



## They were havin' a party

The Back Mountain Business and Professional Association held its annual Summer Mixer last week at Stax & Co. restaurant in Dallas. The organization will be taking an office in the Twin Stacks Center, where Stax is located. BMBPA is open to anyone who lives or does business in the Back Mountain. In addition to supporting the local economy, the association sponsors a community-wide children's event each spring and other programs.

Shown at the mixer, from left: Helen Edgerton, BMBPA treasurer; Francine Ochman; Debbie and Jim Kennedy.

## Baker receives international leadership award

Lisa Baker, a graduate of Leadership Wilkes-Barre, is one of 65 Distinguished Leadership Award recipients honored by the Community Leadership Association (CLA) in 2002. The award announcements were made to the nominating community leadership programs this spring and a formal international announcement was made at the CLA's 22nd Annual Leadership Conference Roads to Shared Leadership held in San Diego, California, May 23-26, 2002.

CLA, headquartered in Indianapolis, is a membership association of organizations and individuals dedicated to strengthening and transforming communities through leadership development. Members include over 500 organizations and 2,300 civic leaders in the United States. International representation includes members in Australia, Brazil, Canada, Thailand and the United Kingdom.

"Individuals who receive the Distinguished Leadership Awards contribute in extraordinary ways to build more effective communities," said Gene A. Honn, executive director of the association. "Baker's community service demonstrates an individual committed to initiating positive change and leading the way to a better future for the community."

As described by Leadership Wilkes-Barre, "Lisa Baker is the quintessential community servant. In each position, volunteer or career, she has served the Northeastern Pennsylvania community with distinction and with a genuine commitment to and caring for this area."

For more information on this award or CLA's conference or programs, visit [www.communityleadership.org](http://www.communityleadership.org) or call (317) 637-7408.

## North Branch Land Trust adds staff member

The North Branch Land Trust (NBLT) is pleased to announce that Josh Longmore has accepted the position of Land Protection Specialist with the organization.

Mr. Longmore is a 1997 graduate of Penn State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, and has recently worked for the Wyoming County Conservation District. He has experience in surveying and Geographic Information Systems and has been



Josh Longmore

involved in a variety of educational programs. The position of Land Protection Specialist is new at NBLT. It is being funded for at least one year by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

Mr. Longmore will work closely with Executive Director Linda Thoma and the Land Committee. He will be responsible for all aspects of the land protection work of the organization, including maintaining close contact with landowners who wish to pursue conservation easements or other methods of land protection.

NBLT continues to focus primarily on lands in Luzerne, Wyoming, and Susquehanna

Counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Longmore will help protect and preserve lands of special natural and historic value, including farmland, wildlands, forests, open space, and selected historic buildings such as the Noxen Railroad Depot.

Doug Ayers, V.M.D., President of NBLT, emphasized that this is a good time to expand the staff of the organization because there are many projects that require immediate attention.

Landowners interested in working with him to conserve their land may call the NBLT office at 696-5545. To learn more about land conservation, visit our website at [www.nblt.org](http://www.nblt.org)

## Pastor

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on Saturday evening, the congregation presented Libeck with a clock and a plaque which read, "For 11 years of dedicated and devoted service."

Asked to describe Rev. Libeck, parishioners seem to agree on his qualities. "He is very attentive to the sick and the shut-ins," said one member. "He is very devoted to the families and children of this church," said another. "Whenever there is a problem, he is there immediately, and we will miss him."



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Members of the United Methodist Women organized the farewell dinner for Rev. Libeck. They are, from left: Louise Lamoreaux, Helen Franklin, Lois Kettle, Dorothy Zerfoss, Norma Wright, Shirley Nicely and Bonnie Sutton.

## Post will publish day early next week

Because the Independence Day holiday falls on Thursday, The Dallas Post will be delivered Wednesday next week. Deadline for display advertising is 5 p.m. Friday, June 28. Classifieds will be taken until 3 p.m. Monday, July 1.

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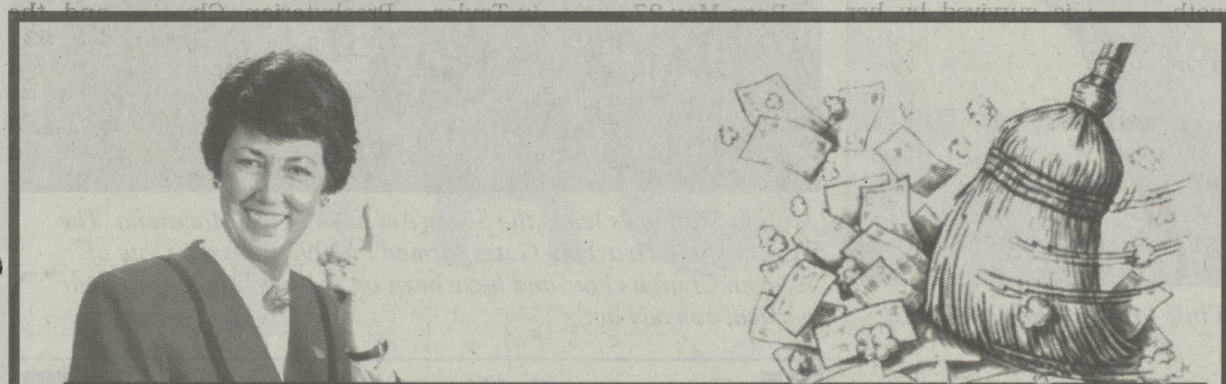
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