

CIVIC BRIEFS

Babysitting course to be held at library

A babysitting course offered by the American Red Cross will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 18 in the Community Room of the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. The class is open to boys and girls ages 11-15. The class will provide them with the skills and confidence needed to become a care provider.

Participants will learn how to perform first aid, understand how to get professional medical help fast, identify common safety hazards and prevent injuries, perform basic care routines like diapering, feeding and dressing, handle bedtime issues and more. A babysitter's handbook will be included and distributed at the program.

A \$40 course fee is due at the time of registration. Checks should be made out to the

American Red Cross. Registrations are being taken at the main desk of the library.

Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch to the program. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

Contra dance set for March 4

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and Folklore Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the Fellowship Free Evangelical Church, 45 Hildebrandt Road in Dallas Township.

The dance will feature the music of Kathy Shimborg and Carl Baron as "Tributary," along with caller Fern Bradley. No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission to the dance is \$7 for adults and \$18 for families.

Spring sale at BMT library

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A "Swing into Spring" sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road in Dallas. The sale will include wreaths, flower arrangements, Easter baskets, rabbit and duck novelties, stuffed animals, dolls, tableware, Mother's Day gifts and planters. The items will be sold at bargain prices. For more information, call the library at 675-1182.

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picked up beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4. It will be sorted, boxed and taken to the food pantry at the Trucksville United Methodist Church and the River of Life Fellowship Church. All donations will stay in the Back Mountain.

Living history part of presentation

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will hold its annual dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at Picketts Charge Restaurant in Dallas. John H. Ream III will portray 1st Sgt. John Samuel Apperson, a hospital steward in the Stonewall Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia. The living history presentation is taken from Apperson's diary during the years of the war.

Reservations must be made no later than March 2. For reservations or more information, including dinner prices, call Maureen at 256-4413.

Tunkhannock library hosting wine tasting

The Tunkhannock Public Library will hold its third annual wine tasting "Life is a Cabernet"

from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at the library on West Tioga Street in Tunkhannock. The event will feature wine, nonalcoholic beverages, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, coffee, a silent auction, a raffle and door prizes.

The cost is \$30 per person and proceeds benefit the library. A limited number of tickets are available. For tickets or more information, call the library at 836-1677.

Speakers series begins March 2

The inaugural Spring Speakers Series at College Misericordia will feature four faculty lecturers discussing topics ranging from the arts to the sciences. The series begins Thursday, March 2 and concludes Wednesday, April 25. The lectures are held at 7 p.m. in the Bevevino Library's third floor McGowan Room on the campus of College Misericordia. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library and faculty, the series is designed to welcome the community onto campus to share in

College Misericordia's wealth of resources. The talks span the arts and sciences and will outline faculty member's current research, library resources available to the public and what students can expect in terms of course work and possible careers.

A schedule and brief outline of the topics each lecturer will discuss during the Speakers Series can be found by visiting the Web site www.misericordia.edu.

New tax bills mailed in Dallas

A new state tax bill has been mailed to Dallas Borough residents. The bill is the result of a new data system at the Luzerne County Courthouse. The bar-coded bill must be presented along with your payment to tax collector Mark Van Etten.

Residents who do not receive a bill should call Van Etten at 675-1878. Residents requesting copies of receipts will need to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with their payment. Receipts will be returned stamped paid. Tax payments made before April 15 will receive a two percent discount.

FRIENDS

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cles and met Cleary's father, Jack, at his Cleary Forest Products office. From there, the group went to a small area between Center Moreland and Tunkhannock - affectionately known as "The Swamp" to the Clearys - where the father and son had spent many hours hunting and fishing.

"We built a fire and (the soldiers) told some wonderful stories about Mike," said Jack Cleary. "Many of them were stories I stories I didn't hear before. They knew the same Mike that I knew. They knew his laugh, his smile and his toughness, especially in the heat of battle."

First Lt. Peter Robinson met Mike Cleary at Sapper School, an intense course that teaches soldiers skills - such as demolishing bridges, roads and bunkers - to be light engineers. They also attended Officer Basic School together.

And it didn't take long for Cleary to make an impression on the Princeton University graduate.

"We hit it off right away," said Robinson, a native of Eagle, Idaho. "Mike and I got in and out of a few scrapes together. I lost some

men (killed in action), but no one as close to me as Mikey was. He was by far and away the best friend I had at Officer Basic."

Robinson says Cleary stood out among some of the Army's best soldiers.

"Mikey was the best of us. He really was," he said. "Of the guys who went through Officer Basic and Sapper School, if you said any of us were coming back to a happy life, it would have been Mike."

Perhaps no one knew Cleary during the heat of warfare better than Capt. Pat Hafner.

The Scranton Prep graduate says the two became close before they were deployed to Iraq a year ago.

"Two months before we deployed, we met while the company was on lock down," said Hafner. "We really hit it off. We're both from the same area, so we knew the same spots. We always talked about the things we wanted to do. We had a lot of big plans."

Hafner, who is the company's Executive Officer, sent Cleary and his men on a mission to destroy a bomb factory with a large cache of weapons that were being used by insurgent forces. The roadside explosion took place while the group was returning to the unit.

"It's rough, it's...," said the 26-year-old Hafner, his voice trail-

ing off. "We lost our first soldier, Justin Carter, on February 16 (2005). I don't think any of (the deaths) have started to sink in. Mike was such a great guy."

After the soldiers and Jack Cleary left the campsite, they joined the rest of the Cleary family and Kavanagh at Leary's Kork and Keg in Kingston. The special night of music was organized by Kavanagh and proceeds from the event will benefit the 1st Lt. Michael J. Cleary Foundation.

"I think (the visit) is rather bittersweet," said Hernandez, a graduate of Texas Christian University. "I think it's cliché to say, but it's the best way to describe it. I also think it's closure of everyone. It's still strange to know that Mike didn't come back with our unit and he's not coming back."



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Jack Cleary, father of Lt. Michael Cleary, greets members of his sons company. They gathered for a concert in memory of the fallen Dallas soldier organized by his fiancée.

FEINSTEIN

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thought she was joking around, but apparently she wasn't," he said.

Feinstein will not only hear major policy addresses from senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense as well as from directors of federal agencies during his week in Washington, he will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship for his undergraduate studies next year.

"I'm most looking forward to meeting the other kids," he said. "I did a summer program last

year with the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences and if these students are anything like they were, it will be great."

Learning more about public service is something he also hopes to acquire while in D.C., said Feinstein who will attend Yale University next year as an electrical engineering major.

"I want to learn what I need to do or what I can do to get on the right track as a leader," he said. "My goal is to get other kids motivated to be interested in our government. I think that is the problem right now, that people aren't interested in their political leaders."

WEGA

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had different groups of friends, but we had a lot of classes together. His father coached me for a short time in basketball and his mother was my English teacher. They're a very nice family. It's a great loss."

As the Dallas principal for two decades, Frank Galicki knew Kyle as a student. And as the dis-

trict's superintendent, he knew him as an employee.

"Kyle was very quiet, but he was a sneaky quiet," said Galicki. "When I was around, he was very quiet. But he was a very witty type of guy when he was around his friends. He was extremely funny. As a professional, he was brilliant. He knew had to deal with computers. When a problem perplexed him, he'd work on it for hours until he solved it."

"Kyle truly was a young shining star."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Puzzles, Page 2

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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