Show against drug use

Local members of America's Pride put on an anti-drug variety show including puppeteering, singing and dancing for Lake-Noxen Elementary School students on March 17. America's Pride is a national program made up of dedicated scouts who want to help in the fight against drug use. Shown singing a song and performing a dance for the kindergarten through third grade is, from left, Jeremiyah Jones, 17, Wyoming Valley West; Shaliyan Jones, 14, Wyoming Valley West Middle School; Mary Lupien, 15, of Dallas, Bishop O' Reilly; and Frank Britt, 14, of Dallas, Wyoming Valley West. POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER



S.P.C.A. marks 40th year with dinner

The SPCA of Luzerne County will commemorate its 40th anniversary in April with a program recognizing past presidents of the board of directors and changes that have taken place since the organization was incorporated in 1957.

The group will hold a dinner on Wed., April 9 at the Woodlands Inn, Plains Twp. The event will feature guest speaker Mike Markarian, The Fund For Animals and entertainment by Diane Dixon and "Celebrity".

Local internationally renowned artists Sue Hand of Dallas and woodcarver Ron Ushing of Plains have each donated one of their works of art to be raffled at the dinner.

The SPCA of Luzerne County was founded by Jesse Thomas

Bennett. Since its incorporation in 1957 over 400,000 animals have been cared for at the shelter on Fox-Hill Rd., Plains Twp.

The purpose of the SPCA is to investigate and if necessary prosecute all cases of cruelty to animals, to maintain a shelter for homeless and unwanted animals and adopt them into new homes if the owner cannot be located.

Also, to maintain a program of public education for the humane treatment of animals.

Anyone wishing to attend the event can pick up reservation forms at the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main Street, Plains.

Please call Edward Gross, SPCA Director of Development at 825-4111 for information or raffle tickets. Seating is limited.



GOH Altar and Rosary to honor presidents

The Gate of Heaven Altar and Rosary Society will honor its past presidents at a Past President's Tea. The event will be held in the Gate of Heaven Auditorium at 7 p.m. on April 14. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Shown are members of the planning committee. Seated from left, are: Barbara Evans and Jane Chase. Standing from left are Barbara Strazdus, Peg Canfield, Mary Weeks and chairperson Rita Lyons. Absent from photo Eleanor Thompson.For reservations please contact Jane Chase at 675-1863 or Rita Lyons at 675-4322 by April 10.

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Troop 929 donates to Children's Wing

Brownie Troop #929 recently helped the children's department of the Back Mountain Memorial Library in a community service project by donating Campbell's Soup labels. Seated from left, Hillary Flack, Kelsey Blaskiewicz, Amy Yurchisian; Row 1, Katie Fritzges, Megan Baker, Virginia Baird, Heather Mines, Alyssa Cybulski, Stephanie Konecke; Row 2, Linda Fritzges, co-leader; Gina Kaiser, Mary Balavage, Rachel Dever, Mrs. Rudolph, children's librarian; Jennifer Mines, Becky Mines, co-leader.

Theater group plans auditions

The Bracken Theatre Company is pleased to announce auditions for its upcoming production of Vanities, by Jack Heifner. The show revolves around the relationships between three women through high school, college and real life. Auditions will be held on April 7 and April 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Castle Fondo on Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes-Barre. As the cast consists of three women ages ranging from 20-30, interested ladies ages 17 and up will be asked to read from the script. Vanities will be directed by Christine E. Rock, with performance dates set for May 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24. If you would like more information, plese call 823-6003 or e-mail at brackentc@juno.com.

Joan Harris dancers attend convention

Dancers from the Back Mountain communities joined over 50 members of the Joan Harris Dancers to attend a five state dance convention recently held in Philadelphia. The two day conclave was sponsored by the Dance Educators of America Organization and featured a series of workshops and lectures on the latest techniques in ballet, tap and jazz training taught by some of the most respected professionals in the dance field. Pictured above are some of the dancers from the Back Mountain communities: from left, Laura Mitchell, Harveys Lake; Melissa Mitchell, Harveys Lake; Vanessa Velikis, Dallas; Lisa Gongleski, Lehman, Jaime Kuhns, Lehman. Absent from photo is Laura Brody, Dallas and Jessica Holton, Dallas.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank celebrates grand opening

Grange National Bank will hope grand opening festivities for its new branch in Trucksville Sat., April 5. The full-service facility will offer refreshments all week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tehre will be ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday at 10 a.m., and a drawing will be held at 2 p.m. for prizes, including a Pentium multi-media computer system, a \$500 Savings Bond and a \$100 Savings Bond.

