

Volunteers

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"They are a great bunch of people and they put in tons of hours," said Charlie Stajewski of Dallas. He and his 19-year-old son, Chuck, are two of the new EMTs.

Charlie, the former Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 155 of Trucksville, was looking for a new outlet after his many years with scouting. Chuck became involved as a junior firefighter and convinced his father to join, also.

"We weren't going to scouts anymore and we heard Dallas had a junior firefighter program, so some of us joined," said Chuck, an Eagle Scout. "That program is really good and we became familiar with the tools. We actually got prepared and got some training before we turned 18."

The Dallas Junior Firefighter program is open for anyone from 16-18 years of age. They meet weekly for training. Dallas High School students can contact Jack Wega at the school. Information also is available from any member of the department or by calling

"It is a relief to have the new volunteers but there is still a lot of time we have to cover."

Megan Palmer
Ambulance Chief
Dallas Fire and Ambulance

675-0636.

Ambulance personnel are required to have different levels of training according to their positions. Attendants need to take Advanced First Aid and CPR courses and are limited to assisting EMTs by getting and hauling equipment, directing traffic, etc.

Drivers need Advanced First Aid and Emergency Vehicle Operation courses. Those who ride in the back of the ambulance and take care of the patient are required to take an extensive 160-hour course and become certified Emergency Medical Technicians.

"It was really technical and I



Dallas Fire & Ambulance recently recognized four members who successfully completed a six-month course and have become certified Emergency Medical Technicians. Shown from left: Charles Stajewski, Jr., Mike Bayer, Patty Ruggere and Charles Stajewski, Sr.

had trouble with it in the beginning," said Charlie, who has no previous medical background. "It is a great course and I wish I took it years ago."

The four new EMTs, the Stajewskis, Mike Bayer and Patty Ruggere, took the course at the Kunkle Fire Hall. They met two or three times a week for six months before taking the test for certification.

"It was pretty neat competing with my dad for grades and stuff," said Chuck. "It is even neat to go out on calls with my dad."

The new EMTs will spend several months working with other EMTs before running on their own. "We'll make sure that they are ready before we'll let them go alone," said Palmer. "It's just nice to have

the extra help."

All local fire and ambulance companies need more help. Volunteers are needed for everything from fire fighting and emergency calls to behind the scenes help maintaining equipment and buildings, and, especially, fund raising. Call your local fire and ambulance department or talk to any member to volunteer.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

David Zook and spouse to David Beccaris, Dallas, \$150,000.

Samuel Spencer and spouse per sheriff to Washington Mutual Bank, 80 Elizabeth St., Dallas, \$1,848.

Charles Boyek and spouse to Thomas Nardone and spouse, Whitetail Estate, Dallas, \$707,500.

John E. Halbing III Partners to MSR Ventures Inc., Roosevelt St., Dallas Township, \$41,500.

John E. Halbing III Partners to Patrick Deats and spouse, Roosevelt St., Dallas Township, \$39,500.

Gloria Ciampichina to Cathy J. Garbush, Clearview Villa, Dallas Township, \$62,000.

Robert Jones Jr. and spouse to Mark Albert, Franklin Township, \$91,480.

Claire Mark Gantz to Bruce Coolbaugh and spouse, Franklin Township, \$45,000.

Al-Sar Realty Corporation to Charles E. Morrow, Harveys Lake, \$595,000.

Estate of Genevieve Wishneski to Anthony C. Shively, Kingston Township, \$81,500.

Bret S. Yarczower to Mark W. Bufalino, Kingston Township, \$200,000.

Scott Fuller and spouse to Cathy S. Fuller, Roaring Brook Road, Lehman Township, \$94,313.

Farmers First Bank to Vincent Williamson and spouse, Ross Township, \$153,470.

Check them out on the web

Local fire departments now have web pages where anyone who is interested may find out more about the departments and how to become a volunteer. They are:

Shavertown: <http://go.to/shavertownfire>

Trucksville: <http://www.trucksvillefire.com>

Kunkle Fire & EMS: <http://home.usnetway.com/~kunkle>

Harveys Lake Fire & EMS: <http://www.geocities.com/harveyslakefire>

Northmoreland Fire: <http://www.geocities.com/station140>

Free recycling calendars

Exeter Borough, which provides recycling service to Jackson Township and Harveys Lake, has produced 2004 recycling calendars, which are available free of charge at local stores.

The calendars provide educational facts about recycling, recycling materials collected and proper preparation, as well as recycling schedules for the communities served by the Exeter Borough Multi-Municipal Recycling Program.

Calendars may be picked up free at these locations:

Harveys Lake: Borough building (7 a.m.-4 p.m.); Grotto Pizza, Taft's Market, Javer's Craft & Grocery Store; Rich & Charlotte's; Sportsmen's Bar; Villa Roma; Bill's Cafe; Damien's.

Jackson Township: Municipal building (7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.); Hillside Farms Dairy Store.

Taxpayer assistance March 29

KINGSTON TWP — The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Revenue and J.P. Harris Associates will have taxpayer assistance available for residents at the municipal building, 180 E. Center St., Shavertown, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29. Residents with questions may call the township administrative office at 696-3809.

Wine tasting workshop at Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Continuing Education department will offer a wine tasting workshop on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m., starting April 7. The workshop will introduce a variety of wines from California, Italy, France, and Australia. Taste samples will be served with cheese, fruit, and bread. Through comparison tasting, instructor Dick Murphy will lead participants in distinguishing characteristics of different categories of wine. Other topics will include the physiology of smell and taste, letting bottles breathe, serving temperatures, food matchups, and how to recognize quality wines.

Participants must be at least 21 years old. For more information, contact Lisa Lunderman at 675-9220 or wbec@outreach.psu.edu.

Lake Township taxes

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 April 10 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Franklin Twp. burning ordinance

The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors would like to remind Township residents that the Burning Ordinance remains in effect. Residents are allowed to burn on weekdays from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The burning is to be confined to a furnace or incinerator. The burning of hazardous matter, including, but not limited to, any petroleum, hydrocarbon, plastic, or chemical matter, not normally considered as generated by the average household on a daily basis, is not permitted. For a complete copy of the ordinance, contact the municipal secretary at 333-5131.

Dog licenses available at Back Mountain locations

Luzerne County Treasurer Michael L. Morreale has announced that 2004 dog licenses are now available at the following locations:

- Dallas Twp. — Hoof-in-Paw-n-Jeans, 675-4800.
- Kunkle — Pet Care Associates, 675-1621.

Licenses also will be sold at

the Treasurer's Office in the Luzerne County Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, and at the Hazleton annex, 145 E. Broad St., Hazleton.

To obtain licenses by mail, send your name, address, telephone number, date of birth (if 65 of older), the dog's name, color, breed and gender. The

mailing address is: Luzerne County Treasurer, Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711. Return postage is not necessary.

The regular rates are \$8 for males and females; \$6 for neutered males or spayed females. The rates for senior citizens with disabilities are \$6 for males and females; \$4 for

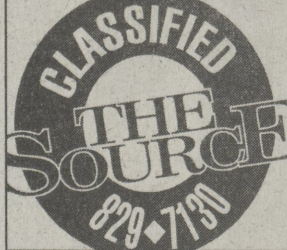
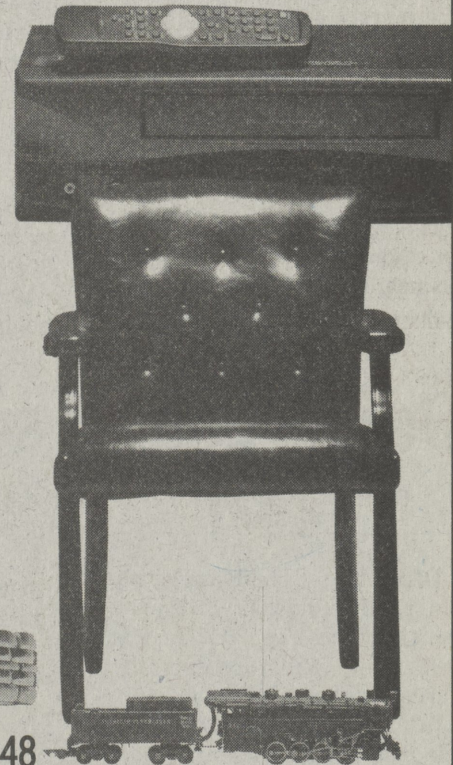
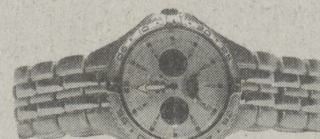
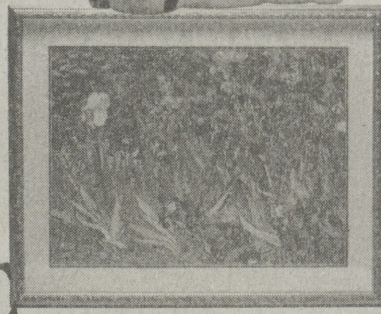
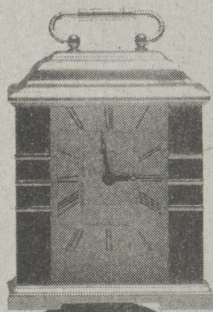
neutered males or spayed females. If you are applying for a license that requires the dog owner be a senior citizen (at 65 at the time of purchase), or a person with the disability, you must provide proof of age or disability to the county treasurer or agent.

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