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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

ees and, with the exception

of my two partners, they are all

women," Durkin said. "We pro-

vide jobs for women with flexi-

ble schedules, a lot are part-

time, to accommodate for the

demands on women working

Durkin has been involved with

Throughout her career

training medical students,

nursing students, pharmacy

students and college students,

many of whom were women.

She also took part in a study

Dunmore that focused on the

reasons behind the decline in

interest in math and science

among girls in their middle

Community involvement is

another criteria used by the

judges. "We've been involved

Durkin said. "We have a booth

and do blood pressure screen-

ings and hand out information.

Dallas Family Practice also

with the Dallas Harvest

Festival since it started,"

I really enjoy that."

school years.

by Penn State University's

Worthington Campus in

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in the year 2005."

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.

sponsors teams for Back

Mountain Baseball and Back

ministries for St. Therese's

Church in Shavertown that

Retreats, and the Elizabeth

include the Marriage

Ministry.

Mountain Soccer. In addition,

Durkin is involved with various

Preparation Ministry, Women's

The tenth annual Best 50

will be presented by Governor

Edward Rendell, Secretary of

Pennsylvania business journals.

have excelled as business own-

ers and business leaders," said

Secretary Yablonsky. "Their

outstanding contributions to

commerce and our communi-

ties help make Pennsylvania a

better place to work and live."

"These dynamic women

Community and Economic

Development Dennis

Yablonsky, and five

of the five journals.

Women in Business Awards



Natona Room at Stax & Co. restaurant in Dallas.

Local eatery offering a varied menu of entertainment

By GAVIN ROBB Post Intern

Under the guidance of longtime 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

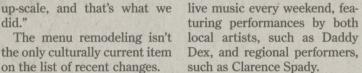
did."

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.

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

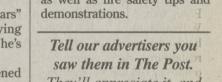


A musician himself, Burkhardt says he holds close ties to some of the restaurant's weekly performers, such as local resident and Friday evening staple Bill Space.

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.





Burkhardt says the poker





General the 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.

Buckman to the vacant seat on

Municipal

• 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 b children's activities and prize as well as fire safety tips and

They'll appreciate it, and so will we.



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KINGSTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS



Seated (from left) Dave Brodhead, Bob Wright, Sr. Standing (from left) Dave Jenkins, Chris Yankovich, Jeff Box CHRIS YANKOVICH, JEFF BOX AND DAVE JENKINS **SUPPORT** DAVE BRODHEAD AND BOB WRIGHT, SR. VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 17TH

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