

CIVIC BRIEFS

Lake plunge set for March 18

The Back Mountain Relay for Life will hold its annual Polar Bear Plunge at noon Saturday, March 18 at Garrity Realty, Pole 89 in Harveys Lake. The organizers for this year's event are Caroline Boris, Chris Jones and Megan Devine. The cost to participate is \$10. Anyone who raises at least \$50 will receive a T-shirt. The public is invited to participate or watch from the shore. If taking the plunge, arrive early for registration. Baked goods and T-shirts will be available. For more information, call Boris at 696-1544.

Kunkle Fire Co. to hold breakfast

The Kunkle Fire Co. will hold all-you-can-eat breakfast from 5-10 a.m. Saturday, April 15 at the Kunkle Fire Station. The cost is \$5 per person.

Dallas lodge plans breakfast

George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons, will hold an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Sunday, March 12 at the Dallas American Legion on Route 415 in

Dallas. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds will benefit local charities. The breakfast will include scrambled eggs, hash browns, pancakes, sausage, danishes, coffee, tea, juice and hot chocolate.

Fashion show set for March 19

Dallas students Theresa Heintz and Mackenzie Hogue will hold a fashion show at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 19 in the Dallas High School auditorium. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The cost for admission is \$1 for students and \$3 for adults. Proceeds from the fashion show, which is being held as part of a senior completion project, benefits the mini-thon club at Dallas. The club assists kids who have cancer.

Bird-watching trip at Kirby Park

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society will hold a bird-watching field trip at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 26 at Kirby Park. The group meets 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. Bring binoculars and proper attire for a

morning outdoors. The public is invited.

The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society serves Luzerne and Wyoming counties. For more information or to register, call Bob Wasilewski at 542-5948.

A.C bus trip set for April 1

The Red Hot Divas, a Shavertown Red Hat Chapter, will hold its annual Atlantic City bus trip April 1. The cost is \$25 and seats are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Early reservations are recommended. For information about the time of the trip and rebate, call Vanessa at 262-8955.

Boy Scouts holding dinner

Boy Scout Troop 155 will hold its annual spaghetti dinner from 3-7 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the Trucksville United Methodist Church's educational building on Church Road. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children under age 10. Takeouts will be available.

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.

All-day bingo at fire company

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company will be holding an all-day bingo Sunday, March 19 at the company on Demunds Road. The

doors will open at noon and early birds start at 1:30 p.m. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to register, call Jim at 333-4911 or 333-4906.

Library looking for front desk help

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is looking for a full-time, front desk coordinator. The position requires someone who has strong computer skills (including Microsoft Office), adaptability, customer service skills, accuracy and the ability to be a team member. Send a resume to The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, Pa. 18612.

Speakers series at Misericordia

The inaugural Spring Speakers Series at College Misericordia will feature four faculty lecturers discussing topics ranging from the arts to the sciences. The series recently began and continues through 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.

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.

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.

New tax bills mailed in Dallas

A new style 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.

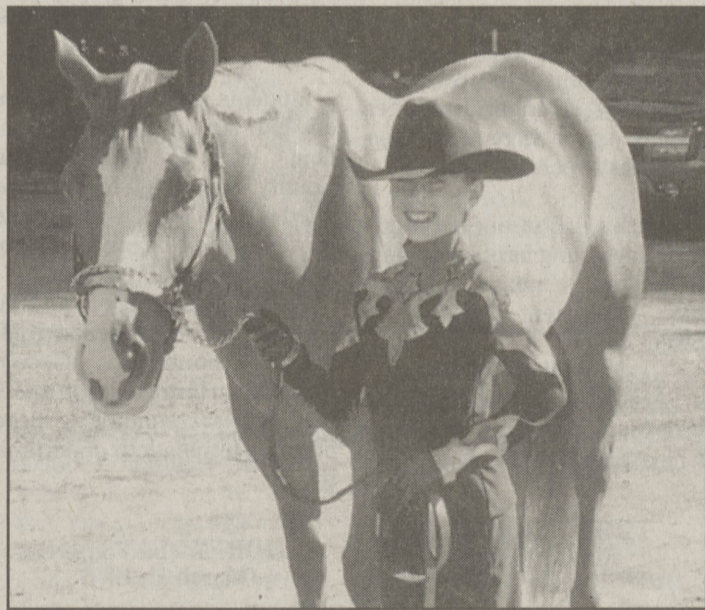
KING, QUEEN CROWNED AT THE MEADOWS



The Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas, recently held its annual Valentine's Day celebration. During the festivities, residents John and Anne Judge were chosen as King and Queen of Hearts, respectively, by residents, staff and visitors. The "royal" couple was presented with crowns, flowers and candy by activity director Nancy Space. Following the crowning, Flossie's Flossies chapter of the Red Hat Society entertained during a sing-a-long and visited with residents. Attending the event, from left, first row are Anne Judge and John Judge. Second row: Jannette Grieves, Sarah Strauser, Wilma Williams, Millie Wheeler, Betty Ambrose, Ruth Hess and Leah Clements.

LYNN CAPTURES SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP

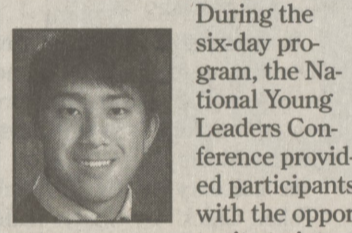
Sweet Valley resident Brittainy Lynn recently won the championship in the Beginner Walk/Trot 12 and under Western division at the Five County Show Series. It marks the second consecutive year Lynn has won a championship at the event. She shows and owns a 12-year-old registered quarter horse named Super Reality. The daughter of Lester and Sandy Lynn is a fifth grade student at Ross Elementary School.



PEOPLE BRIEFS

Gallagher attends conference in D.C.

Dallas resident Kyle Gallagher was one of several hundred high school students from around the country who recently took part in a leadership development conference in Washington, D.C.



Gallagher

During the six-day program, the National Young Leaders Conference provided participants with the opportunity to interact with a variety of personnel who operate within the three branches of government, the news media, and the international community.

The Bishop O'Reilly junior had the opportunity to meet with high ranking government officials, members of Congress, representatives of the international diplomatic community and national media figures. They also participated in a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club and an issue briefing conducted by a senior member of the President George W. Bush's administration.

Gallagher was nominated for the NYLC by Noreen Phillips, a guidance counselor at Bishop O'Reilly High School. The program recognizes students who have achieved academic excellence and possesses strong leadership potential.

Bucknell students make dean's list

Three Back Mountain residents were recently named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bucknell University. A student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher to receive dean's list recognition. The following Back Mountain

residents made the dean's list:

Conor Judge of Dallas. The son of Michael and Anne Judge is a 2005 graduate of Bishop O'Reilly High School. Dustin Kapson of Dallas. The son of David and Gail Kapson is a 2003 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. Megan E. Vodzak of Dallas. The daughter of Joseph and Susan Vodzak is a 2005 graduate of Dallas High School.

Students earn honor at King's

The following Back Mountain residents were recently named to the dean's list at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The students are listed with their respective hometowns. James Abrams, Dallas; Christopher Allison, Shavertown; Daniel Barry, Trucksville; Cory Brin, Dallas; Todd Buckley, Dallas; Brian Gill, Shavertown; Jennifer Gimble, Dallas; Angela Gri-glock, Dallas; Elizabeth Hildebrandt; Leigh Jacopetti, Dallas; John Leahigh, Dallas; Kristin Lipski, Shavertown; Kirk Makarewicz, Dallas.

Also, Tara McManus, Shavertown; Gracemarie Mike, Shavertown; Michael Miller, Dallas; Melissa Novitski, Shavertown; Lauren Pyskoty, Dallas; Jessica Ryan, Dallas; Jaclyn Schaffner, Shavertown; Samantha Simmonette, Dallas; Melissa Supczenski, Trucksville; Alison Taroli, Dallas; Jennifer Toth, Luzerne; Joseph Walko, Shavertown; Abigail Wasserott, Shavertown; Ashley Yanchik, Dallas; Mark Yanchik, Dallas; John Yanik, Dallas; and Michael Yurchak, Dallas.

Students graduate from Wilkes University

The following Back Mountain residents recently received their degree during Wilkes University's annual winter commencement. The students are listed with their respective home-

towns and degrees. Kimberly Fowler, Dallas, bachelor of arts, criminology; Robert Michaels, Dallas, master of business administration; Cheryl Montross, Dallas, master of science, education; Kristine Pruett, Dallas, master of science, education; Kyrston Strauch, master of science, education and Jennifer Bernick, Shavertown, master of science, education.

Gower, Emershaw make dean's list

Two Back Mountain residents were recently named to the dean's list at Syracuse University. Jaclyn Gower of Dallas is a senior majoring in marketing management, while Justin Emershaw of Shavertown is a sophomore majoring in general studies in management. To make the dean's list, students must earn a minimum grade-point average of 3.4.

Giunta named to King's post

Dallas resident Joseph Giunta was recently appointed Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving in the institutional advancement division at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. Giunta received his degree from King's College in business administration. He resides in Dallas with his wife Marty.

Gable joins U.S. Navy

Jesse Gable, a 1993 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program. The program allows recruits to enter the Navy and take up to one year to complete prior commitments. Using recruiters as mentors, the program helps recruits ease into the transition from civilian to military life.

Gable will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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