

Boy Scout Troop 281 honors deceased veterans

Scouts from Dallas Boy Scout Troop 281 placed flags at veteran graves at Chapel Lawn Cemetery. Scouts from left, first row: Tyler Morgan, Brian DeLuca. Second row: Sam Van Horn, Michael Calkins, Richard Squiteri, Patrick Kalish, Mark Luksa. Third row: Steven Luksa, Michael Tonart, Scott Daube, Matthew Glicini, Michael Glicini and David Glicini; assistant scoutmaster. Fourth row, Matthew Daube.



No-down, low-interest home loans available

USDA Rural Development offers a subsidized government program designed to assist low-income, credit-worthy families and individuals in purchasing or building homes in rural areas.

To qualify, applicants must be under the low-income limit for the county in which they live (80% of median income), have an acceptable credit history, and meet certain debt to income ratios. The current interest rate is 5.875% fixed (33 years). No down payment is required, and funds for repairs (and sometimes closing costs) may be included in the loan. The unique feature about USDA Rural Development mortgages is that the payments may be subsidized, or reduced, based on the applicant's income.

Please call the Wyoming Local Office at (570) 836-4157,

ext. 4, for more information. You may be prequalified over the telephone, if you supply your annual gross household income and monthly debt payments. Deductions to the annual gross income are made for the number of children in the household, child care expenses and persons with disabilities.

USDA Rural Development does not compete with other lenders. In fact, USDA Rural Development will participate in a joint loan where another lender contributes part of the money as a first mortgage, and USDA Rural Development contributes the balance of funds as a second mortgage.

For more information on the programs offered by USDA Rural Development, contact the Wyoming Local Office at (570) 836-4157, ext. 4, or visit the website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/pa.

Paddle the Susquehanna for a cause

Reservations are due by July 14 for the annual fun day/fundraiser paddle down the Susquehanna sponsored by the North Branch Land Trust.

This 12-mile trip from Mehoopany to Tunkhannock is for kayakers and canoeists of all ages and abilities. Participants may use their own gear or rent. There will be a lunch break midway down the river.

NBLT naturalist Rick Koval

will be on hand to describe the habitats and species found along the river, and several members of NBLT will be available to answer questions. It's a "go at your own pace" day, with no pressure to stay in the group or keep up. The canoes and kayaks provided by Endless Mountain Outfitters are stable, comfortable and easily mastered.

Reservations are required

and are to be made through Endless Mountain Outfitters at 570-746-9140 or e-mail at kayaks@ptd.net. Deadline is July 14. Fees range from \$10 for those with their own canoe/kayak to \$35 for a two-person kayak/canoe. Single person boats are available for \$25. Prices do not include sales tax.

Artistic Images Media will also be on hand to take portrait shots of participants. Use them

for postcards, holiday greetings or just to preserve the memory. This additional fundraiser for NBLT will be available at the launch site, at lunch and at the destination point. A \$20 donation is requested for each portrait. Call 570-237-0124 or e-mail stevef@pwpllc.com if interested in portraits.

For more information on this event or the NBLT, call 696-1691 or e-mail koval@nblt.org.

Noxen Town Yard Sale Saturday

The annual Noxen Town Yard Sale will be held Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with several households and organizations participating. The Noxen Historical Association, Schenck Memorial Library and Noxen Clothes Closet will have items and refreshments for sale at the Noxen School. All proceeds benefit the school restoration project. For more information, call 298-2052.

Vendors sought for St. Paul's festival

Flea market vendors are encouraged to apply for booth space at the second annual St. Paul's Lutheran Church Summer Festival, to be held Saturday, August 14 on the church grounds in Dallas Township. The festival will be held rain or shine.

Booth space will be 10 feet by 10 feet at a price of \$15. Vendors must supply their own tables.

For an application, or more information, call 696-0106.

Lehman Twp selling 911 address signs

The Lehman Twp. Fire and Ambulance Co. is selling 911 address signs. Each sign will be made at the fire hall, 25 Firehouse Rd., for every address in the membership area at a cost of \$12 each.

The reflective sign can be mounted to the mail post or house. This will assist emergency personnel in locating a residents.

Members will available from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, or call 675-5654.



Baby-sitters class graduates

Sixteen prospective baby-sitters completed the American Red Cross training program held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library in June. From left, seated: Taylor Burak, Vanessa Wells, Sarah Tomayko, Marina Skevofilax, and Erica Johnson.

Standing: Kayla Hennings, Katlyn Moran, Danielle Harding, Nicole Melnick, Sarah Leskowsky, Emily Sisk, Brianna Marcela, Virginia Reinert, Emily Foley, and Suzanne Youngblood, Red Cross instructor.

Not shown are Kaitlyn Johnson and Mara Zumchak.

Memorial books donated to BMT library

Back Mountain Memorial Library announces the addition of new memorial books:

In Memory of Dorothy Cebrick, "A Brief History of the Smile" by Angus Trumble, presented by The Meadows Social Club.

In Memory of John R. Vivian, Sr., "The Bob Hope 100th Anniversary Collection" (DVD), presented by Susan Baker.

In Memory of Joseph Ostrowski, "Seymour Simon's Book of Trains" by Seymour Simon, presented by Ann Marie Charney.

In Memory of Mary S. Emmanuel, "Waterborne" by Bruce Murkoff (large print),

presented by David J. and Fay M. Emmanuel.

In Memory of Mary S. Emmanuel, "The Perfect Mile" by Neal Bascomb (large print), presented by David J. and Fay M. Emmanuel.

In Memory of Mary S. Emmanuel, "Nighttime is My Time" by Mary Higgins Clark (large print), presented by David J. and Fay M. Emmanuel.

In Memory of Mary S. Emmanuel, "Miss Julia Meets Her Match" by Ann B. Ross (large print), presented by David J. and Fay M. Emmanuel.

In Memory of Florence Alabaugh, "The Reasons for Marriage" by Stephanie Laurens (large print), presented by The Water Aerobics Mermaids.

In Memory of Florence Alabaugh, "Blue Skies" by Catherine Anderson (large print), presented by The Water Aerobics Mermaids.

In Memory of Harry Fierverker, "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow, presented by Beth Rosenthal and the Bridgely Bridge Club.

In Memory of Loretta Reese, "Founding Mothers" by Cokie Roberts, presented by Tom and Dee Shone.

In Memory of Thomas F. Heffernan, "Encyclopedia of Genetics" v.1 (reference), presented by Dallas Horse Show.

In Memory of Nancy Rimple, "Encyclopedia of Genetics" v.2 (reference), presented by Dallas Horse Show.



Alyssa Daily, 7, and her sister, Mary, 5, of Mehoopany watched the walls of their new home being constructed.

Newest Wyoming County Habitat home is going up

The newest Habitat for Humanity house in Wyoming County has begun to take shape in Mehoopany. More than a dozen volunteers, ranging in age from 14 to more than 60, installed floor joists, lay floorboards, and built walls. The home, located on Schoolhouse Hill Road, is the fifth Habitat home to be built in Wyoming County.

Among the workers were the future Habitat homeowners, who must contribute 400 hours of their own labor, or "sweat equity," on the construction of their home as part of a partnership agreement with Habitat. The second phase of their partnership will begin after they move in, when they will begin making payments on a special 0 percent interest mortgage offered by Habitat.

Longtime Habitat volunteer Dave Ragnacci of Tunkhannock brought his son, Chris, 14, to the worksite to try his hand at some carpentry work. "I asked my son to join me because I

look for opportunities to do things together that we both enjoy and that offer life lessons — in this case, the feeling of helping of others, the sense of accomplishment, and the good feelings of hunger and tiredness after a day of hard work," said Ragnacci.

Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity is an all-volunteer, non-profit, non-government organization that builds simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with low-income working families in need. All donations are raised and put to use locally. Habitat organizers hope to finish the home currently under construction by early fall.

For information about volunteering, or if you are business owner interested in donating building materials, call Karen Weese at 836-3067. Financial donations are also gladly accepted: Mail checks to Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 308, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

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