

Horsin' around

Showin' Blue 4-H Club sponsored a benefit horse show last Sunday at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds that attracted riders and their mounts from near and far.

In photos, clockwise from right: Jackie Opel of Dallas rode on Spy; Kimberly Stander of Benton painted the "toes" of Obsidian; Kitchen volunteers, from left: Mary Lynn Kuprionis, Susan Lewis and Pete Sokoloski; Kyle Evens of Dallas jumped; Kayla Fine of Sweet Valley prepared to ride Arizona.

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Memorial Day Parade in Dallas

Daddow-Isaac Post 672, The American Legion will observe Memorial Day and services at the Woodlawn Cemetery. This is the 66th year of the observance.

The parade will leave the Post home at 9 a.m. and go to the Memorial in Dallas Borough for wreath laying and a short program.

The parade will then go to the Woodlawn Cemetery for a Memorial Day service.

Main speaker this year will be Don Sherwood, U.S. Representative of the 10th Congressional District. He will be introduced by Charles D. Lemmond, PA 20th Senatorial District.

The parade will feature the award-winning Dallas High School band under the direction of Todd Hunter. The Legion Drill Team will conduct the Salute to the Departed Veterans of All wars.

The clergy will be Pastor Lambert of Gate of Heaven Church, and Pastor Lewis of the Dallas United Methodist Church. All fire companies, youth groups of the Back Mountain, Dallas Lions Club, Units of the Legion, Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion will participate. Police escort will be under the direction of Chief Fowler, Dallas Borough. Chief and Mayor Timothy Carroll.

Anyone wishing to take part, contact parade Marshall Walter Galka at 298-2244 or Adjutant Tom Reese at 675-5929.

Jackson Twp. Memorial Day service

The Jackson Twp. Vol. Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary invite all township residents, family and friends to their annual Memorial Service, Saturday May 24 at 2 p.m. at the Honor site in front of the Fire Co. building.

The Very Rev. Herbert G. Nahas and Rev. Thomas Morris will conduct the Civic Ceremony.

The military ceremony will include: Remarks from MSGT Neno Sartini, USAF Ret. on "POW/MIA's." Major Kevin Miller will give a Memorial Message. SFC Steven Stempien will conduct the Firing of the Salvo with Firing Squad members SSG M. McKeown, SPC R. Moss, PFC R. Kleiner and PFC K. Miller.

Stephen Patla a junior at Lake-Lehman High School, will provide "To the Colors," Taps and "Retreat" on trumpet. Dallas Boy Scout Troop 232 will recite the Boy Scout Promise & Oath with Scout Master Stephen Jones and assistant Scout Master Pete Sarmonis.

Come and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice with their lives for our country and community, and those who are still away defending our freedom today. We will also be honoring residential and military deceased members of the township.

Questions can be directed to Desiree Evans at 779-2904.

Rec park gains \$200,000 grant

By ERIN YOUNGMAN
Post Staff

LEHMAN TWP. — Construction of soccer fields, set to begin this summer, recently received a boost. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has awarded Back Mountain Recreation a \$200,000 Community Recreation Grant for the further development of the Back Mountain Regional Recreation Complex.

Applied for by the Back Mountain Recreation Board in October 2002, the grant announced May 2 will be used for further construction of soccer fields.

"We're thrilled to get it, it's going to mean a few more fields getting built," said Brian Grove, new executive director of Back Mountain Recreation Inc.

A press release about the grant stated, "With the help of DCNR, the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, local foundations and private donors, BMR has acquired the property for the complex and is in the process of finalizing engineering and design. The bidding process for the construction of the first athletic field is scheduled to occur June, with construction commencing in August."

"We are thrilled with the continued enthusiasm and strong level of support for our project from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and all of our community partners. This new revenue will be directed to the first phases of construction of the athletic facilities and infrastructure that will get underway this summer," said Dave Sutton, President of the Back Mountain Recreation Board.

You can use trail on property

The Back Mountain Recreation property is now open for public use. When visiting, park near the large sign on Lehman-Outlet Road. There are trails throughout the wooded hilly acreage. The property won't have official property markers for some weeks, so be cognizant of neighbors' "no trespassing" and "private property" signs. No hunting or all terrain vehicles are permitted.

Recreation

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ing funding including private, state and federal sources and working with engineers to finalize construction plans. In total, six soccer fields, five baseball fields, trails, picnic areas, pavilions, an outdoor ice skating rink, a sledding hill, multi-purpose fields, a

skateboarding area, rustic walking areas and more are planned.

Construction of the soccer fields is set to begin this summer.

Dave Sutton, President of Back Mountain Recreation, said the executive director position was highly sought after and that the

committee overseeing the process received applications from around the country.

Grove earned a bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from West Chester University and advanced training at Harvard University's

John F. Kennedy School of Government.

"We feel very fortunate that Brian was interested in the position," said Sutton. "He's a very energetic, intelligent guy and he's so into the outdoors."

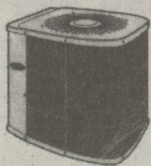
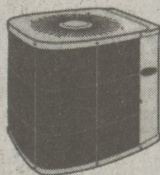
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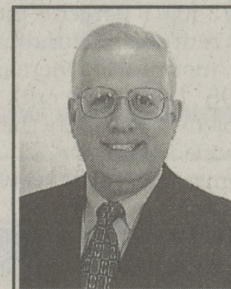
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