

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Brent L. Berger has been named a partner with Quad Three Group, Inc. He joined the firm in 1986 and has served as manager of the Environmental Services Group since 1993. Brent holds a bachelor's degree from Penn State University and is a member of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Board of Directors. He resides in Dallas Township with his wife Kathleen and children Zachary and Abigail.



Thomas J. Bagley, the Executive Director of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA), has recently contributed to a monograph which is published globally by the Water Environment Federation. The publication focuses on the effect of excess flows to treatment plants caused by house sewer connections and can be used by wastewater system operators. The publication, which was prepared under a cooperative agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency contains an overview of DAMA as a small sized agency and uses the DAMA inspections report as a model for conducting final inspection of house sewer lines.

The Water Environment Federation is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization, and its goal is to preserve and enhance the global water environment. Federation members number more than 42,000 water quality professionals and specialists from around the world.

Mr. Bagley has been an active member of the federation for over 17 years. In addition to authoring this publication, he has worked on a soon to be made available Federation video titled "Building Sewer Installation and Inspection".

Mr. Bagley has stated in the introduction of the publication that communities are now or will soon be facing unprecedented challenges and costs in maintaining their aging sewer system infrastructure. It is his hope that since a sewer system is mostly an "out of sight, out of mind" utility, public education programs like this will increase awareness.

Lee R. Hockenberry, of Trucksville, was unanimously elected the 66th Illustrious Potentate by members of Irem Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

A reception was held that evening at Irem Temple Country Club in honor of the newly elected officers.



Youthful actors take the stage

Gate of Heaven School held its annual Forensic Tournament last week, with students in grades 4-8 taking part. Fourth graders took part in "Four-Encsics," while the 5th and 6th grades performed for Junior Varsity and 7th and 8th graders were the Varsity. Winners were:

4th Grade - 1st: Ben Gardner, Zachary Aciukewicz, Danielle Krawetz and Lauren Weaver. 2nd: Brianna Jordan, Ashley Pavill, Hillary Mosca and Niccole Rivero. 3rd: Kristle Lloyd, Erica Krakosky, Lauren Blanc. Honorable Mention: Julie Haller, Noel Sidorek, Marissa Patton and Kelsey Hughes-Blaum.

Junior Varsity - 1st (tie): Beth Gardner, Kendra Sirak and Liz Ryan. Rachel Decker and Laura Nieman. 2nd: Annie Onzik, Tara Shevock and Licia Witt. 3rd: Krissy Stanks, Jacqueline Thomas, Alicia

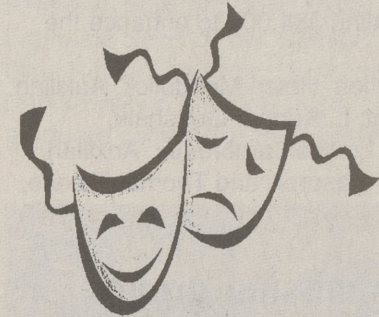


Katelyn Kaminski, Carl Seitz and Connie Kane, first place Varsity winners, performed their skit, "The Curse of Hog Hollow."

Evans and Ariel Zurad. Honorable Mention: Kelsey Moody, Molly Kalish, Katie Goode and Lauren

Yurko. **Varsity** - 1st: Connie Kane, Katelyn Kaminski and Carl Seitz. 2nd: Janelle Zabresky, Joanna Smith and Leslie Wetzel. 3rd: Greg Andrusian, Katie Bartizek and Megan Mitchell. Honorable Mention: Devin Carey, Elizabeth Clements and Kim Durr.

The top three Varsity finishers will represent Gate of Heaven at the Diocesan competition later this spring.



The winners, from left, first row: Zach Aciukewicz, Ben Gardner, Danielle Krawetz, Lauren Weaver, Kendra Sirak, Beth Gardner, Liz Ryan, Rachel Decker, Laura Nieman. Back row: Katelyn Kaminski, Carl Seitz, Connie Kane.

Back Mt. youth groups fast to help fight world hunger

Youth groups from several churches in the Back Mountain got together on February 25 and 26 to participate in the World Vision 30 hour famine, an annual youth event. This year's program was the first ecumenical famine and was the result of several months planning by the Wyoming Valley Youth Council. Participants raised funds and awareness of world hunger by obtaining pledges and donations for fasting up to 30 hours. The highlight of the famine was traveling to four different churches to participate in planned activities. The weekend began with fasting, singing and skits on hunger at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Trucksville then onto Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Dallas to learn about life in third world countries through exercises and role-playing. Next, the group traveled to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dallas for worship and sleep and in the morning, guest speakers told about their mis-

sonary work in third world countries. The youth also visited Mountainside Manor and Mercy Center Nursing Homes where they made decorations and played bingo with residents. The last stop was at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Shavertown, where their clown ministry "Jesters for Jesus", provided entertainment with a skit on world hunger. The fast was broken at noon with pizza and soft drinks provided by Grotto and Pepsi Cola.

Churches participating in the famine were: Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, Huntsville Christian Church, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Therese's Roman Catholic Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Shavertown United Methodist Church.

The funds raised from this event are donated to World Vision, a non-profit Christian organization, which provides crisis response and development projects around the world.

Lehman Township residents take advantage of savings program

The authority considered the year 2000 benefit program successful. To qualify for participation in this program, sewer users were required to have a zero balance on their sewer account as of December 31, 1999. For those that qualified, the authority picked up the cost of the first quarter sewer service fee for the year 2000, a \$72 value.

The authority secretary reported only five property owners did not take advantage of this program.

The following is a list of delinquent accounts and amount delinquent: Karen Dormio, Briarcrest Drive, \$409.18; Richard & Tammy Ruger, Briarcrest Drive, \$586.90; Wayne Glatz, Briarcrest Drive, \$332.24; Robert F. Richards, Idetown Road, \$582.06; Donna Getz Ide, Idetown Road, \$582.06.

Municipal Liens have been placed against the properties owned by these people. Further legal action is planned to recover amounts owed.

Sweet Valley Fire plans ham dinner

Sweet Valley Fire Company, will hold a ham dinner on Sat. March 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take outs available starting at 4 p.m. Dinner Price is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. The menu includes: mashed potatoes, gravy, pickled cabbage, green beans, applesauce, rolls and butter, pie, coffee or tea.

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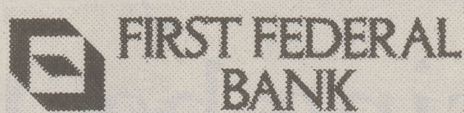
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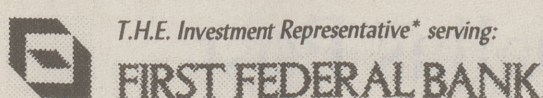


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