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Local Boy Scouts to host hundreds at service

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BACK MOUNTAIN - Eagle Scout Brian Miller was honored when he was asked to play the organ at the annual Ecumenical Service for the NEPA Council of Boy Scouts of America to be held at the Shavertown United Methodist Church Feb. 11.

The service is always held during Scout Week, which began Sunday. Rev. Charles Naugle of Trucksville United Methodist

will give a sermonette at the service.

"I'm absolutely thrilled. To be able to play in front of so many people is an honor and it's a good way to give something back. I've gotten a whole lot out of Boy Scouts," explained Miller, 17, a Dallas High School senior.

The non-denominational service is held at a different church within the council's area. Back Mountain Scouts are happy to host the one-hour event this year. "I've always enjoyed going," said Miller. "It

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Brian Miller
Eagle Scout, Dallas

brings all of the Scouts together and shows there is only one God even though

everyone comes from different backgrounds."

Mary Chappell of Dallas is chairman of the council Protestant committee and helped organize the event. The Catholic and Protestant committees alternate organizing the service each year.

Chappell has been involved with the Boy Scouts for 35 years. Both of her sons were Scouts. Her son, Mark, is an Eagle



See SCOUTS, pg 8 Brian Miller will play for the service



Yikes!

POST PHOTO/CHARLOTTE BARTZEK

Brett Ridgeway brought his Creatures of Character Reptile Lecture to Lehman-Jackson Elementary School last week. The program was sponsored by the Lehman-Jackson PTA, and offered students in all grades the chance to see alligators, snakes and snapping turtles "up close and personal." In the photo, students react with

surprise as they are introduced to an alligator. From left in the foreground, Winter Wenner, Steven Bardo, Brittany Koval, Erica Johnson, James Heller, Breanne Flynn and Nicholas Zubey. More photos on page 7.

Liking his job, Tupper plans to run again

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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BACK MOUNTAIN - District Justice James Tupper knows when you've been bad. Or, at least he knows when you've been bad and have been caught for it. Tupper, who has served as the Back Mountain's magistrate for five years has announced that he will again put his hat in the ring for this year's election.

The 47-year-old former policeman loves his job and wants to keep it. After taking a six-year break (to own and operate Tup's Beverage Barn) from the Dallas Borough Police Department where he served as an officer for 13 years, Tupper wanted to get back into law enforcement.

"I really love it. It's the field I've been wanting to get in since college," said Tupper, from his office in the former Kingston Township Municipal Building. "I think the law is fascinating."

As the district justice, Tupper is in charge of traffic cases; criminal cases, including arraignment and presiding over preliminary hearings; civil cases, in which he presides over small claims cases up to \$8,000; and non-traffic cases such as underage drinking. He

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College students get scoop on business etiquette

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DALLAS - You are at the big job interview, set in a four-star restaurant over dinner. Everything is going smoothly as you chit-chat with your prospective bosses on the way to the table. They seem charmed until you use your dinner fork for your salad and your dessert spoon for your soup. Uh oh. To your horror there are six glasses, four forks, three knives and three spoons. "What's what

"I knew about the silverware, but I had to learn about the six glasses. I definitely feel more polished."

Lori Chamberlain
Dallas

and which is which and when do I use what?" you wonder.

The short answer: Always move from the outside in. For example, if soup is first it will be the outermost spoon on the table. That is

what Mary L. Hepner of Protocol School of Pennsylvania told approximately 80 College Misericordia upperclassmen and graduate students last week.

At the school's first ever Eti-

quette Dinner, Ms. Hepner gave the future workforce an educational compass of sorts to find their way around a formal place setting and also gave tips on how to network and behave.

Her rules of the corporate world include:

Your job at a cocktail party is not to eat and drink. Many companies invite employees to these parties to network and make connections. You cannot shake hands

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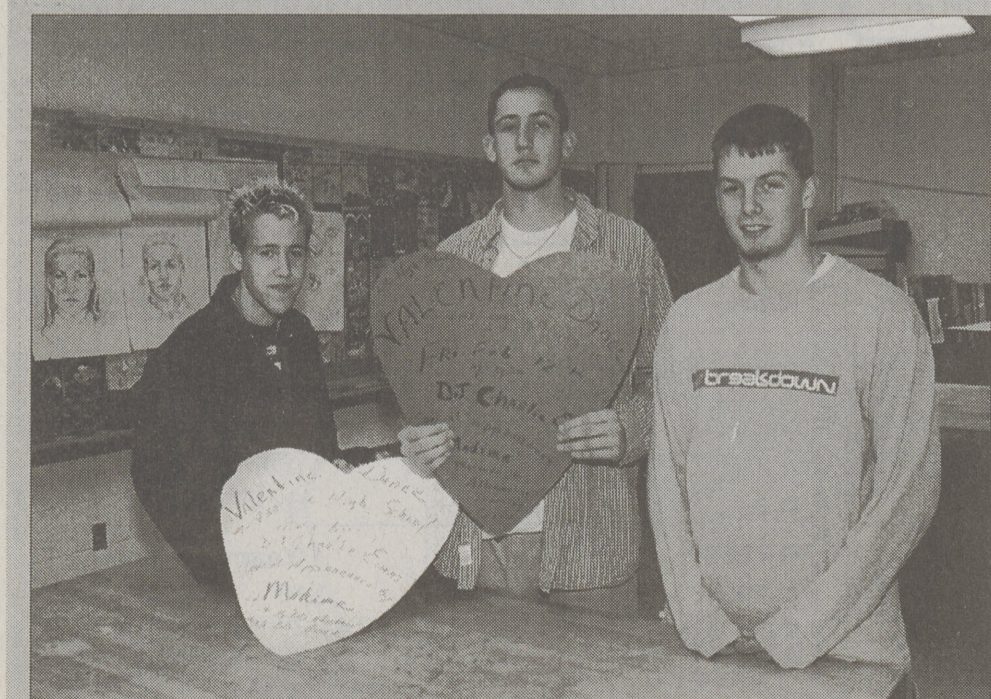


Surrounded by glasses, Nikki Neghin learns how to hold her knife and fork continental style.

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POST PHOTO/KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER

Jason Lyons, Matt Morris and Joel Whipple show off the heart-shaped posters they made to promote their senior project, a Valentine's Day dance to benefit The Alternative Learning Center.

Senior project will help others

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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LEHMAN - Jason Lyons, Matt Morris and Joel Whipple have heart. For their required senior projects, the Lake-Lehman trio chose to dive into uncharted waters by planning a Valentine's Day dance to benefit The Alternative Learning Center. The money from the dance will help purchase much-needed recreational equipment for the grade seven through 12 school.

The dance is open to seventh through ninth graders and will be held Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school gym. It's \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. The boys hope to raise anywhere from \$500 to \$600.

"We figured if we have to do it, we might as well give back to the community," explained Morris. "And this is fun too. Better than just doing a report," added Whipple.

The trio, inseparable friends since grade

school, got the idea with some help from Whipple's mother, Karen, who is a school board member. She told them about the shortages at the center and they decided to help.

Totally on their own, they secured the gym, found a D.J. (Lake-Lehman alumni Charlie Evans), called media for publicity and documented it all for the project. They are footing the \$125 cost of the D.J. themselves and not taking it out of the proceeds.

"This has taught us that things are a lot harder than they seem. But, it makes you more self-sufficient because you're on your own," explained Morris. "I think people would be surprised how much work we did."

A big portion of the work was phone calls, phone calls, and more phone calls. Lyons said the group learned how to work together and never knew how many phone

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