

Zoning hearing for Westmoreland

The Kingston Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing concerning a Use Variance application for the Westmoreland School property on Lehigh Street, Trucksville, at 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4 in the Kingston Township Municipal meeting room at 180 East Center Street, Shavertown. The proposal is to permit the use of the building for professional offices.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing. For additional information call Ben Gorey, Zoning Officer at 696-3809.

Doctor, health-care groups sued

The estate of a Harveys Lake woman who died of a heart attack is suing a doctor and several health-care groups, saying the doctor misdiagnosed the woman's symptoms as the flu.

Henry Brucher, administrator to the estate of Linda Jean Brucher, filed the suit Thursday against Dr. Gary Smith, of Shickshinny, Wyoming Valley Health Care System Inc., Rural Health Corporation of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Shickshinny Health Center.

According to the suit: On Jan. 19, 2000, Linda Jean Brucher went to Smith's office with signs and symptoms of an impending heart attack or heart disease.

Despite her symptoms, Smith diagnosed her conditions as suffering from the flu/sinus condition. Brucher was not further examined and was sent home.

Four days later, Brucher's conditions worsened, but Smith's assistant diagnosed her as having flu like symptoms and told her to drink water to avoid dehydration.

The next day, her conditions worsened and Smith told Henry Brucher to give her shot glasses of water.

On Jan. 25, 2000, Brucher died at age 50. The suit says the heart attack occurred four to nine days before her death.

Police continue search for teen

Police are continuing their search for a 19-year-old Lake Township woman they say has been missing since June.

Police said Jennifer Barzilowski was last seen outside of C Majors Bar in Edwardsville on June 23.

Barzilowski was described by police as a 5 feet 6 inches tall, about 135 pounds, with blonde hair, blue eyes and a tribal moon tattoo on her right forearm and a "W" and "M" interlocking tattoo on the back of her neck.

Police suspect Barzilowski could be somewhere in the Luzerne County area or possibly in Philadelphia.

Anyone with information on her whereabouts should contact the state Police at Wyoming at 826-5460.

Celebrity Luncheons will host Jane Bryant Quinn in April

Celebrity Luncheons will feature Jane Bryant Quinn on April 25, 2002, and David Baldacci on May 9, 2002. Guest celebrities speak from 11 a.m.-noon, followed by a question and answer period. Lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. Single tickets are available at \$50 each. For tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call 696-3967. Gift certificates are available.

The Final Call

by: Chief Frank A. Lutinski
Harveys Lake Fire Department

It is with deepest sympathy and sadness that we reflect on in many ways, the reality and acceptance of so many firefighters that have passed away. They'll always be remembered as persons brave and strong, willing to do what's necessary to help their fellow man along. To get up early to risk their life and sometimes stay up late, they enter in a "twilight zone" not knowing what their fate. Hoping to protect a home and victims held inside, to listen, look and search around, to hear the faintest cry. The flames get hot they battle back the drive in them is strong, to rescue adult, child or pet; make sure the fire's gone. A firefighter is special that's how they got to be, to juggle duties, work and home, to love their family. So when it's time for them to go and leave us all behind, cherish all the memories the laughter and good times. We'll never forget our New York brothers true heroes that are gone, not only those who left this world but those who still fight on.



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Officers of the Back Mountain Firemen's Association are pictured with the plaque that the association will present to the New York Fire Department this spring. From left are Dan Manzoni, fire department chief in Jackson Township and treasurer of the association; Jack Dodson, Kunkle Fire and Ambulance Department chief and president; Frank Lutinski, vice-president and author of the poem on the plaque, and Brian Johnson, association secretary and fire chief in Trucksville.

Firefighters

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18612. Checks are also being accepted at the PNC Bank.

Members of most of the 15 companies were on hand for the plaque's unveiling on Sunday. None of the local companies had members go to work at the site of the New York tragedy although they were all on call.

"We sent a list of our available resources," said Brian Johnson, secretary of the association and chief of the Trucksville Fire Department. "No one was called up but we were all on standby."

Unlike in some other areas, the local companies did not see much of an increase in volunteer activity in the past few months. "We did have a few people come in, but it was mostly for ambulance work," said Joe Perugini, fire chief at Harveys Lake.

"We have one young ambulance volunteer, Dan Picillo of Wyoming, who is very enthusiastic," said Richard Bartholomew, chief of Franklin Township and Northmoreland Township Ambulance. "He is helping me to get other young people involved. I'm glad to see the young people have an inter-

est in it," he added.

There is a difference, though, in how the public now perceives these volunteers. "We've gotten comments that people didn't realize what fire and ambulance workers went through. They've expressed admiration," said Dodson.

Other representatives on hand for the plaque unveiling were: Rick Wentzel, Idetown; Christine Lamoreaux, Jackson Township; Greg Montross, Noxen; Dennis Bonning, Lehman; Harry Vivian, Dallas; Ron Witkowski, Franklin Township; Seth Thomas, Mt. Zion; J.R. Sperl, Idetown; and Don Kivler, Lake Silkworth.

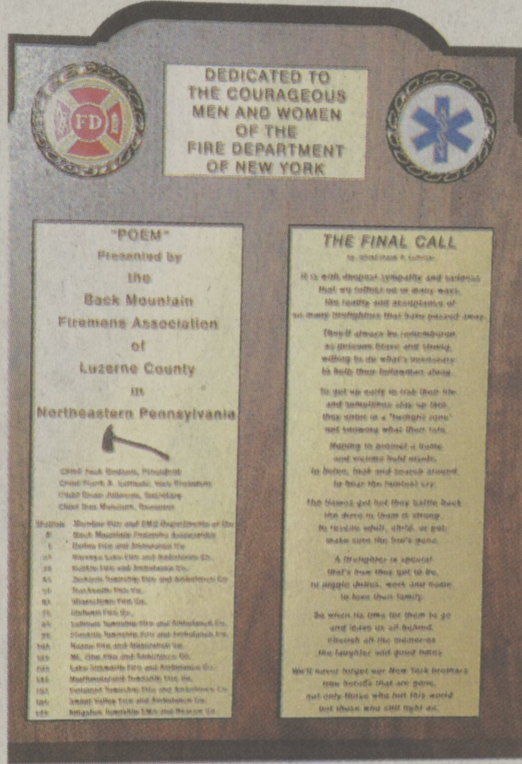
Volunteers

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They need people to do secretarial work, answer phones, work on their web pages, man hoagie sales and work at bazaars and carnivals. Whatever a person's skill or availability, a volunteer fire company can use them. Just call your local fire and ambulance companies and ask what you can do to help. Fire department web addresses: Five local fire departments now have web pages

where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. They are:

- Shavertown: <http://go.to/shavertownfire>
- Trucksville: <http://www.trucksvillefire.com>
- Kunkle Fire & EMS: <http://home.usnetway.com/~kunkle>
- Harveys Lake Fire & EMS: <http://www.geocities.com/harveyslakefire>
- Northmoreland Fire: <http://www.geocities.com/station140>

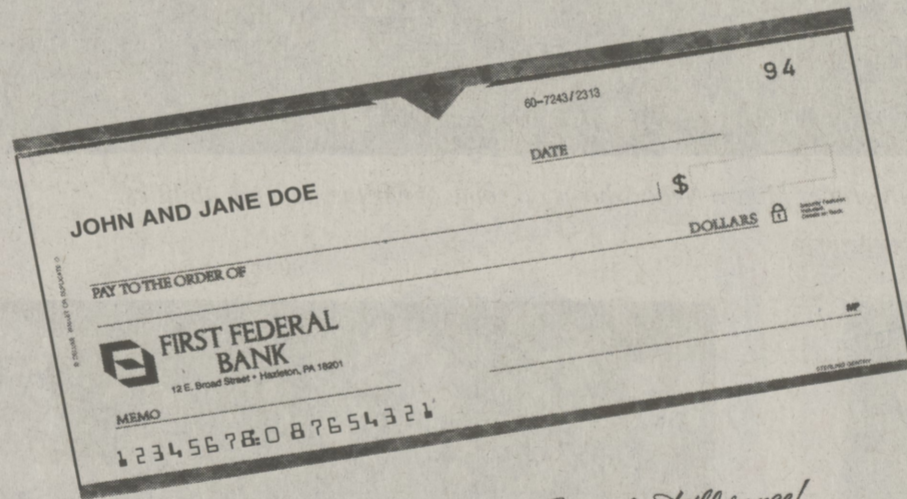


The plaque lists local fire companies and contains "The Final Call."

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?

A: Only in The Dallas Post

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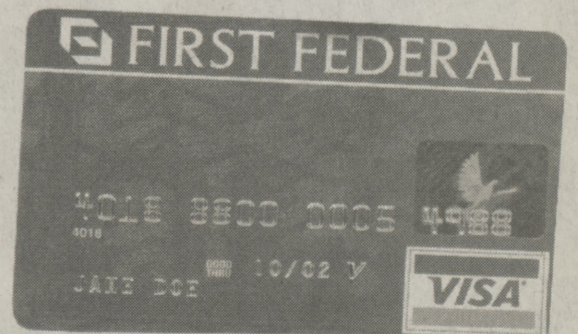
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