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2001: A Back Mountain year in words and pictures

It was certainly a year to remember, although there are plenty of things we'd prefer didn't occur. Here's a brief review of 2001 in the Back Mountain, with apologies for anything important left out.

January 3: TRUCKSVILLE - Volunteers at the Back Mountain Food Bank thanked donors who filled its shelves just in time for the holidays. Three large vehicles were needed to transport the food from donation sites to the storage area.

DALLAS - Dallas students were learning math with a new curriculum, "Everyday Math." Mrs. Bonnie Palmatier's first grade class at Wycallis Elementary enthusiastically demonstrated the system.

SPORTS - Danielle Kern scored 16 points as the Lake-Lehman girls pounded Lackawanna Trail 51-38.

January 10: DALLAS - The former Free Methodist Church campground in Dallas was on the market. The 34 acre property dotted with 37 cabins and

other outbuildings was priced at \$425,000.

JACKSON TWP. - Jackson Township supervisor Michael Lando, who had been absent from meetings several times due to work-related travel, handed in his resignation.

HARVEYS LAKE - A \$157,000 Growing Greener grant was announced that would be used to repair the road and drainage in the Hemlock Gardens development. Millie Monk had led a campaign to have repairs made.

January 17: KINGSTON TWP. - After drawn-out hearings, the township planning commission recommended that Nextel Partners be denied a conditional use application for a cellular phone tower near the Woodridge development.

DALLAS - Melissa Valeski, riding "Collective Soul," placed 5th out of 29 entries in her class at the prestigious Devon Horse Show in Devon, PA.

SPORTS - Charlie Kern was inducted into the Lake-Lehman Basketball Hall of Fame. The Black Knights' first 1,000 point



January 17: Zack Casterline was pulled by "sled dogs" during the "Iditarod" race at Lake-Noxen Elementary School. The dogs, from left; Ethan Shaw, Michael Snyder and Autumn Galka.

scorer, Kern averaged 26.7 points per game in his senior year. He also was the pitcher for the 1962 Back Mountain Little League team that won the state championship.

January 24: REGION - Four Wyoming Seminary students who play on the hockey team re-

counted their experiences during a trip to the Czech Republic. Chris Eckman, Erik Kowalek, Matt Katyl and Chris Katyl found the game less violent, but the fans more enthusiastic.

SPORTS - Local football notables named their picks for the Super Bowl. Greg Manusky,

1984 Dallas High graduate and NFL veteran, picked the Baltimore Ravens, as did Bob Langan, Lake-Lehman head coach. Dallas coach Ted Jackson, athletic director Jack Wolensky and former Lehman coach Rich Gorgone liked the New York Giants. The rest was history.

HARVEYS LAKE - Richard Haas was sworn in as the newest member of borough council, replacing Daniel Hanson, who had resigned.

January 31: KINGSTON TWP. - The planning commission voted unanimously to approve a preliminary development plan for a new Sheetz gas station/convenience store, despite complaints from neighbors and others opposed to overdevelopment.

DALLAS - A trio of women celebrated 95th birthdays at the Meadows Manor. Minerva Sauers, Irene Mappes and Elda Shaver talked about the changes they had seen since the early years of the century.

SPORTS - Shannon Thomas led a balanced scoring attack as

the Dallas girls basketball team avenged an early-season loss to Lehman.

February 7: DALLAS - The design of the Gerald J. Wycallis Elementary School was noted for design excellence in the 2000 Architectural Portfolio. It was one of only eight buildings to receive recognition.

SHAVERTOWN - Naresh Shah M.D. watched in horror at the devastation caused by an earthquake that was centered near his native home in India. He had visited only three weeks before.

SPORTS - Tim Crossin reached the 1,500 point milestone for his basketball career at Gate of Heaven School.

February 14: IDETOWN - Friends organized a benefit concert for Zachary and Kaleb Taylor, twin boys who were born with cystic fibrosis.

DALLAS - Renovations to the Dallas Middle School were expected to take until 2003 and cost \$18.1 million, said project leaders. Renovations include addition of a swimming pool.

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Holiday house



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

George and Tina Monaghan's home at 15 Circle Drive is the first place winner in the Kingston Township holiday decorating contest. This frame shows only the main focus of their extensive effort; more decorations, including a manger scene, fill the rest of their lot. George Monaghan said it took about four days to put up the lights and statues, starting just after Thanksgiving. While they've been decorating for all of the 13 years they've lived in the house, "it keeps getting bigger and bigger," he said. It surely delights their daughters, Alyssa and Kelly.



January 31: Alyson Bevan tried to coax her mount into action during the annual donkey basketball game at Lake-Lehman.

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Somewhere in Afghanistan, John Lemmond is hard at work

By KENNETH P. VOGEL
Special to The Dallas Post

U. S. Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer John P. Lemmond, son of State Sen. Charles D. Lemmond Jr., is likely spending the holidays near the front lines of Operation Swift Freedom in Afghanistan, where he is constructing bases, roads, prisons, airfields and just about anything else required by the armed forces.

The middle son of three sons (Lemmond and his wife Barbara also have a daughter), John Lemmond enlisted in the Navy "the day after he graduated from West Side Vo-Tech," his dad said.

The 38-year-old, who has two children of his own, is not allowed to disclose his precise whereabouts so his family anx-

iously awaits news from desert battlefields half a world away.

"Everybody's nervous," Lemmond said, adding that he and Barbara rely mostly on sporadic e-mails, sent on the rare occasions John has a free moment.

They first learned John was in Afghanistan late last month. A family friend spotted a picture taken by an Associated Press photographer in southern Afghanistan showing a group of soldiers standing outside the wall of a barracks on which crude spray-painted letters spelled out "Seabees 133," John Lemmond's battalion.

Sen. Lemmond, R-Dallas, immediately spotted his son in the picture.

As a 20-year member of the Seabees, formally called Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, John Lemmond has:

"Afghanistan continues to grow colder and the work seems never-ending."

John Lemmond
In an e-mail home

- built mountain roads in Crete
- expanded a base on the tiny Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, which was used for refueling jets mounting strikes against Iraqi forces during Operation Desert Storm
- served a tour of duty at Camp David, the U.S. presidential retreat in Maryland, where he had his picture taken with then-President Bill Clinton.

Though Sen. Lemmond keeps a copy of the picture in his office, the 17-year Republican lawmaker joked "I don't show my Republican friends that."

John Lemmond's battalion,

based in Gulfport, Miss., had been deployed to Guam, but the Biloxi (Miss.) Sun Herald reported that the Gulfport Seabees were transferred Nov. 29 to Afghanistan.

Lemmond's unit was initially charged with expanding a makeshift base near the last Taliban stronghold in Kandahar, the Sun Herald reported.

Two weeks later, after the fall of the Taliban, the Lemmonds got an e-mail saying John had moved out of Kandahar to elsewhere in Afghanistan.

"Afghanistan continues to grow colder and the work seems

never-ending," he wrote.

Lemmond said his son has been in dangerous situations before. "I'm confident he'll be okay," Lemmond said, adding that his son will have a stocking full of treats waiting for him when he returns.

Lemmond, 72, served in the U.S. Army of Occupation from 1946 to 1947, first in Italy then in international Trieste.

He went on to get degrees from two Ivy League schools and serve as a judge.

"I'm a big supporter of military service. For some kids, it's a superb place to continue their education, mature, and get the opportunity for some good job training," said Lemmond, a member of the Senate Military and Veterans Affairs.

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