

Spring cleanups next week

Spring cleanups will be held May 3-8 in three Back Mountain communities, Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township. Following are details of each town's cleanup:

Kingston Township

Kingston Township's Spring Cleanup for 1999 will be held May 3-8, at the township Public Works Facility, E. Center S., Shavertown. The hours will be Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, 8-4 p.m.

Residents with full size vans, pickup trucks, and trucks larger than a regular pickup truck bed will be required to obtain an Admission Coupon from the Kingston Township Municipal Building, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Coupons for full size vans and pickup trucks are free of charge and are limited to one per township residence. Coupons for trucks larger than pickup truck, such as U-Haul Vans, small dump trucks and stake body trucks, are available for a fee of \$85. Proof of residency such as a tax bill or driver's license is required to receive a coupon.

Residents are reminded that items that will not be accepted will be washers, dryers, furnaces, stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, or other large appliances, household garbage, recyclable materials, commercial construction debris, or medical waste. Tires are limited to two per residence. No toxic substances such as paint, solvents, fertilizer, or automotive fluids will be accepted.

Residents with passenger cars or other vehicles not described above must show proof of residency to Police Officers on duty at the entrance to the cleanup. Police officers will also collect the admission coupons at the entrance.

Questions about Spring Cleanup 1999 may be directed to the Kingston Township Municipal Office at 696-3809.

Dallas Township

Dallas Township spring cleanup will be held Monday May 3, through Saturday, May 8, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon.-Fri; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday only.

Location: Rear of Dallas Township Municipal Building. Proof of Dallas Township residency is required at time of drop off. In addition there will be a service charge of \$5 for large items such as: carpets, overstuffed chairs, couches, dressers, stoves, washers, dryers, TV's, refrigerators, water heaters, tanks, freezers etc. Tires \$2 ea.- only 2 per household.

There will also be a charge for the following type vehicle loads: Pickup with 8 ft. box \$20; pickup with 6 ft. box, \$15; Mini pickup \$15; Tag-a-long trailers, \$20; larger trucks according to size.

The following items will not be accepted for disposal: hazardous wastes, chemicals, brush, tree stumps, cinder blocks, animal or human waste, shingles, sheet rock or other building materials, leaves, grass, garbage or newspapers.

Dallas Borough

Dallas Borough will hold Spring Cleanup May 3-8. Hours will be Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. White appliances, including refrigerators from which freon has been removed can be dopped off at the borough building for a \$10 fee to be paid at the time of dropoff, or arrangements can be made for pickup by calling 675-1389. A fee of \$15 is to be paid before pickup. Tires, removed from rims, can be dropped off at the borough building for a fee of \$2 per tire.

The following items can not be taken: paint in cans, car batteries, contractor's debris, refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners with unreleased Freon, yard waste, grass clippings, tree limbs and branches, household garbage, toxic materials (asbestos, etc.); hazardous waste (car oil, etc.).

Franklin Township spring clean-up

Franklin Township will conduct a spring clean-up for Township residents on Friday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Township Building on Municipal Road. Residents will be limited to one pick-up truck per household. The following items will not be accepted for disposal, household trash, hazardous waste, chemicals, shingles, and or animal or human waste. A \$2 fee per tire will be charged for automobile tires and a \$5 per tire fee will be charged for truck tires. Residents needing more information can contact the Municipal Building at 333-5131.

Letter carriers food drive May 8

The National Association of Letter Carriers will be holding their 6th Annual Food Drive on May 8. In 1998 our community donated a record 370,000 pounds of food. This non-perishable food will benefit 40 local food banks and pantries. Our community is asked to place bags of non-perishable food outside their doors on May 8. The letter carriers will pick up the food while delivering your mail.

Lehman-Noxen honor roll announced

Dave McLaughlin-Smith, Principal of Lake-Noxen Elementary School, Harveys Lake, announces the following sixth grade students have achieved the Honor Roll for the third marking period: Benjamin Baird, Kristin Borger, Savannah Coombs, Kenneth David, Susan Dobinick, Dennis Donovan, Carlee Engelman, David Hughes, Jolene Kaminski, Jennifer Nalbene, Shannon Prescott, Amanda Sagan, Nicholas Schwartz, Andrew Shaw, Anastasia Sorchik, and Jason Wagner.

Misericordia leader is bullish on NEPA

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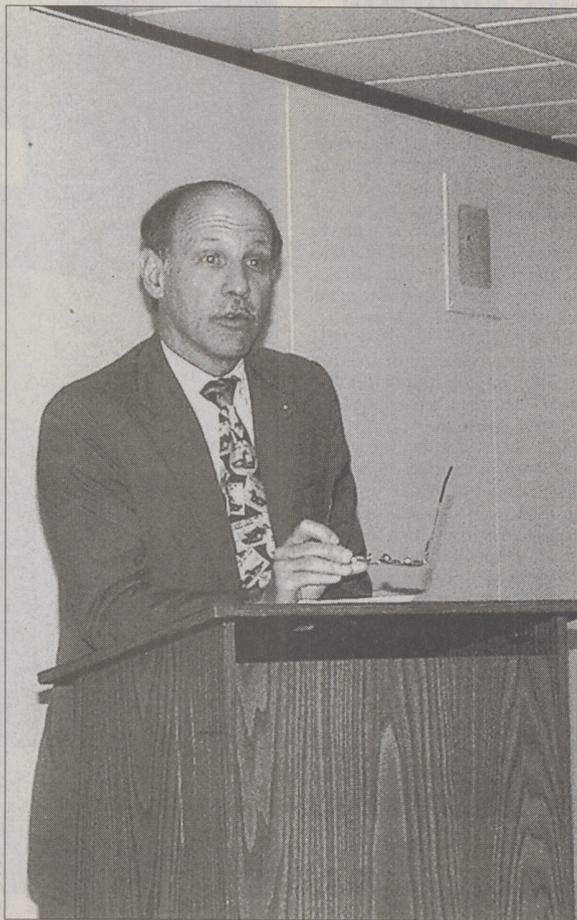
DALLAS - Dr. Michael MacDowell, the president of College Misericordia, has a vision for the future of northeastern Pennsylvania, and it's one that might surprise a few people.

Describing his hopes for the region at the April 15 meeting of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association, MacDowell said the forces that drive economic expansion have changed, and this area is equipped to take advantage of the changes, in large part because its colleges and universities turn out thousands of capable graduates each year.

For decades, business and industry was "capital intensive," dependent on equipment and materials. Today's growing businesses use "human capital. Supplying that human capital is the most important thing these institutions can do," MacDowell said.

Acknowledging that he might seem unrealistic, MacDowell said the region has the potential to become a vibrant growth area. "That's my dream. Call me silly, but I believe we can have a miniature 'Research Triangle' in northeastern Pennsylvania," he said, alluding to the Raleigh-Durham area of North Carolina. That area and others, such as California's Silicon Valley or the Rt. 128 beltway around Boston, developed around the "brain power" of nearby colleges and universities.

The challenge, MacDowell said, is to convince local graduates to stay in the area and create wealth and jobs for themselves and others.



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Dr. Michael MacDowell, president of College Misericordia, addressed members of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association during a meeting held on the campus. MacDowell laid out his vision for a vibrant local economy.

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He gave several examples of successful businesses run by graduates of local universities and colleges, and suggested not enough is made of the those cases while complaints about the region's failings are heard too often.

"We don't know how lucky we are," MacDowell said, after telling BMBPA members about two recent hirings at the college, both of whom had graduated, moved away to larger metropolitan areas, then wished to return because of the quality of life here.

MacDowell also described new activity at the campus. Merrick Hall, which houses the college bookstore and dining hall, is being remodeled at a cost of about \$1 million. The bookstore will be enlarged and relocated to the side of the building facing the parking area.

The new campus library will be dedicated Sept. 24, which is the 75th anniversary of the opening of the college. Also, the campus will host seven Elderhostel sessions this summer, and a summer reading program will be instituted for young children and their parents. "We're trying to break a cycle of poverty that exists in the area," MacDowell said.

Westmoreland art show May 4

On Tuesday, May 4, the Back Mountain community is invited to the annual Westmoreland Elementary School Art Show from 6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Student art projects completed under the guidance of art teacher, Debra Bayer, will be displayed in the halls and student guides will show visitors through the school. Mrs. Gilligan announced that Installation of Officers for the Parent Teachers Organization will take place at 7 p.m. that same evening.

Mrs. McCarthy, principal, has urged members of the community to take advantage of the Open House Art Show for a final tour the school.

Nackley & O'Brien honored at Ithaca

Nicole Nackley, of Westminster Dr., Dallas, was inducted into the Oracle Society at Ithaca College.

Also inducted as a member of the Freshman Honor Society was Katie O'Brien of Upper Demunds Rd., Dallas.

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BMT Republicans candidates night May 5

The Back Mountain Republican Association will hold their annual "Meet the Candidates Night" on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion, cnr. of Rt. 415 and Center Hill Rd., Dallas. All countywide candidates have been invited as well as all candidates seeking local offices of school board, council, supervisor, and district justice. The event is open to the public, all members are encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served and admission is free. For more information, please call 675-1091.

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