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Snyder twins return from Iraq

Charles and Philip Snyder are twins, and both felt the call to duty.

By SANDY PEOPLES
Post Correspondent

KINGSTON — A small flag hangs in the window at Don and Shirley Snyder's home. It is a Blue Star Mothers Flag, a sign of support, hope, pride and concern for

family members serving in the military.

Its use is reminiscent of the World War II and Korean War eras. The Snyders' flag is even more unusual because it is adorned by not one, but two stars.

That's because the Snyders' 27-year-old twin sons, Phillip and Charles, have recently returned from serving in the Army and the Marines in Iraq.

Charles and Philip are 1996 graduates of Lake-Lehman High School and both felt the call to serve their country at this time.

"We always told our kids to live life outside of their comfort zone," said Shirley Snyder, "and to do what they know to be right. We are a military family with strong convictions and strong faith. We are

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Phillip, left, and Charles Snyder stand on their parents' front porch near the Blue Star Mothers Flag displayed by their mother and father as they waited for their sons' safe return from Iraq.

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SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS STORY



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Harry "Buck" Edwards, left, is taking life easier since handing over responsibility for Huntsville Nursery to his son, Ralph, the third generation to run the business.

Tending to a family enterprise

A third generation, and change, for 80-year-old Huntsville Nursery.

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Post Correspondent

LEHMAN TWP. — Ralph Edwards recently had an 80th birthday to celebrate, although it's not his own.

Edwards, 54, is the president and third-generation owner of Huntsville Nursery, which opened its doors 80 years ago. The business was started by his grandfather, Harry "Doc" Edwards, with a World War I veteran's bonus in 1924. Harry Edwards had

originally trained as an optometrist, but had found that line of work unfulfilling. He was an avid outdoorsman, and so he began a garden center and landscaping business.

The fledgling company kept afloat with the help of a landscaping contract from College Misericordia in Dallas during the Great Depression. Harry "Buck" Edwards, now 82, a World War II veteran, joined his father in the business after the war. He later taught the business to his son Ralph, who got into the family business in the late 1970s after receiving a degree in landscape architecture from SUNY and Syracuse University. He believes that with the 80th anniversary comes a change in direc-

tion.

That shift includes closing the retail store on Old Route 115 and focusing on residential landscaping, which, according to Edwards, is the main income producer for the company.

"There is a lot of building going on in the Back Mountain area right now," said Edwards. "There are certain evolutions in business that you have to adapt to. You have to find your niche, which, for us, is residential landscaping, and to some extent, commercial landscaping."

And adaptation is a strong point for this busi-

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Farmers Market begins Saturday

The weekly event will be held at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library and Dallas Borough have announced plans for a Dallas Farmers Market, to be held on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning July 31 and continuing through October 2. The weekly farmers market will be held on the grounds of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, at the intersection of Huntsville Road and Franklin Street in Dallas Borough.

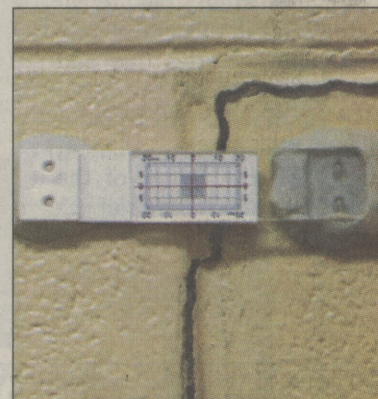
A survey of local residents was recently conducted to gauge interest in a farmers market and the response was overwhelmingly in support.

Back Mountain Memorial Library Board President Joe Stager said the farmer's market would provide the library an opportunity to generate much-needed revenue in face of continued budget cuts by the Commonwealth to libraries across the state, including the Back Mountain Memorial Library. "We have lost a tremendous amount of money like other libraries in the state, and we are looking for ways to offset the cuts", Stager said.

Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough

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Old Kunkle baseball field may be going to the dogs

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DALLAS TWP. — If a request made of the supervisors July 20 is approved, dogs will learn to obey on the land where boys once learned to play baseball.

Owners of a Clinton, New Jersey dog obedience school, Donovan K-9 attended the meeting of supervisors to ask permission to use the abandoned township-owned baseball field in Kunkle as a training site.

Dominick Donovan and co-owner Eugene Vodovos purchased Haddell's Kennel on July 1 and hope to extend training services to new and existing clientele. Also known as Pet Care Associates, Inc. the kennel has a veteri-

nary hospital, supply store and an indoor training room.

The Donovan k-9 web site at www.donovan k-9.com lists training services for competitive sports such as obedience, agility and schutzhund. The dogs would be transported from the kennel to the field by vehicle.

Donovan and Vodovos said that the field is strewn with broken beer bottles and debris and they will clean and maintain it if they are given the go-ahead.

Conrad Higgins asked what kind of dogs would be trained on the field. "Generally speaking, it's all-breed obedience and agility style training," Donovan said. He specializes in training working

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FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Rollin' down the river

Nearly 100 paddlers turned out July 17 for a fun day/fundraiser to benefit the North Branch Land Trust. They took a 12-mile jaunt down the Susquehanna River from Mehoopany to Tunkhannock, stopping for lunch along the way. Ready to shove off at Mehoopany were Jeremy Spak, of Falls, left, and his cousin, Pat Healey from Kingston Township.