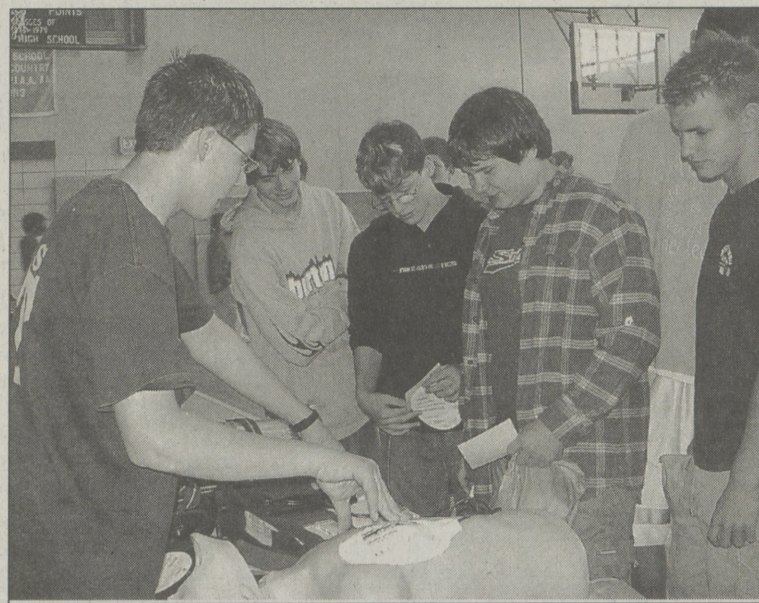




The Emergency Response Team prepared evacuation plans for each classroom at the high school. The club officers, from left, Todd Buckley, John Gilligan, Chuck Stajewski, Dan Piccillo and Matt Reshauer, presented the laminated diagrams to Frank Galicki, school principal.



Brandon Harris, left, a member of the ERT and a junior fire-fighter with Kunkle Fire Dept., demonstrated rescue equipment to students. From left, Kyle Lewis, Jake Devlin, Sam Perry, and Alaric Eby.

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Ruckno Sisters named 2003 Mercy Women of the Year

The Leadership team has announced that Mary Ruckno Siegel, Jo Ann Ruckno Jones, and Beth Ruckno Black have been named the 2003 Mercy Women of the Year. The award will be presented at the eighth annual Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament on Monday, June 16, at the Wyoming Valley Country Club.

The Mercy Women of the Year Award is given to individuals who have embraced the spirit of mercy and compassionate service and extended them generously in every aspect of their personal and professional lives.

Prior to assuming responsibility in the family business, Siegel worked as a counselor in the Act 101 Program and assistant to the dean of admissions at College Misericordia. She currently serves on the Mercy Health partners Foundation board and is a mentor for College Misericordia's Women with Children Program. Siegel has also been a board member of Mercy Health Partners, Catholic Social Services, United Way of Wyoming Valley, Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Foundation and King's College Family Business Forum. She received a B.A. in Psychology from Marquette University and a M.S. in Education from the University of Wisconsin. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Health Care Mission at

Aquinas Institute in St. Louis University.

Jones has served as financial manager in both family businesses for more than 20 years. She has also worked as a social worker and case manager in the Child Welfare Department in Washington, D.C. Jones is actively involved on the Catherine McAuley Center board, and is a member of the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and the United Way locations Committee. She received a B.S. in Political Science from Manhattanville College and has completed ongoing education in accounting, marketing, financial analysis, and computer operations.

Black worked as a property manager for Metro Commercial Property in New Jersey and as a corporate sales manager for Travelworld prior to her current position. She has been a member of the Victims Resource Center board of directors, including one term as president. Black also serves on the Leadership Wilkes-Barre Alumni Council, Luzerne County Office of Human Services Advisory Council, Luzerne Foundation Grants Committee, and is a mentor for the CEO Welfare to Work Program. A graduate of Manhattanville College, she did graduate work at the New York University School of Public Administration and holds a PA Real Estate License and a Public Housing Manager Certification.



Beth Ruckno Black, Jo Ann Ruckno Jones and Mary Ruckno Siegel.

Emergency

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ambulance companies to possibly get volunteers and to inform the students about careers they could go in to," said Dan Piccillo, president of the ERT. Dan is a senior at Dallas and a trained Emergency Medical Technician who volunteers with Franklin Northmoreland Ambulance Co.

Kunkle Fire Department, Kingston Township Ambulance Association, Shavertown Fire Dept., and Dallas Fire and Ambulance Inc. all sent representatives to talk with the students, in addition to bringing their fire engines and ambulances. The Geisinger Life Flight crew flew in their helicopter for the event. Students were encouraged to check out the equipment that was parked outside of the school after go-

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Chief, Kingston Township Ambulance

ing through the display area in the school's gymnasium.

"This is a nice opportunity for us. If we can even pick up two volunteers it is worth coming here today," said Keith Rinehimer, Chief of Kingston Township Ambulance. He, Kevin Kelley, and Dave Rinehimer brought several of their rescue tools to explain to the students. They demonstrated the use of hydraulic lifts, Jaws of Life, and compression pillows. "We like to show these things because people don't re-

alize how much it costs to have a rescue crew."

The Emergency Response Team is made up of student volunteers, most of whom are trained as volunteer firemen and ambulance personnel with local companies. Many of the students involved during this initial year of service are members of the senior class.

"Hopefully, we can get some more kids involved," said John Gilligan, one of the event organizers. "Then we would have been successful today."

ERT team members have worked on escape plans for school fire drills and helped the school nurse in coordinating medical emergencies. They presented a set of laminated escape plans for each classroom to school principal Frank Galicki during the day's program. The goal of the ERT, which appears to be the first of its kind in the country, is to be prepared to act as First Responders for any emergency at the school.

"The ERT is a good stepping stone to emergency services for students to help out without making a full commitment," said Matt Reshauer, vice president of the club and a volunteer with Shavertown Fire Department.

Kingston Twp. taxes due at face value

Face value on 2003 county taxes will end Friday, June 13. All payments must be postmarked on or before June 13 to be eligible for the face value.

Office hours the week of June 9-13 will be: Monday, June 9, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Thursday, June 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Payments can be dropped off anytime in the mail slot located in the vestibule of the township municipal building.

Lake-Lehman Class of 1983

Lake-Lehman Class of 1983 will hold their 20th reunion November 22 from 6-10 p.m. at Apple Tree Terrace, Newberry Estates, Dallas. The first mailing has been sent. Classmates interested in attending should send their deposits to treasurer Randy Moskaluk 674-3707. For more information call Allyson Stash Leskowsky, 639-5967, Diane Harris Hoyt, 298-2657.

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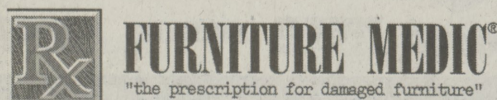
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