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Teens tea party helps fight cancer

Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre group plans an event to benefit American Cancer Society.

By M.B. GILLIGAN
Post Correspondent

A group of area high school students are honing their leadership skills to help raise public awareness as well as funds that will be used for research on breast cancer. The 10 girls, along with their student and adult project advisors, have been working for several weeks to organize a Think Pink Tea Party to be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Woodlands Inn and Resort.

"We are required to do a community service project as members of Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre," said Hillary Smith, Shavertown. "We had a Think Pink Day at Dallas High School and that worked out well so we followed that idea."

The mother of one of the girls, Kira Szulborski, Shavertown, is a breast cancer survivor. The girls brainstormed various ideas revolving around a mother/daughter get together and came up with a tea party, complete with refreshments, live piano music, information booths and a special guest speaker.

"My mother recommended Chris Yanek, who is a breast cancer survivor," said Jillian Nataupsky of Dallas. "She knew that Chris had spoken to other groups and is involved with the Relay for Life."

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County seeks to smooth voting

By GAVIN ROBB
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Dallas Township Secretary Len Kozick, who has helped with the township elections since the 1970's, said lengthy delays during the November 2004 election were unusual and completely unexpected.

"I've never seen anything like that in all the years I've been here," said Kozick, "I've seen lines before, but never like that."

Fortunately for Dallas voters, scenes such as this may be a thing of the past, as Luzerne County officials have recently announced a tentative plan calling for several changes to the number of polling places throughout the area.

As the polls officially closed Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. in Dallas Township, the line of voters still waiting to cast ballots stretched around the perimeter of the

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LOONY AT LAKE-LEHMAN



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Duke University has its Cameron Craziess student section, and Lake-Lehman has these folks. We'll tag them the "Lake-Lehman Loonies." They were out in force when Lake-Lehman hosted Dallas in girls basketball last week. Leading the cheers were Eric Gronski, bottom center; Brittany Hillard, to his right; Stan Brudnicki, middle left; Matt Kosloski, middle center; and Rick Schofield, right center. Photos from the game, which was well worth cheering about, are on the sports pages.

Planners critical of proposed subdivision

Supervisors and developer discuss the plan in an unadvertised meeting.

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS TWP. — The plan for a new 101-lot subdivision lacks detail and contains many shortcomings, according to a Luzerne County Planning Commission engineer.

In nine pages of comments sent to the township, county engineer Joseph Gibbons questions roadway and traffic plans, stormwater management and several other aspects of the development.

Some of the strongest comments have to do with reliance on a single entrance road, which Gibbons refers to as "nothing more than a long cul-de-sac." He recommends two independent points of access, in case one is blocked.

At the Sept. 21, 2004 meeting, Supervisor Phil Walter said having two entrances would be one of the conditions for approving the development. That way, "If a tree comes down, or something happens, people aren't stranded," he said. But the preliminary plan shows a single entrance, off Harris Street, and an emergency access dirt road that leads out to Wyoming Road.

The proposed Saddle Ridge, located on 73 acres of land between Lower Demunds Road and Wyoming Road, is laid out for 101 lots, but that could change, depending on comments from the township engineer, zoning officer, the county and the supervisors.

There also are concerns about the pro-

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Ready, set, kindergarten

Lake-Lehman program gets youngsters at ease with school, long before fall.

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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ROSS TWP. — Ready for kindergarten? Thanks to a Kindergarten Readiness Program, that is one question most Lake-Lehman School District parents can easily answer by the time their children need to register.

"We've had this program for about 20 years and it is very nice," said Patty O'Neill, guidance counselor for Ross and Lehman-Jackson elementary schools. "The children get to go with the kinder-

garten teachers for a while and they like that." The program was also held at the Lake-Noxen Elementary.

The program consists of four parts, with youngsters and their parents invited for each section. "In October they do a Reading Readiness program and then Math Readiness in November. In April, they get a ride on the school bus," said Donald James, principal at Ross Elementary. "The February program is about Health and Nutrition, and they do cover some preliminary kindergarten registration information."

The children and parents even had an opportu-

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Macenzie Love and Angela Lockavich enjoyed their first lunch in the school cafeteria.

COG members plan to press on after administrator quits

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS — Members of the Back Mountain Area Council of Governments hope the resignation of Dallas Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz as administrator does not jeopardize the organization.

In a letter dated January 29, Moskovitz said his decision was driven in part by implications that he couldn't be trusted with grant funds. He specifically cites comments made at the most recent COG meeting by officials from Kingston Township, one of the four member municipalities along with the borough and Dallas and Lehman townships.

John Oliver, president of the Dallas Borough Council, said the episode would cause the borough to back off from its leading position in the COG. "Maybe it's time for us to step back," he said, and allow other members to take more responsibility. He is particularly hopeful Kingston Township, whose representative takes chairmanship of the COG board in April, will become more involved.

Oliver said he had talked with Moskovitz about his resignation. "He doesn't want it to be about him. He wants it to be about regionalization."

The COG was formed in 2002, and Moskovitz has helped

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Tuning up Jim Laviska, Falls, finds a quiet place in the stacks to rehearse his songs before performing at the Back Mountain Memorial Library's "Wordhorde," which took on a coffee house atmosphere. More photos on page 2.

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