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Township continues update of regulations

□ *Davis promoted to Jackson Twp. sergeant*

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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JACKSON TWP. — Proud family and friends were present the evening of March 4 for the promotion to sergeant of Jackson Township Police Officer Scott Davis. Davis, who scored highest of all qualified applicants, was promoted and sworn in by Supervisor Jay Wilkes at the township's regular board of supervisor's meeting.

The newly created sergeant position will replace the assistant police chief position, which has been vacant since June after the retirement of the former chief of police. This will allow for a person in a supervisory position to cover in emergencies and otherwise assist the present police chief, Jerry Leedock, said Wilkes.

The Jackson Township Board of Supervisors continues to review and revise old ordinances in an attempt to update the township. The board passed a resolution establishing an injury and accident reporting policy for the township at this month's regular

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Caylin Davis, 1 year old, tried on her daddy Scott's cap. Scott Davis was promoted to sergeant of the Jackson Township Police Department last week. His wife, Laura, held Caylin.

Board ok's specs, not bids, for athletic projects

□ *Lack of locker rooms at high school adds urgency*

By ELIZABETH ANDERSON
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LEHMAN TWP. — After heated discussion, the Lake-Lehman School Board, in a special meeting for general purposes, voted unanimously to authorize Douglas Trumbower, the architect for the high school renovations and construction project, to develop drawings and specifications for reconstruction of the athletic fields, upgrading of bleachers, construction of a new press-box and fieldhouse and an access road to the fieldhouse.

The board decided not to have the board secretary advertise for bids for the new projects until members had the opportunity to further discuss the costs of requirements suggested by Trumbower's plans.

"I think I'd like to see the whole board at least share what the concept is before you advertise for bid," said board member Charles Balavage. "Why would you waste all your money advertising for bids when you don't even know what you want?"

The primary discord arose around the need to speed the progress of the projects and still have time to understand and discuss specifications.

"We are running out of time," stressed Moderno Rossi, a board member. "We started those drawings in 1997 and everyone complained about

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Volunteers keep focus on need for blood

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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March is American Red Cross month and the national organization uses the month to publicize the many programs it offers. In addition to blood collections, the Red Cross provides disaster relief, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)

and safety training classes, and service to military families.

"I think what the American Red Cross does is wonderful," said Karen Shuster, one of the newest members of the Back Mountain Blood Council. She and another new member, Marsha Landis of Shavertown, were introduced at the council's February meeting.

The blood council is comprised of representatives from area businesses and active community members. "We encourage businesses to have their employees donate blood. We also look for new sites in the community to hold blood drives," said Shuster who is the branch manager at Fleet Bank, treasurer of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction and a member of the Back Mountain Business and Professional Association.

Blood council members disseminate blood collection information throughout the community and at their businesses. "I put posters up on the bulletin boards, provide payroll stuffers and personally remind the employees that it is time to donate again," said Jim Koprowski, a 12-year member of the council who is employed by American Asphalt in Shavertown. "We usually hit our goals and quotas."

The Blood Council also recognized Dave Hoffman who represented Com- See BLOOD, pg 7

Boy Scouts will honor Bernard Banks Jr.

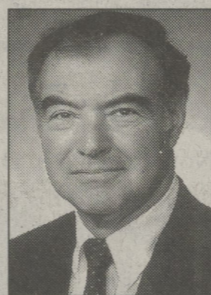
By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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Bernard Banks, Jr. has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America for 56 years, since becoming a scout himself in 1946.

Banks has served as president of the Northeast Pennsylvania Council of Boy Scouts executive board twice, and is currently the vice-president.

A Kingston Township resident, Banks has been a scout leader on all level of scouting, and has been involved in the planning if the annual Friends of Scouting dinner for 16 years.

But the owner and operator of American Asphalt does not want people to recognize his accomplishments for scouting in the Wyoming Valley — he is more concerned that the scouts and scouting get the recognition. He even did not want to comment for an article, so as not to put himself in the spotlight as one of this year's recipients of the



Bernard Banks Jr.
Scouting Distinguished Citizen of 2002

ive Ethan V. Draddy. "He is a beacon of light that other people can join in, and his importance to scouting in the area is immeasurable."

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given annually at the dinner, recognizing the efforts of community leaders who have gone above and beyond the norm to promote scouting.

"Selecting a distinguished citizen is

important to the Wyoming Valley and to scouting," said Draddy. "It allows us to recognize a special man like Bernie Banks, who has helped promote scouting in a big way."

Past recipients of the award include: Father James Lackenmeier, former Kings College president; Chris Brieseth, former Wilkes University president; former Governor and Mrs. Robert Casey; Richard Kluger; Bob Cirofulo and Bill Scranton III.

"(The list of recipients) is basically a who's who of the Wyoming Valley," said Draddy. "Giving the award gives us the chance to make a connection between what we see in Bernie Banks and what we see in ourselves. People see what Bernie Banks does for scouting, and that makes them want to be involved."

The Friends of Scouting Dinner will begin with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6:45 p.m. Call the council office at 207-1227 for tickets and information.



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Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance personnel stand by the new vehicle. From left: Carlton Kocher, Lisa Harger, Carole Hontz, Robert Hontz, David Davis, with the association's new defibrillator, association president Edward Kelly, Charlie West and fire chief Joe Peregino.

Life-saving equipment on board new ambulance

By TIMOTHY J. RAUB
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HARVEYS LAKE — There is a new addition to the Harveys Lake Fire and Ambulance Association — but it is not a child or dalmatian.

The Fire and Ambulance Association is the proud owner of a brand new ambulance, which was officially put into service March 5. "I would like to think (the ambulance) is going to be a great asset to the people of Harveys Lake and Lake Township," said Joe Peregino, Harveys Lake Fire Chief. "Our old ambulance was a 1989, and there were a

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