

Mysterious aquatic creature at Lehman Haunted Barn

In late August, as a staff member was opening the moat door at the Lehman Haunted Barn, he noticed a foul stench and spotted something in the water. Somehow an aquatic creature had surfaced in the moat sometime during the last year. The organizers of the Lehman Haunted Barn were called immediately and an investigation was undertaken.

A firm in Encinitas, California was contacted to study the strange object and renowned aquatic specialist Doug Higley was retained to take care of the creature. He used space age polymers to preserve the 20 inch specimen from further decay and to prevent odor.

A local dive team was called in to search the moat for further clues. The team discovered that the moat is connected to an underground river system that extends for miles. This system of rivers has probably been home to several of these aquatic creatures living in small family groups. They also discovered a strong underground current that impeded their complete exploration of the underground watery caverns.

After a month of thorough research, it was determined that the aquatic creature probably originated from a distant part of the river system and just recently floated to the surface. It is thought to be a relative of the mermaid family since it has a humanlike head with hair, arms with fingers and nails, and a tail something like that of a lobster. It is believed to have been at least 65 years old at the time of death.

The Aquatic Creature display has been prepared and is ready to be viewed by the public near the original spot where it was discovered. Visitors can view the display at the Lehman Haunted Barn Oct. 29-31 from 7-11 p.m. on Fri. and Sat., and 7-10 .m. all other nights.

Your \$5 admission benefits the Lehman UMYF, the Lehman Volunteer Fire Co., the Lake-Lehman Chorus and the Wyoming Valley Children's Aid Fund.

For further information call the Spook Line at 675-1216. The Haunted Barn Reservation Line at 675-2235 or go online at <http://www.dawenet.com/haunted>.



Meadows installs new members

The Auxiliary of the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, met recently for a luncheon meeting and installation of officers. Midge Smith was recently installed as president for a two year term of office. Thanks were given to outgoing officers for their dedication and for a job well done. Barbara Barakat, president; Phyllis Leskowsky, first vice president; Helen Mondulick, second vice president; Lois Keller, secretary and Elinor Vino, treasurer. Committee heads made reports on the outcome of the "Market on the Pond" fund raiser. Over \$6,200 was raised to benefit residents at the Center. Shown seated, from left, Lois Keller, Helen Mondulick, Elinor Vino; standing Rachel Hale, second vice president; Midge Smith, president; Phyllis Leskowsky, Bernie Hill, first vice president and Irene Transue secretary.

PennDOT sets up pothole hotline

As wintertime approaches, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is reminding motorists that they can report the location of potholes, road hazards and other road maintenance problems to PennDOT through its toll-free hotline: 1-800-FIX-ROAD (1-800-349-7623).

Just as homeowners use this time of year to prepare for the winter season, PennDOT also spends a good deal of autumn preparing Pennsylvania roadways for winter conditions.

This means repairing and sealing roadway cracks and defects so they can keep water from getting into the pavement.

With winter's freezing temperatures, this water turns to ice and expands, damaging the pavement, and leading to the potholes that are so characteristic in the spring.

PennDOT's 800 number is another means for the motoring public to alert the state's highway crews about problem areas which they may not be aware of, and allow them to address the problems before the onset of winter.

The hotline is staffed weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. after 4:30 p.m., and on weekends and holidays, calls are recorded by a voice-mail system. Calls are automatically routed to the closest county maintenance office.

The hotline is not suitable for reporting traffic accidents, disabled vehicles or other emergencies.

Citizens should continue to call 911 or their local State Police for emergencies.

Please call 1-800-FIX ROAD and help PennDOT to keep our roads safe and trouble-free.

Dallas PTSA to hold coat drive Nov. 1

Dallas PTSA is holding a coat drive on Sat., Nov. 1, before the Lake-Lehman - Dallas football game which is being held at 2 p.m. at the Dallas Stadium. The Coat Drive which has become an integral part of the Dallas High School's PTSA calendar of events is an opportunity for friends and family of Dallas and Lake-Lehman to give something back to the community. A Bake Sale is also being held in conjunction with the coat drive. The venture had great success last year, with a total of close to 200 coats donated to the Commission of Economic Opportunity.

Erma Weidner Culp turns 90

Erma Weidner Culp is having her 90th Birthday on Nov. 6. The former wife of Robert J. Culp of Huntsville. Erma has four daughters, Charlotte Culp Ashton, Jackson Twp.; Alice Culp Ross, Boyton Beach, FL; Mildred Culp Kern, Dallas; and Virginia Culp Major of Huntsville. She will celebrate her 90th birthday at the home of her daughter Charlotte of Jackson Twp., on Nov. 8 with family and friends.



Erma has 16 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren. Happy 90th!

Leaf pick-up in Kingston Twp. Nov. 3-14

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors has announced the annual pick up of bagged leaves has been scheduled for Nov. 3-Nov. 14. Residents are advised to have leaves bagged and placed at the curbside for pickup. The pickup is limited to bagged leaves only. Township crews will be conducting the pickup between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Township also asks the cooperation of residents in refraining from sweeping leaves into gutters and roadways. The leaves block storm drains and this poses a serious maintenance problem for the Public Works Department. A Township Ordinance also prohibits this practice. Residents are reminded that bags must contain only leaves.

Residents are also reminded that burning of leaves requires a Township Burning Permit. Also, no burning of leaves in gutters along Township roadways will be permitted because of the damage to the asphalt.

If anyone has questions about the Fall leaf pickup, please call the Township Office at 696-3809 or the Public works Department at 696-3650.

St. Therese's A & R to meet Nov. 5

St. Therese's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on Wed., Nov. 5 in the social room at 7:15 for Rosary recitation and followed by the regular monthly meeting presided over by Jane Wallace. A report on the recent Birthday Tea will be given by Betsy Balonis and Ruth Youngblood will report on the upcoming annual Christmas Dinner to be held Sun., Dec. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Luzerne. Refreshments will be served by Dell Luke, Louise Capozzi, Ann Jennings and Jane Wallace. All women of the parish are cordially invited to attend any of the meetings.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging offer hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The Back Mountain Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas. Call 675-2179 for information.

The following is the menu for the week of November 3. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee.

MONDAY - Salisbury steak w/ gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli,

whole wheat bread, chocolate cupcake.

TUESDAY - Centers closed in observance of Election Day.

WEDNESDAY - Italian Day - Stuffed shells w/meatballs and tomato sauce, apple, vegetable medley, Italian bread, toss salad w/ranch dressing.

THURSDAY - Ham/potato casserole, hot fruit compote, mixed vegetables, pineapple juice, dinner roll, tapioca pudding.

FRIDAY - Baked fish Florentine, oven brown potatoes, wax beans, orange juice, whole wheat bread, oatmeal cookie, lemon.

GOH Altar & Rosary to meet Nov. 10

Gate of Heaven's Altar and Rosary Society will meet on Mon., Nov. 10 in the Parish Center following the 7:30 p.m. mass. Plans for the Dec. 5 Christmas party will be discussed and election of officers will be held. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Hostesses will be Ann Marie Gries and Linda Scholl.

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Kingston Twp. parking ordinance starts Nov. 1

Kingston Township Police Chief James Balavage would like to remind residents that the Township Winter Parking Ordinance is effective Nov. 1, through Mar. 31, 1998.

Under this ordinance residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on Township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. daily.

The Chief also reminds residents that vehicles are not permitted to be parked on Township streets during snow storms, or for

eight hours after the end of a storm.

The ordinance is designed to keep the Township streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the Public Works Department.

The Chief urges all Township residents to cooperate in complying with the Township Ordinance to avoid enforcement measures. Residents with questions about the ordinance may contact Chief Balavage at 696-1175.



Police honor Burger King

Members of the Back Mountain Police Association recently presented Burger King of Shavertown with a plaque in appreciation of their continuous contributions towards the Annual Benefit Breakfast that has been operated by the Police Association for the last 14 years. Each year for the past 14 years the Burger King has donated items such as eggs, ketchup, salt, pepper, sugar, creamers, napkins, syrup, knives, forks and spoons to the police breakfast. All proceeds of the breakfast are donated to local charity groups. This year the Police Association donated \$4,000 to the ARC (Association of Retarded Citizens). The monies will be used by the ARC for things such as art and educational supplies, as well as to help support the dance and music programs that are organized by the ARC. Breakfast Chairman Daniel Hunsinger, a Sergeant with the Kingston Police Department said that without the generous donations from area businesses like Burger King the breakfast would not be possible. Members of the Back Mountain Police Association are looking forward to the 1998 Breakfast which will mark the 15th consecutive benefit breakfast. Pictured from left, Retired Kingston Twp. Police Chief Paul Sabol, Co-chairman; Kingston Twp. Chief James Balavage, Co-chairman; John McCafferty, Vice President/Director of Operations of Burger King; Kingston Sergeant, Daniel Hunsinger, Breakfast Chairman and Frank Buzin, Area Supervisor for Burger King.

Truck UM to serve dinner November 4

The United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will serve lunch and dinner on Election Day, Nov. 4 in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building. Lunch will be served beginning at noon and the menu will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, homemade vegetable soup, beef or vegetarian, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. Dinner will be served beginning at 4 p.m. and will feature our famous Chicken-a-la King and biscuits.

Offered for sale will be a selection of stocking stuffers, including note paper, cookie cutters, sun catchers, and the Sesquicentennial edition of the United Methodist Women's Cook Book. The vegetable soup will be available for takeouts at \$1.75 a pint and \$3. a quart.

All proceeds will help fund the many mission projects of the United Methodist women, locally, nationally and on a global scale.

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