

## Essay contest deadline Jan. 14

Students in grades 9-12 who reside in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts are invited to compete in the American Legion's 67th National High School Oratorical Contest.

Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the national contest.

The first place winner receives an \$18,000 scholarship, second place receives \$16,000 and third place takes home a \$14,000 scholarship.

Each state winner who is certified into, and participates in, the first round of the national contest will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. Each first round winner who advances to, and participates in, the second round but does not advance to the final round will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship to pursue education beyond high school.

The subject to be used for the oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States, with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. The oration must be the original work of each contestant and must not be less than eight minutes or longer than 10 minutes long.

Any interested student who resides in the Dallas or Lake-Lehman school district should contact Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 Dallas American Legion commander John Emil Sr. at 675-4461.

All applications must be received before Jan. 14, 2006. The American Legion also has information on how to qualify for more than \$138,000 in scholarships for students in high school or students who are being schooled at home.

## KOZEMCHAK CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY



Longtime Back Mountain resident Ann Wasnick Kozemchak recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Kozemchak was born Dec. 16, 1915 in Wilkes-Barre. In 1940, she married photographer James Kozemchak Sr. The couple was married for 43 years before he passed away in 1984. The Kozemchaks lived in Dallas for 43 years, raising sons Jim and Dave Kozemchak, and daughter Elaine Roberts. Kozemchak has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She enjoys baking and for many years supplied items for the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, as well as recipes for newspapers and recipe books. Family members and friends joined Kozemchak to celebrate her birthday during a surprise party at Irem Temple Country Club in Dallas. She resides at The Meadows apartments in Dallas. At left, Lisa Baker, representing state Sen. Charles Lemmond, presents a proclamation to Kozemchak.

## Chicken, seafood salad on senior menu

The Senior Citizens Center, sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties, offers hot meals at noon Monday through Friday to people age 60 and older. Donations from participants are accepted and needed in order to expand the program. For more information, call 822-1158.

The following is the menu for the week of Jan. 9:

Monday: Barbecue chicken, cabbage slaw, baked potato, corn muffin, fresh apple, milk and coffee.

Tuesday: Swiss steak, noodles, peas and carrots, orange juice, whole wheat bread, chocolate brownie, milk and coffee.

Wednesday: Creamed turkey over waffle, carrots, grape juice, fresh apple, milk and coffee.

Thursday: Stuffed peppers, whipped potatoes, whole wheat bread, pear cobbler, milk and coffee.

Friday: Seafood salad with lettuce and tomato, lentil soup, whole wheat roll, fruit yogurt, milk and coffee.

### CIVIC BRIEFS

#### Public invited to share nature

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society is inviting members of the community to share an interesting item regarding nature during its "Members' Night" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 at the Wild Birds Unlimited store in the Dallas Shopping Center on Route 309. The items may include - but are not limited to - films, poetry, passages from a book, photos, short videos and slides. The public is encouraged to attend. The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. except during the summer months.

#### Civil War weapons focus of meeting

Nathan M. McKenzie will present a program about Civil War weaponry during a meeting of the Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 in the lower level of the Dallas American Legion on Route 415 in Dallas. The program will include an exhibit and discussion about Civil War muskets, rifled muskets and revolvers. McKenzie is a retired elementary school teacher who lives in Fairmount Springs, near Benton. He also does reenacting and live history demonstrations at local schools and organizations. McKenzie's programs include information about the Revolutionary War, Civil War, World War II, and the Korean War. The public is invited to attend the

program.

#### Winter birds topic of meeting

Wyoming County Conservation District environmental educator Katina Brown will hold a presentation about winter birds from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock. Brown's presentation will focus on how the shape of a bird's beak determines its favorite foods and vice versa. There will also be an opportunity to make bird feeders. There is no admission charge, but registration is suggested. For more information, call 996-1500.

#### Audubon Society plans field trip

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will hold a bird watching field trip to Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre at 8 a.m. Jan. 22. The group will meet in the lot of the former King's Department Store and Reilly's Classic Car Museum near the intersection of Market Street and Dawes Avenue, Kingston. Anyone who attends is encouraged to bring binoculars and proper attire for outdoor weather. For more information, call Bob Wasilewski at 542-5948. The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society includes Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

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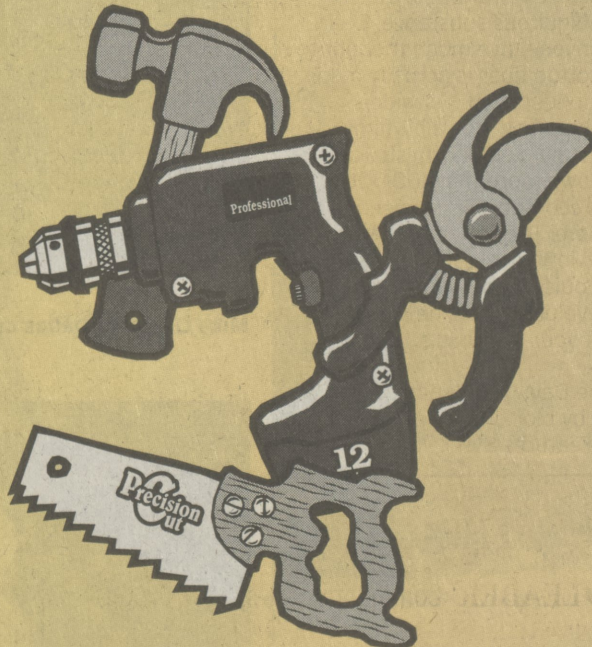
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