

### Crafty fundraiser

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors kicked off the holiday craft show season November 15 with their annual event, held at Lake-Lehman High School.

In photos, clockwise from right: Melinda Wisnosky, Harding, displayed decorative masks of — who else — jolly old St. Nick; Checking out some pretty beadwork, from left: Mariah Yantz, Melanie Petroski and Sierra Houck-Boyer, all from Sweet Valley; Brenda Morgan, Bloomingdale, sat at her table filled with holiday goodies.

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### Water rates

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slight decrease. All the systems were formerly owned by National Utilities, which was forced to divest them after years of service complaints.

In filing the increase, company officials said additional money is needed for capital improvements, primarily replacement of main water lines.

"These are old systems that we bought," said Vice President Richard Subasic. The upgrades will improve both water quality and fire protection, he said.

The company has asked the PUC to approve the request effective Jan. 14. Because the PUC typically suspends requests up to nine months to permit an investigation and analysis, customers might not see an increase until August.

Subasic also said the company is taking steps to consolidate rates for all of its Pennsylvania water systems. The rate decreases are occurring in areas where the rates have been high.

Based on the proposed rate changes, customers would see the following changes to average monthly bills:

- Maplecrest (35 customers):

From \$24.44 to \$35.29 per month, a 44 percent increase.

- Midway Manor (250 customers), Rivercrest (200 customers) and Warden Place (100 customers): From \$20.64 to \$29.35 per month, a 42 percent increase.

- Oak Hill (100 customers): From \$39.83 to \$39.47 per month, a 1 percent decrease.

- Rhodes Terrace (50 customers): From \$29.69 to \$35.29, a 19 percent increase.

- Sunrise Estates (200 customers): From \$26.47 to \$35.29, a 33 percent increase.

- Shickshinny Lake (120 customers): From \$34.09 to \$37.02

per month, an 8.6 percent increase.

Pennsylvania Suburban Water is one of two major subsidiaries of the Philadelphia Suburban Corp., based in Bryn Mawr.

United Water Pennsylvania, which serves the majority of customers in the Dallas and Shavertown areas, charges customers by usage. There is a \$6.50 monthly base charge, plus \$4.17 per 1,000 gallons used. The company estimates that a typical adult or teenager will use 2,000 gallons per month. Using that formula, a family of four would pay \$39.86 per month.

### Blood

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list of priorities." And yet, she said, "It's one of the most important times of year to donate."

The blood shortage is not unique to our part of the country. No one quite knows why the number of volunteers has gone down, but one contributing factor, Groody said, is that more and more people are being deferred from giving.

A recent example of a large number of people who are now ineligible to donate, are those persons who have traveled to the Britain or Europe.

"This especially reduces the number of college students who donate," she said.

The outbreak of Mad Cow Disease in that area is the reason for the restriction.

Every day there is something else that makes the donor pool decrease, Groody said. "That's why we really need everyone to pick up the slack."

Anyone interested in donating should allow about one to one and a half hours.

Upcoming drives will be held Tuesday, November 25 at Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, 45 Hildebrandt Rd., Dallas from 10-4 p.m. and Friday, November 28 at Gate of Heaven Church, 10 Machell Ave., Dallas from 1-6 p.m.

Call the blood center at 829-7161 for more information.

### Free legal services for men and women in service

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The committee is also available to assist lawyers in the management of their legal cases during their call to active duty.

For information call the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association at 822-6712.

### Low-cost dental care

The Luzerne County Community College Dental Health Clinic at the College's campus in Nanticoke is open to the public. The clinic provides low cost preventive dental hygiene services including teeth cleaning, dental x-rays, and fluoride treatments. Appointments are available Mondays at 4 and 6 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

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