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resources of that watershed," Longmore said recently. "I've had environmentalists working next to lifelong sportsmen. They're local volunteers whose focus is on conservation of their watershed."

Longmore will help the group to organize, and then to apply for grants that can be used to improve the creek. Two associations in Wyoming County recently received grants valued at more than \$600,000 that will be used to rebuild stream banks in a natural fashion along Bowman's Creek and Tunkhannock Creek.

In March, group members noted the creek's historic value and natural beauty, along with its role as a catch basin for storm water runoff.

Longmore predicts that runoff will be Toby Creek's most significant issue. As fields are developed into residential

ARRIVE EARLY, WALK THE CREEK

The Toby Creek group plans to hold its next meeting Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. at Pizza Perfect in Trucksville. During the open session, members plan to write a mission statement and propose goals. A short walk along the creek, with views of a historic stone-arch tunnel and mill foundation will precede the meeting. There is no charge to attend. For more information, call Gail Smallwood at 675-3969.

neighborhoods, water that used to be absorbed becomes runoff. This can lead to pollution flowing directly into the creek, flooding and streambed erosion.

All the municipalities along the creek have been invited to send a representative to the meeting. Anyone with an interest is welcome. There is no charge.



Abigail Lewis, Lehman, and friend Nicole Silvetti enjoy a Tuesday night at the poker table in the Natona Room at Stax & Co. restaurant in Dallas.

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schools, scout groups and other children's groups. The pack contains a yellow rain poncho, and a three-tone whistle. "If they get lost, they can sit on the poncho, instead of sitting on the ground, and if they get cold, they can wrap themselves up in it," he said. The poncho's color also makes it easier to spot a lost child, and search dogs can hear the whistle's different tones.

"I think it's worthwhile," Chesnovitch said. "Tax dollars at work, I think this is great." Crime watch meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be on May 26 at 7 at the municipal building.

In other business, the supervisors:

- Welcomed Diane Losh the new township secretary. Losh started on March 30 and her hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Appointed William Buckman to the vacant seat on the General Municipal Authority. An employee of Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority for over 20 years, Buckman's six-year term is retroactive to January 1.

- Motioned to reject all road material bids that were opened at a public meeting on Friday April 29 and to re-advertise for new bids. The new bids will be reviewed on Friday, May 20 at 8 a.m., followed by a special public meeting at 9 a.m. in which a bid will be awarded.

- Announced the fire department's open house on Sunday, June 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The new tanker will be on display and there will be free refreshments. There will be children's activities and prizes as well as fire safety tips and demonstrations.

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TOP 50

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ees and, with the exception of my two partners, they are all women," Durkin said. "We provide jobs for women with flexible schedules, a lot are part-time, to accommodate for the demands on women working in the year 2005."

Throughout her career Durkin has been involved with training medical students, nursing students, pharmacy students and college students, many of whom were women. She also took part in a study by Penn State University's Worthington Campus in Dunmore that focused on the reasons behind the decline in interest in math and science among girls in their middle school years.

Community involvement is another criteria used by the judges. "We've been involved with the Dallas Harvest Festival since it started," Durkin said. "We have a booth and do blood pressure screenings and hand out information. I really enjoy that."

Dallas Family Practice also

sponsors teams for Back Mountain Baseball and Back Mountain Soccer. In addition, Durkin is involved with various ministries for St. Therese's Church in Shavertown that include the Marriage Preparation Ministry, Women's Retreats, and the Elizabeth Ministry.

The tenth annual Best 50 Women in Business Awards will be presented by Governor Edward Rendell, Secretary of Community and Economic Development Dennis Yablonsky, and five Pennsylvania business journals.

"These dynamic women have excelled as business owners and business leaders," said Secretary Yablonsky. "Their outstanding contributions to commerce and our communities help make Pennsylvania a better place to work and live." The 50 winners will be highlighted in special supplements of the five journals.

Durkin and her husband live in Trucksville and have two sons, Arnie, 10, and Tommy, 6.

Local eatery offering a varied menu of entertainment

By GAVIN ROBB
Post Intern

Under the guidance of long-time Dallas resident Rich Burkhardt, the Dallas based bar and restaurant Stax and Co. is now offering a varied entertainment schedule and a revamped menu to its Back Mountain clientele.

From poker tournaments and comedy nights to both local and regional musical acts, Burkhardt has brought a versatile lineup to the eatery since his appointment as manager last July.

Burkhardt said the recent changes have allowed Stax and Company to stay current in an industry riddled with trends.

"We keep changing the menu for the changing times," Burkhardt said, "We wanted to make the menu a little more

up-scale, and that's what we did."

The menu remodeling isn't the only culturally current item on the list of recent changes.

The year-long and seemingly inescapable poker obsession that has managed to swallow popular American culture has also worked its way into Stax's weekly lineup, as the restaurant hosts "Texas Hold 'Em" tournaments every Tuesday night.

Burkhardt says the poker night brings a strong crowd of mixed ages, ranging anywhere from college students and their parents to well-seasoned seniors, all competing for prizes such as t-shirts, tickets to the Wednesday evening Comedy Club, and other low stakes giveaways.

For those who hold little interest in poker, Stax offers

live music every weekend, featuring performances by both local artists, such as Daddy Dex, and regional performers, such as Clarence Spady.

A musician himself, Burkhardt says he holds close ties to some of the restaurant's weekly performers, such as local resident and Friday evening staple Bill Space.

Burkhardt says that Space's sets consist of popular covers from the seventies and eighties, coupled with an hour of jazz. Far from the average budding enthusiast, Space's performance draws on a lifetime of playing, says Burkhardt.

"I've known Bill for 30 years" he said, "He's been playing (music) for 35 (years), so he's been around."

The outdoor cabana opened May 1, creating another setting for live performances.

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