provide additional time in traveling to make their trip safer.

Questions may be directed to Chief James Balavage at 696-1175.

JT lists emergency numbers

The Jackson Township Fire Co. reminds residents whose phone numbers start with 696 or 675 to dial 911 for all emergency calls. The 696-1213 emergency number is no longer in use.

Residents whose phone numbers start with 779 should continue to use 675-4650 for all emergency calls.

Permit needed for sale signs

The Kingston Township Zoning Officer reminds the residents of the Township that it is illegal to attach garage/yard sale signs to telephone poles or trees and they should be attached to individual stakes. All such signs should be removed no later than two days after the sale. Violators may be fined up to \$300. Additional information may be obtained from the Zoning Officer at 696-3809.



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Because of all of these volunteers, patients are more at ease, more comfortable. And our health care professionals have more time to perform the tasks that augment diagnosis and healing.

During National Volunteer Week, join us in thanking Wyoming Valley Health Care System's volunteers and auxiliaries for their generosity of spirit. And consider joining them in their work of heart. To learn about volunteer opportunities at both hospital campuses, please call 829-8111, extension 3029.

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