

Young Dallas squad making noise on the court.

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LOCAL RELIGIOUS HISTORY IN STONE AND WOOD

Talk will focus on the region's churches

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College Misericordia is compiling an online database of local historical photos. Page 2.

Association, at College Misericordia on April 28 at 7 p.m. His talk, titled "Religion Comes to the Back Mountain: Churches of Our Area," will include slides of pictures and postcards Killian has collected.

"There are so many different denominations and it's an integral part of the community," Killian explains. "I thought it would be interesting for people to follow." The pres-

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This postcard shows the old Shavertown United Methodist Church (1903 building). It stood in the same spot as the new one, on land given to the church by local farmer Theron Ferguson. The postcard was sent to the congregation by the minister, W.S. Wilcox.

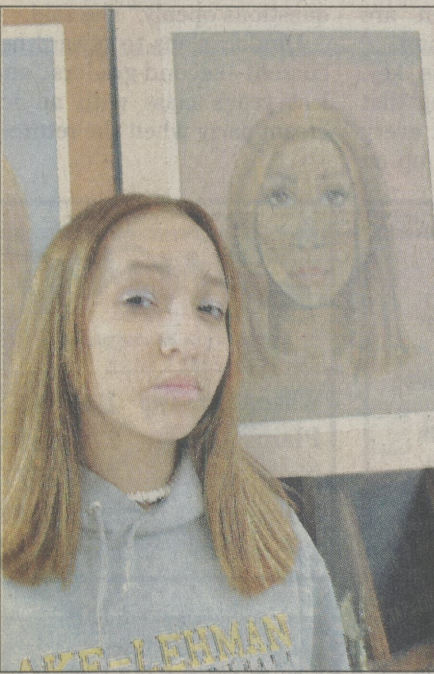
According to the Attorney Stephen Killian, treasurer of the Luzerne County Historical Society, churches in the Back Mountain started out humbly as small gatherings in people's homes.

"The people of the different denominations wanted to maintain affiliation with the denomination, so they gathered with like-minded people,"

he explains. "Ministers would 'ride the circuit,' moving to different houses. When the group outgrew the house, they found land and built a church."

Those buildings will be the subject when Killian speaks at the next meeting of the Back Mountain Historical

Students of art



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Fine arts students at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School displayed their recent work in the high school lobby in the hours preceding a school troupe's performance of South Pacific. The exhibition was organized by art teacher Richard Derby. In photos, clockwise from top: Lake-Lehman senior Julianna Malcomb takes responsibility for this creature; Domanique Glatz, Dallas, takes time to smell tulips that brightened the setting; Aressa Grady, Sweet Valley, a sophomore, poses with a self-portrait.

Saddle Ridge gets closer to approval

Commission has issues with road grades. Another large plan is pulled back.

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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DALLAS TWP. — It has been two steps forward and one step back for the developer of the proposed Saddle Ridge subdivision.

John Halbing, who sits on the Planning Commission, said at the April 12 meeting that he expects to have answers within a few weeks to all the concerns about the 101-lot development.

"We're hoping to get a vote at the next meeting," he said. He is concerned that further delay will cause him to miss this year's building season, adding expense to the project. "Were behind where we want to be."

Another proposed large development, the 145-lot

Goodleigh Manor, was pulled off the commission's table so that its roads and drainage can be revised.

"It seems at this point the supervisors either have or will be changing the road grades," said Jim Comes of Landview Properties. "From the standpoint of the lots it makes sense to raise the grades up."

After Comes informally presented his plan to the supervisors last year, the board adopted a resolution reducing the maximum allowable grade to 7 percent. But when Halbing protested earlier this year that the limitation was unreasonable and costly to meet, the supervisors pro-

"I know it's inevitable."

Joan Schooley
Neighbor to
Saddle Ridge

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Cleanups are Saturday

Toby's Creek, Back Mountain Trail and Frances Slocum Park will welcome volunteers.

By RONALD BARTIZEK
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Last year's cleanup of Toby's Creek provided plenty of reason to repeat the exercise, both as a cause for community cooperation and a meaningful contributor to environmental quality.

"We were really impressed and pleased with the turnout last year," said Dallas Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz. Last April, about 50 people showed up behind the Commonwealth Telephone office on Lake Street, and in a few hours dragged out a dump truck load of tires, countless plastic bags and other assorted

trash. This year's target area is along the west side of Route 309, starting across from the Offset Paperback plant. "We are working our way up towards the Uni-Mart," Moskovitz said. That's where 11-year-old Robbie Lewis found a dollar bill last year, and his big sister, Megan, found an old 33-rpm record.

Dr. Bruce Goeringer has volunteered the parking lot at his dental office as a staging area. Just downstream, volunteers will notice a tree left from last year's flooding that is caught up at the bridge over Orchard Street. Moskovitz said some federal funding will be used to pay for its removal.

The event is being held in conjunction with the "Great Pennsylvania Cleanup," a statewide anti-litter cam-

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Dallas teacher is one-of-a-kind

Kerry Landon is awarded national honor for math teaching.

Staff report

Dallas Elementary School math teacher Kerry Landon has received the 2004 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Landon, 34, was presented with the award last week in Washington, D.C., where she shared the spotlight with other winning math and science educators from throughout the country.

Landon and the other educators

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TOBY'S CREEK FLOODING

Meeting leaves feelings of frustration

A \$5 million allocation for flood control is useless without feasible projects. There are few, if any.

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK
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KINGSTON TWP. — Residents and officials were disappointed with what they heard at an April 12 meeting to review a study of flooding along Toby's Creek and its tributaries.

Gordon Warren Jr., an engineer with Gannett-Fleming, the Harrisburg consulting firm that conducted the study,

could offer no viable solutions to flooding problems along the creeks. The year-long, state-funded study cost \$141,000 and seemed only to make residents and officials from Dallas Township, Dallas Borough and Kingston Township angry and frustrated.

When public comment was solicited, Shavertown Fire Chief Gary Beisel said he thought the study was skewed and inaccurate, that the gauges used to collect samples were located in Luzerne, that data was old, and that the study didn't reflect what the stream is like today.

Warren defended the methodology and noted that it contained all updated figures to account for changes. An unsatisfied Beisel said he was tired of standing on Bob Nicely's property, across from the fire station, and saying, "Well, here comes Toby's again."

Nicely had a shorter assessment of the meeting: "This is a waste of time."

Richard Adamshick, an owner of Pizza Perfect, lamented one of two actions found feasible, removing a historic stone-arch bridge behind the restaurant. "You mean you spent all

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