

Library serves up a hit with wine tasting

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TUNKHANNOCK — The Tunkhannock Public Library was transformed on March 6, for a wine-tasting event that turned out to be a very successful fundraiser.

"I've been involved with fundraisers before but I've never seen this kind of response. We are very excited," said Dr. Joan Chapdelaine, library board member.

The library has seen about a 37 percent decrease in state funding in addition to a drop of 8 percent in funding from the United Way this year. As with other public libraries across the state, the board of directors is seeking ways to make up that deficit.

"We were looking for something new and we thought this was a good way to bring people into the library," said Dianne Fitze, event chairman. "The important thing isn't the wine but in seeing the library, which is new. With over 500 meetings here a year, it really is a community building."

Steve Pollack, of the Clarks Summit Super Premium Wine and Spirits Store, was on hand to explain the subtleties of the six different wines tasted throughout the evening. The wines — two white and four red — were from France, Spain, Washington State and California.

"Not everyone will like each one but they should enjoy some of them," said Pollack. In addition, guests were treated to a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by area restaurants. Even the Tiger House members from Tunkhannock High School provided gourmet treats.

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library director. "It has been just so gratifying and fun."

The committee sold over 250 tickets and raised close to \$10,000 between ticket sales, donations and basket raffles. Nearly 30 people were on a waiting list and several people were turned away at the door due to the terrific turnout.

"We are definitely going to do it again next year. Our chairmen, Dianne and Judd Fitze, have already agreed to help," said Terrell. "I just suggest that people buy their tickets early."



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On hand for the evening's events were, from left: Susan Terrell, library director, and board members, Elaine Walker, Jodi Crimmel, and Dr. Joan Chapdelaine.



Jennie Bartron, left, and Peg Claypoole, enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres.



Steve Pollack, from the Clarks Summit Super Premium Wine and Spirits Store, opened bottles of a Muscadet 2002, Chateau Carre, Loire Valley France, the first wine of the evening.

Galicki

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sought intensive scheduling programs throughout the country and brought the concept back to the district." In 1996, after several years of planning, a similar program started at Dallas.

"All three of my children had him ... They thought the world of him."

Frank Natitus
School Board member

Catherine Wega, chairperson of the Dallas English Department, wrote in her letter, "By fostering an open atmosphere that invites faculty involvement, he has established a process for growth ... Mr. Galicki is an outstanding example of a professional educator and leader."

After the announcement was made last week, Galicki thanked numerous people for contributing to his success.

"My 22 years here have been outstanding, but I could never have made it through without the support of my staff — Mr. (James) McGovern and most importantly, my two secretaries, Yvonne Mould and Mary Yankowski."

The Principal of the Year designation is only where Galicki's ambitions begin. He plans to put his name into the hat for the National Principal of the Year Award.

"It is a very high goal and it is one of my goals to hopefully be in that pool and be selected as the National Principal of the Year."

McBride deploys on USS George Washington

Navy Airman Scott S. McBride, son of Tracy L. McBride of Dallas, recently departed on a routine, scheduled deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, while assigned to the Strike Fighter Squadron 131 Wildcats, home based at Naval Air Station Oceana, Va.

McBride is one of more than 7,600 Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group.

McBride joined the Navy in August 2002.

Petition seeks swimming at Lake-Lehman

By BILL O'BOYLE
For The Post

LEHMAN TWP. — Responding to requests from students and parents, the Lake-Lehman School District will consider adding a swimming program.

At its work session Mar. 9, the board was informed that more than 50 students want a swimming program.

Maureen Devine, representing a group of parents, presented a petition signed by the students and she said there are many more students interested in starting a swim program.

"I've already talked to College Misericordia about using their pool and they are receptive," Devine told the board. "Of course there will be costs involved."

Jim Mahon, board president, said the board will seriously

look at the request. "There's a good possibility we will do this. We have to look at all the costs and see where we're at."

Lake-Lehman has never provided a swim program for its students and Mahon said costs such as pool rental, equipment, coaching, officials and other items will be gathered. Before a new program can gain entrance to the PIAA and compete in the Wyoming Valley Conference, Mahon said the teams would have to compete one year as a "club team." It would swim exhibition meets the second year and then begin league competition the third year.

The board also was informed by Superintendent Robert Roberts that an unscheduled locker search was conducted March 4 at the junior-senior high school. Pennsylvania State

Police brought drug-sniffing dogs to the school. Roberts said the district is concerned about possible drug problems, but he added that the dogs were able to locate only one locker that contained an over-the-counter diet drug.

"There will be more searches in the future," noted Roberts. "And of course, they will be surprise searches."

Mahon also announced that the board has reached an agreement with its Act 93 employees (administrative staff). He said nine people are in the unit, but he said no details can be announced until the board approves the contract at its March 23 meeting.

Also to be approved at the regular meeting will be a new five-year contract with the district's 80-member support personnel association.

Wilkes-Barre Law and Library offers free legal services for Reservists

As National Guard and Reserve units are called up to serve the Armed Forces of the United States, the Military Affairs Committee of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association/Luzerne County Bar is available to provide legal services where needed.

The pro bono service includes preparation of wills for soldiers, sailors and airmen. The service is also available to assist these individuals and their families with problems related to their call to active duty, and legal affairs which may require their attention during their physical absence from home.

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.

Keep rights-of-way clear

Kingston Township residents and property owners are reminded not to place encroachments, such as fences, landscaping timbers, trees, shrubs or any other item within the Township street right-of-way.

Property owners need to be aware that they do not own up to the edge of the roadway. Street right-of-ways vary from 33 to 50 feet. Residents that are unsure of the width of their street may call the Township Office for further information.

It is very important that the right-of-way remain free of en-

croachments for snow removal, utility construction and street maintenance.

Residents are also reminded that this area is not their property and that the Township has the authority to order removal or to remove, the encroachments from the street or road right-of-way.

The Township is asking for cooperation from all residents in respecting the public right-of-way. Residents with questions may call the Township Administrative Office at 696-3809.

Lake Twp. taxes mailed

Lake Township Tax Collector Donna Kocher reminds residents that the 2004 School Property and Per Capita taxes were mailed on Monday, March 1. Anyone who did not receive their tax bill should contact the office at 639-1522.

In addition to the hours and office location printed on the bill, taxes can be paid in person at the municipal building on Saturday March 27 and Saturday April 10 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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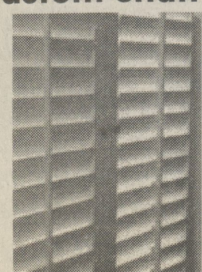
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