

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston recently presented its annual Joseph C. Donchess Distinguished Service Award to four people who have demonstrated exceptional service to the community and Wyoming Seminary, or who have achieved significant accomplishments in their professions. One of the recipients was Ann Mueller Coughlin, Class of 1947, Dallas, for her work as a community volunteer. The Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Wyoming Seminary Board of Trustees on behalf of everyone associated with the school. It expresses appreciation for the life and example, sacrifices and devotion of those who are honored.

Julie N. Kuschke, a Harveys Lake native, is the business manager of the fine jewelry department of the international auction house, Bonhams & Butterfields, San Francisco, California. Kuschke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuschke, Harveys Lake.

Kuschke's role includes traveling to major cities for client relations and jewelry shows, coordinating off-site auctions, and auctioneering. Kuschke works with high profile dealers, supplying jewelry to such celebrities as Madonna and Naomi Watts. Kuschke's previous position was acquisitions coordinator for the San Francisco Franklin Bowles Gallery. In this role, Kuschke analyzed financial performance of artist programs and was director of the LeRoy Neiman Program.

Kuschke was a summa cum laude, Master of Science graduate in education, education leadership division, from the University of Pennsylvania, and was a summa cum laude Bachelor of Arts graduate in art history from Lafayette College.

Sarah Podehl, a 1998 graduate of Dallas High School, graduated in May magna cum laude from Temple University School of Pharmacy. She has passed the Pa. State Board of Pharmacy exam and has accepted a position with Acme Pharmacies in Philadelphia. She is the daughter of Ned and Betsy Podehl.

Need extra copies of this week's Post?
They are on sale at local newsstands through Saturday



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Now that's safe driving

Dallas letter carrier Daniel Jones is congratulated by Dallas Postmaster Kristen Tucker, after receiving the prestigious National Safety Council's "Million Mile Club" award for more than 30 years of accident-free driving on the job.

Sewage

(continued from page 1)

complaint in recent years. Mark Sobek, president of the Harveys Lake Protective Association, said he is satisfied with what he has seen — or rather hasn't seen — in recent months. He drives past Point Breeze every day, "where they used to blow off all the time." He has seen no leakage, and the issue has not come up for months at association meetings.

"It's almost out of my mind already," he said. Richard Boice, the authority's executive director, said a complete correction will be neither fast nor cheap.

"This is not a quick-fix thing," he said last week. A 13-page Corrective Action Plan that describes a variety of work on the system is available for public review and comment through Sept. 10 at the authority office on Route 415. The plan anticipates work taking place through 2006 before the issue is entirely addressed.

How big can the spike in flow be? About one million gallons a day, said Boice. He said a typical day's volume on clear days is 300,000 to 350,000 gallons, which he says is not much different from 25 years ago.

But if there is a three-inch rain storm, the flow can reach 1.4 million gallons. "And then it stops just as quickly," he said.

The most expensive component of the action plan is a request from the state Department of Environmental Protection for six meters to monitor the flow of waste water through the system. The meters and installation would cost \$120,000, Boice said.

"We're looking at several hundred thousand dollars," he said, to finish the entire project.

ect. The authority has already started on some of the elements of the plan, and the results have been gratifying.

Sealing manholes and tracking down basement sump pumps that are illegally connected to the sewers has brought the daily flow down by about 250,000 gallons, Boice said.

He gave the example of one manhole, since patched, which leaked at a rate of 20 gallons per minute during heavy storms.

"We're up to nearly 800 home inspections," Boice said, and 60 illegal pump hookups have been found, as well as rain gutters and yard drains that were improperly connected. So far, he said there has been no resistance to removing the connections.

"Many people who bought homes didn't even realize it's illegal," Boice said, and they cooperate when told to direct basement water into their yards and not the sewer.

Sobek said his house was inspected for a sump pump within the past two weeks, and passed.

While pleased that the visible leaks have stopped — "We haven't had any outflows; that's 100 percent ahead" — Niskey isn't ready to accept Boice's claim about the reduction. Flow statistics he has seen are much higher than what the authority is saying.

"The numbers don't match," Niskey said.

There can be exceptions to the moratorium, but they will be handled on a case-by-case basis. One option may allow use of a holding tank until the moratorium is lifted, but the borough must adopt an ordinance allowing the practice.

Another source of unwanted

See the plan

The Corrective Action Plan produced by the Harveys Lake Municipal Authority will be available for public review and comment through Sept. 10. It can be seen at the authority office on Rt. 415 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Some highlights of the plan:

- Inspect all properties that could be contributing to the flow of storm water into the system.
- Set priorities for repairs based on the rates of inflow and infiltration.
- Identify sections of the system requiring construction projects.
- Prepare new ordinances and regulations, particularly regarding new connections and abandoned structures.
- Develop a procedure for review, permitting, inspection and testing of proposed connections and disconnections.

water is abandoned properties where the sewer line has not been capped. Those lines aren't exposed, Boice said, but using the original installation maps, he has been able to find them.

The correction plan was drawn up by Borton-Lawson Engineering, and John Levitsky, an engineer involved with waste water for nearly 20 years, also is pleased with the pace of work thus far.

"Little by little, they're eating away at all these problems," he said. "The manholes aren't dancing any more."

But there is more work to be done. Levitsky said when he began to study the problem in May, 2003, he hoped to find a few major leaks that could be quickly repaired. While some large areas of infiltration have been identified, it soon became obvious there were lots of little ones.

"You've got a substantial amount of piping," he said, along with 600 manholes, each a possible source of inflow. Levitsky is encouraged that there have been no overflows this year, but there is still too much water getting into lines. "We still have an increase during storm events," he said.

Niskey is concerned that more needs to be done. He

Remembering Jane Fund will host event to aid cancer victims

The Remembering Jane Fund of the Luzerne Foundation will celebrate the life of Jane Yocum with a night of food and entertainment from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 11, 2004, at the Irem Temple Country Club Pavilion, Dallas. The cost is \$25 a person, and the cost includes soda and beer. A dinner buffet will be served from 7 to 9 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Big Daddy Dex & the Groove, Mother Nature's Son, formerly Strawberry Jam, Cat & the Fiddle, Bus 5, No Way Out, and Patrick Temple and Beth Acikewicz. A cash bar will be available, and 50/50 and gift basket drawings will be held. Proceeds from the event will benefit local cancer victims and other local charities. Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Gallery of Sound, Dallas and Wyoming Valley Mall, Wilkes-Barre; Gino's Shoe Store, Dallas; Hoss Garden Hut, Dallas; Humphrey's, Back Mountain Shopping Center, Shavertown; or by calling 674-3377 during the day or 287-3285 at night.

spokesperson, is pleased that the authority has taken initiative to address the problem.

"I think the borough has responded pretty well," he said. And he thinks taking action now averts stronger measures later.

"If the problem was left alone, it would impact the lake and be a great deal more expensive."

Borton-Lawson has helped the authority apply for a state Growing Greener grant that would buy a system to monitor the flow of liquid at each of the 14 pumping stations. The application was not funded in 2003 but has been resubmitted.

Levitsky would like to use portable flow meters, as well as those that are fixed in place. "The leaks are out in the system," he said, and portable devices would help to hone in on them.

Carmon said DEP is expecting to receive a final action plan in September, and would not step in with its own demands as long as the authority continues to address the problem.

Here comes the one and only
LUZERNE COUNTY FAIR
September 8-9-10-11-12
Route 118, Dallas/Lehman, PA

WEDNESDAY - Plus 3 @ 7 pm
THURSDAY - The Poets @ 7 pm and Barnyard Olympics @ 6:30
FRIDAY - Poverty/Neck Hillbillies @ 8 pm; Working Border Collie demonstration and Jousting Extravaganza
SATURDAY - Elsbear Hobbs' DRIFTERS 2 shows: 7 & 8:30 pm & Livestock Parade of Champions at 6:30 pm
SUNDAY - Pinmonkey @ 7 pm; Fireworks Finale, 9 pm Co-sponsored by S & S Amusements

\$6.00 ADMISSION Includes rides, parking, entertainment, exhibits, attractions, horse shows and much more!

PA pennsylvania STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

ALL WEEK: BUFFO the world's strongest clown, Skunk Racing, LawsonLand Learning Farm and Petting Zoo

Great Food ★ Arts & Crafts ★ Livestock Rides and Games ★ Agricultural Displays!

Fair opens: 4:00 pm Wed. thru Fri. 11:00 am Sat. and Sun.

Senior Citizens Thursday and Sunday - half price admission

570/675-FAIR • www.luzernecountyfair.com

WET BASEMENT?
NORTHEAST PA
B-DRY SYSTEM
Independent Licensee of B-Dry, Inc.
WWW.DRYBASEMENT.NET
WILKES-BARRE 824-8808

The B-DRY SYSTEM has been proven to be **SO UNIQUE & SO EFFECTIVE** at eliminating basement leakage, that it has been awarded a United States Government Patent!
FREE ESTIMATE.

WINDOWS • ROOFING • SIDING
BELLES "Providing Quality Work Since 1957"
CONSTRUCTION CO.

WINDOWS Our Exclusive Plygem Custom Windows Combine Elegance & Performance. A Must See For Your Home.

SIDING National Award Winning Designs, Featured In Multiple National Publications.

For A Free Estimate Call **824-7220**
Like Our Prices, Love Our Quality • Financing & References Available

NATIONAL AWARD WINNING COMPANY

NEWS

Coverage Area: The Post covers the "Back Mountain" area of Luzerne County, including the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts, and southern Wyoming County. We try to get to as many events as possible, but staff and space limitations make it impossible to cover everything. If you have news about your family, town or organization, please send it to us and we'll try to get it in. Photographs are welcome. You may send items to the address above, or drop them off at the Uni-Mart in Dallas near the intersection of Routes 309 and 415. E-mail is the best and most timely method for submissions. Send items (digital photos, too) to: thepost@leader.net. Deadline is noon, Wednesday prior to publication.

Corrections, clarifications: The Post will correct errors of fact or clarify any misunderstandings created by a story. Call 675-5211.

Have a story idea? Please call, we'd like to hear about it.

Letters: The Post prints letters of local interest. Send letters to: Editor, The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711. All letters must be signed and include a phone number at which we can reach the author.

THE POST
TIMES • LEADER Community Newspaper Group

15 N. MAIN ST., WILKES-BARRE PA 18711 • 570-675-5211
thepost@leader.net

ADVERTISING

Display Advertising Deadline: Mondays at 5 p.m.
Call (570) 970-7102

We have a variety of rates and programs to suit your advertising needs. The Post satisfies most co-op ad programs. Creative services at no charge. Combination rates with The Abington Journal, Clarks Summit, and the Sunday Dispatch, Pittston available.

WANT A PHOTO?

We can provide color prints of photos taken by our staff. Only 8x10 is available, at \$25 for the first print and \$15 each thereafter. Prepayment required. Call, mail in, or stop by to order.

CIRCULATION

Orders for subscriptions received by Friday at noon will begin the following week. Please inform us of damage or delay, call 829-5000.

The Post (ISSN - 1551-1650)

Published weekly by Cypress Media, LLC. \$26 per year, in Luzerne and Wyoming counties (PA). Call 829-7141 for rates to other areas. Periodicals postage paid at Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-9998
POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711

©COPYRIGHT 2004: Entire contents copyrighted. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced by any means without the express written consent of the publisher.