

American Legion essay contest invites entries

High school age students of the Back Mountain are invited to compete in the 68th annual Pennsylvania American Legion essay contest.

Any student enrolled in grades 9-12 in a public, private or parochial school, or home-schooled in Pennsylvania is eligible. The top of this year's contest is, "What is Patriotism?" Entries must be between 600 and 1,000 words in length. Entries will be judged on quality of writing, originality, accuracy and extent of information. Students must certify that essays are prepared without assistance other than that provided for all members of the class.

Each local school will choose winner, which will be submitted to the Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, Dallas. The winning entry from the Post will compete with others from around the state, with a state finalist chosen.

Local school officials and fac-

ulty are working with the Legion and will assist with contest arrangements. Home-schooled students are also welcome to enter.

Entries in the local contest will be accepted until the third week in January, 2004.

The state winner will receive a \$3,500 college scholarship and a trophy. The second-place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and trophy, and third place will win a \$2,500 scholarship and trophy.

The American Legion also will pay the expenses of the state winner to attend the 2004 Pennsylvania American Legion convention in July, to read his or her essay.

High school students in the Back Mountain who are interested in entering the contest will find the complete rules and contest information at the schools, or contact Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488.



Students bake cookies for cause

Students in Miss Presper's and Miss Thomas's classes at the Dallas Middle School participated in a community access project. The students spent a day baking chocolate cookies donated by Metz Enterprises. The cookies were sold to the Dallas Middle School Faculty and Staff and to the public at BiLo in Dallas. All proceeds will be donated to the Back Mountain 24 hr. Relay for Life/American Cancer Society. Pictured from left: Michelle Yaple, Frank Miller, Justin Baldoni, Miss Presper, Cassandra Atherholt, Chris Korson, Miss Thomas, Debbie Adams.

Trucksville Nursery School open house

Trucksville Nursery School is accepting applications for the 2004-2005 school year. Developmentally appropriate programs are offered for preschoolers from 2 to 5 years of age. Positive self concepts are nurtured in a caring environment enabling children to feel good about themselves, their peers, and the world around them. "Hands-on" learning activities encourage the development of social and communication skills and the love of learning.

Staff members will be available to accompany prospective parents and children as they tour the new state-of-the-art facility during open house week, January 26-30. Call the school office at 696-3899 to reserve a tour. The Trucksville Nursery School is located in the William & Melba Dickson Educational Facility, Trucksville United Methodist Church, Church Road, Trucksville.

DMS physicals

The Dallas Middle School nurse's office announces that the sixth grade physicals will be given to all students on January 15, 2004, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to be present. Parents who choose to have the examination done by their personal physician must submit the physical report to the nurse by January 5, 2004.

Spring sports physicals will be held on February 5 and February 12 at 8:30 a.m. Parent permission forms are available in the school office and must be completed and returned to the nurse prior to the examination. Any student who plans to play baseball, softball, or track and field in the spring is required to have a physical before attending the first day of practice.

Youth chess club

A newly formed group of chess players, the Smart Alekhines, a scholastic chess club for children ages 5 through 18, meets Saturdays in the community room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

No fees or dues are required. Interested persons are asked only to bring their own chessboards and pieces. Level-of-play is from beginner to expert.

Practical play and instruction will be directed by certified chess instructor George Trent, who has coached many young area state champions: Erick and Gregory Sam, Jim Nessler, Smith Collins, Ashwini Naranjan, and Christopher Liman and four PA state chess champion teams (K-6).

Call 740-7662 for further information.



Lehman student completes tour

Lake-Lehman senior Stacey Fox recently returned from an educational tour of the Canadian provinces, New England states and the United Nations. Fox was selected for the tour for her performance in World Cultures, History and Social Science courses.

The bus tour, sponsored by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and its District Lodges (including Dallas and Lehman), was part of the IOOF's United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Program.

Fox is the daughter of Allen and Rita Fox of Jackson Township.

Shown from left: Megan Gagliardi, Hanover Area High School; Thomas J. McHugh, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF; Stacey Fox, Lake-Lehman High School.

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Key Club collects coats

The Dallas High School Key Club assisted the PTSO in collecting coats for the annual PTSO Thanksgiving Coat Drive. Over 150 coats were donated to the Commission on Economic Opportunity to be distributed to the needy in the Back Mountain.

Pictured, from left, sitting: Matt Duffy, Stephanie Konecke.

Second Row: Anne Butler, Key Club Advisor, Sharon Duddy, PTSO, Hillary Smith, Megan Baker, Lisa Bressler, Nicole Jayne, Jennifer Opel, Ann Bressler, PTSO and Robyn Jones, Guidance Counselor.

Financial aid workshop at College Misericordia

College Misericordia will host a Financial Aid Workshop for high school students and their families on Saturday, January 17, from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Banks Student Center.

The program is designed to help parents and prospective college students understand the complex financial aid process in-

involved in selecting a college. CM financial aid experts will present an overview of the different types of financial aid and the application processes involved.

The workshop is free and reservations are required. To register, call toll-free, 1-866-CM AND ME, or visit the CM website, www.misericordia.edu.

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