

55th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction

One of the oldest events of its kind in the northeast, the 55th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, will be held July 5 thru 8, rain or shine, at the library grounds, 96 Huntsville Rd. Dallas.

This historic auction features four days of live auction bidding for new articles, antiques, collectibles, and services. There are food and amusement booths, tents, a flea market, and the annual book booth. Auction seating is limited, so attendees are urged to come early to get a good seat and bring a chair.

Special to this year's auction is Maria from Sesame Street who will appear live on stage and read to the children in the children's room for story time at 8 p.m. on Fri., July 6.

Celebrity items will be auctioned off and a children's program will feature nightly story hours.

Auction hours are Thu., July 6, 6-11 p.m.; Fri., July 7, 6-12 p.m.; Sat., July 8, 6-12 p.m.; Sun., July 9, 6 p.m. til 12. Booths open each day at 4 p.m. A special children's auction will be held Sat. from 1-4 p.m.

Food is available. This year there will be free shuttle busing from designated parking areas. For more info, directions or to donate an item, call the library at 675-1182.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers 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. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The following is the menu for the week of June 28-July 4.

THURSDAY: Quarter pound hotdog w/sauerkraut, hot dog roll, mustard, oven roasted potatoes, baked beans, citrus sections.

FRIDAY: Tuna noodle casserole, green beans, peach & pineapple compote, whole wheat bread, cranberry juice, gelatin.

MONDAY: Celebrate Independence Day. BBQ chicken, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, citrus punch, dinner roll, patriotic cupcake.

TUESDAY: Roast Pork, sweet potatoes, cauliflower w/breadcrumbs, applesauce, rye bread.

WEDNESDAY: Centers closed in observance of Independence Day.

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Lions honor student of the quarter

The Lake Silkworth Area Lions honored Anthony Sikora, Sweet Valley, as the Student of the Quarter from Lake-Lehman high School. Anthony, along with his parents and brother, were guests of the Lions at a dinner meeting held at the Red Rooster Restaurant, Pikes Creek.

Sikora was presented with a monetary gift and a certificate in recognition of outstanding school and community achievement.

Anthony is a member of SADD and the Foreign Language Club. He teaches elementary school Spanish at the Ross Elementary School.

Sikora plans to attend Fordham University and major in accounting.

Lions honor Lake-Lehman student, from left: Matthew Sikora, Student Awards Chairman Janet Swanger, Anthony Sikora, Student of the Quarter, Theresa Sikora, Leonard Sikora, Lake Silkworth Area Lions Club President Joan Kelly.

Summer Bible study series

The summer Bible Study series on the Gospel of Matthew continues Wed., June 27, sponsored by the clergy of the Back Mountain Ministerium. Speakers for the series include clerics from the Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal and Disciples of Christ traditions.

There is a noon (bag lunch op-

portional) one-hour session and an evening session at 7 p.m. The series is being held in the Picnic Pavilion of Truckville United Methodist Church, Church Rd., Truckville. The speaker for June 27 is Rev. Robert Nagy, Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. There will be no study on July 4. On July 18, Rev. Peter Crynes, St. Therese's Roman

Catholic Church, Shavertown. Other speakers in the series will be announced in future weeks.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the great outdoors and a chance to hear God's word in a new light. This is the second year for the Summer Bible Study Series sponsored by the Back Mountain Ministerium.



\$2,251 raised for St. Jude

The students at Small Wonders Day Care School joined with the students at Wilkes-Barre Academy on May 11, to participate in a Bike-a-Thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The students ranged in age from toddlers through fourth grade. The children rode a variety of items, bicycles, tricycles, riding toys, and scooters. The students raised \$2,251. Back Mountain students participating are from left: Jesse Lambert, Shavertown, and Chris Kurent, Kingston Twp.

CHIP signup day planned

State Rep. Phyllis Mundy is asking parents a simple question-do your children have health insurance?

She will offer a solution to qualified parents who answer "no" to that question. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wed., June 27, Mundy will host a Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, enrollment, providing parents the opportunity to have their questions answered about the free or low-cost health insurance program for uninsured children up to age 19. Representatives of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania will be on hand to answer questions and assist parents in completing applications for enrollment.

To signup for CHIP, families will need to bring with them one month's proof of income.

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Theatre-on-the-Green tickets

Tickets are on sale now for Theatre-on-the-Green, College Misericordia's annual outdoor Shakespeare event. Now in its 14th year, Theatre-on-the-Green presents the National Players in 'Much Ado about Nothing' from July 12-15 at the College's First Union Amphitheater. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

Amphitheater seating is available at \$12 and lawn seating for \$7. In case of rain, the performance will be held in Walsh Auditorium. For more information or to order tickets, call 674-6719.

In addition to the performance, Theatre-on-the-Green will offer a free symposium, 'Spying Around the World' on Wed, July 11 at 7 p.m. in the Cougar's Den in the Banks Student Center. The discussion will be led by Dr. Scott Blanchard, associate professor of English and Dr. Rebecca Steinberger, assistant professor of English, both of College Misericordia. The National Players, America's oldest touring company, is in its 53rd consecutive season and is the professional affiliate of the Department of Theatre of the University of Maryland. The company is committed to the formation of young theatrical talent and audiences by making literature live through its presentations of the world's greatest plays.

Truckville UMC holds confirmation

The service of Confirmation and Church Membership was held at the Truckville United Methodist Church on June 10. Thirteen members of the confirmation class, along with their mentors, participated in the church service leading up to the ritual of confirmation conducted by Rev. W. Charles Naugle, Pastor.

Members of the Class of 2001 are C.J. Kosakowski, Mark Rossick, Bobby Stanton, Ned

Crossley, Joseph DeMuro, Jason Blandford, Jillian Seeley, Holly Gumble, Jodi Dickson, Kristy Schmid, Melissa Yavorchak, Megan Johnson and Helen Galazin.

Mentors for the confirmands were Ned Bessmer, Barry Wagner, John Kozokas, Paul Reinert, Debbie Jury, Janet Naugle, Rev. Naugle, Sandy Race, Cheryl Roberts, Sue Tracy and Martha Jones.

Krywicki receives Bucknell master's degree

Jason Krywicki, Shavertown, received a master of science degree in mechanical engineering May 20 from Bucknell University.

His thesis was, "Use of the Empirical Mode Composition-Hilbert Transform to Estimate Damping in Continuous Structure."

Krywicki graduated cum laude from Bucknell in 1999 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. As an undergraduate, he was a dean's list student and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, as well as contributor to the student-run campus newspaper, "The Bucknellian." Following graduation, he will work for Northrop Grumman, Baltimore.

Area students earn degrees from Conn College

Douglas Arthur Sherwood, Dallas, and Jennifer Maria Janerich, Shavertown, have been awarded degrees from Connecticut College at the 83rd commencement ceremony held on May 26.

Douglas has been awarded a bachelor's of arts degree, with a major in economics and government.

Jennifer received a bachelor's of arts degree, with a major in psychology.

VA has toll-free spina bifida hotline

Vietnam veterans now have a new national toll-free hot line to answer their questions about health care benefits for their children who have spina bifida.

The number for the hot line, operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is 1-888-820-1756. Callers can speak to a benefits adviser Mon. thru Fri., from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Eastern time.

Eligibility for VA's spina bifida benefits is limited to Vietnam veterans' children who have been diagnosed with spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta). The veteran-parent must have served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

For general information on VA's spina bifida program, visit the VA web site at www.va.gov/hac.

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