

### Kingston Township Lions grill out

The Kingston Township Lions Club recently held a "burger burnout" at Sam's Club, Wilkes-Barre Township. From left, Jeff Katra, Sheree Senausky, Bob Leonardi, Sharon Senausky, Mike Bendick, Pat Oschal and Sean Fleming. The Lions meet the first and third Thursday every month at 7 p.m. at Tommy's Roadhouse, Shavertown. Anyone interested in becoming a member can contact Mike at 905-6865.



### Benefit to fight MS

Northeast Pennsylvania members of the Team EI -Royal Spinners Cycling Team will hold a benefit to raise money for the upcoming MS City to Shore 150 Bike Tour. The benefit will be held on Thursday, August 5 at Leary's Cork and Keg on Division Street in Kingston. Entertainment will be provided throughout the night, beginning with Jared Campbell from 6-7; Big Daddy Dex from 7:30-9:30, and Crush from 10 p.m. on. Various drink specials will also be available. A minimum donation of \$6 at the door will go directly to the Multiple Sclerosis Society to aid in funding research and providing services to those suffering from this debilitating disease. For further information or to make a donation, call 574-0464.

### Lake Township taxes due

Lake Township school property and per capita tax bills were mailed to the address of property owners July 15. If taxes are paid by a mortgage company or bank, the property owner is responsible for forwarding the bill to them.

County and municipal taxes are now due at penalty value. The last day to pay all 2004 taxes is December 15. In addition to the hours and office location printed on the tax bills, taxes may be paid at the municipal building on Route 29 two Saturdays, Aug. 14 and Aug. 28, between 10 a.m. and noon. Call 639-1522 with any other questions.

### Vendor spaces available

Vendor spaces are available for the 16th annual Order of the Eastern Star craft sale and flea market, to be held Saturday, Aug. 21 at the OES building on Foster Street in Dallas, behind the CVS pharmacy. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the rain date is Aug. 28.

Spaces are 8' by 12' and cost \$10 each. Lunch and Welsh cokes will also be sold.

For information, call 675-1367 or 675-7247.

### IN SERVICE



### Price speaks about duty in Iraq

Dallas resident Jerry Price, a U.S. Naval Reserve chief petty officer and licensed geologist, spoke recently at Allentown Business School about his experiences during a five-month, 2003 tour of duty in Iraq with Naval Construction Battalion 21.

Price's unit, after entering Iraq just days behind main Coalition forces, provided key support and brought humanitarian aid to residents in the port of Umm Quaser, then moved north to As Samawah, continuing humanitarian work as well as support for units of the United States Marine Corps.

Midshipman 3/C John W. Gilligan has been named to the dean's list for the fall and spring semesters at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. He has just completed a two-week tour with the U.S.S. Augusta, a naval attack submarine. While on board, he took the Con for a mock man-overboard exercise. He is currently on board a 108 foot YP training boat traveling from Norfolk, Virginia, to New York City and then to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He is a 2003 graduate of Dallas High School.

### Wyoming Area Class of '84 seeks mates

Wyoming Area Class of 1984 reunion committee is looking for addresses of classmates. Personal information may be updated on

www.waclassof84.org. Additional committee members are sought to plan a reunion. Anyone interested, sign up on the website or contact Michele Manta at 693-0786.

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ments may be subsidized, or reduced, based on the applicant's income.

Call the Wyoming office at 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

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