

Officials to enforce maintenance code

Dallas officials will begin vigorous enforcement of the recently approved borough Property Maintenance Code. Inspections will be scheduled for all property owners deemed in violation of the code and the borough will prosecute all offenders.

Recent routine property inspections in neighborhoods throughout the borough revealed numerous violations, including exterior property violations for property owners failing to maintain their premises in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The borough will require property owners to remove all vehicles not properly registered and inspected, inoperable motor vehicles, appliances littering yards, debris, rubbish or other inappropriate materials littering yard areas.

Dallas Borough officials strongly urge all of our property owners to respect their neighborhoods recognizing the quality of life that our residents have long enjoyed. Residents should note that the annual spring cleanup will be held May 1-6. Regulations governing the cleanup drop-off program will be finalized by the council during its regular meeting April 19.

For more information, call borough manager and zoning enforcement officer Joe Moskovitz at 675-1389.

Street sweeping

The Dallas Borough road department's annual spring street sweeping program is expected to begin immediately, weather permitting, and will continue until all roads have been swept clean.

The Road Department requests residents follow a few simple instructions to assist the staff in the collection of road cinders and winter materials deposited during the winter. Residents are asked to rake all cinders to the side of the road in even layers, avoiding large piles. Cinders must not be swept into the storm water catch basins.

Property owners should not fill containers with cinders in excess of 20-25 pounds. Rocks, tree limbs and yard waste should not be included for pick-up with the street cinders. Green recycling containers should not be placed near the road, as the curbside yard waste recycling pick-up is not scheduled to begin until the week of May 8.

For more information, call the road department at 674-5362.

CIVIC BRIEFS

Dinner to honor Barry Wagner

A testimonial dinner honoring Shavertown resident Barry Wagner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at Irem



Wagner

Temple Country Club in Dallas. The dinner is being held in recognition of Wagner serving as Worshipful Master of George M.

Dallas Lodge No. 531, Free and Accepted Masons for the 2005 Masonic year.

Wagner is a 1980 graduate of Dallas High School. He lives in Shavertown with his wife Heidi and their children Marcus, 11, and Courtney, 8.

Members and friends are invited to attend. Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner will be followed by testimonial presentations and dancing. The cost of dinner is \$30 per person, which includes the choice of prime rib or chicken franchise. Selection of dinner entrée and payment must be made no later than March 27.

Tickets are available from any lodge officer or by mailing a check made payable to George M. Dallas Lodge No. 531 to: Donald Ide, 7 42nd Street, Dallas, Pa. 18612. For more information, call Ide at 639-3233.

Nulton named state director

Shavertown resident Tim Nulton was recently named as Pennsylvania Director for



Nulton

Chrysler PT Cruiser Owners Club Inc. Nulton - who resides in the Back Mountain with his wife Jane and sons, Jordan and Tyler - is

the founder of "The Cruising Cruisers," which is part of the Wyoming Valley PT Cruiser's Group. "The Cruising Cruisers" has more than 30 members.

Nulton is the driving force behind the annual "Fundrive 4 A Cause," which raises money for Asperger Syndrome and other Autism Spectrum disorders. This year's event will be held Sept. 15-16. For more information about PT Cruiser Owners Club Inc., visit the Web site www.ptownersclub.com or call Nulton at 690-1304.

Blood drive to be held March 23

St. Therese's Church will hold an American Red Cross Blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at the church on Pioneer Avenue in Shavertown. Blood supplies are low and your donation is needed. In order to reduce the time you must spend at the drive, the Red Cross has initiated an appointment program and encourages advance registration. To participate in the program, call 823-7164, extension 2150 to schedule an appointment. Anyone 17 years

old, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate. First-time donor are welcome. Donors are reminded to bring a photo identification and, if applicable, a Red Cross card.

Booster club plans craft show

The Dallas High School Boys Soccer Booster Club will hold its annual Spring Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26 at the high school. Vendors from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey will be selling a variety of items. There is no admission charge. Proceeds from the event will benefit the soccer program.

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.

Contra dance to be held April 1

A New England Contra dance sponsored by the Chicory House and Folklore Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1 at the Fellowship Free Evangelical Church, 45 Hildebrandt Road in Dallas Township.

The dance will feature the music of "Jiggermeister" and caller Katy Heine. No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission to the dance is \$7 for adults and \$18 for families.

Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 6 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is invited.

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.

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.

Kunkle Fire Co. to hold breakfast

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

Chicken barbecue at Noxen Fire Co.

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a chicken barbecue from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at the fire hall on Stull Road. Dinners will be available for eat-in or takeout. The cost of the dinner is \$6.50.

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, 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.

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. For more information or to register, call Bob Wasilewski at 542-5948.



Scouts, from left, Rachel Habib, Alexis Spaciano, Molly Gilligan and Emma Lehman enjoy some New Zealand candy.

Gilligan earns award

More than 120 Brownie, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts from the Back Mountain's Service Unit 119 recently participated in this year's Thinking Day program at Dallas High School. Dallas resident Molly Gilligan organized the event as a part of a requirement to earn the Cadette Girl Scout's highest achievement, the Silver Award.

Thinking Day is an annual recognition of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world. The theme of this year's program was New Zealand. The Brownies and Juniors Scouts earned merit badges from the New Zealand Girl Guides organization. The evening's program contained stations run by Cadettes, such as one where the Scouts learned to count in three languages, including Maori. The girls made a replica of New Zealand's famous Kiwi birds, learned a Maori musical stick game, looked at pictures



Brownies, from left, Emma Doran, Kathleen Brown, and Julia Baloh learn how to play a New Zealand musical stick game.

and travel brochures, and were treated to a bit of tasty New Zealand candy made by Gilligan.

The program started with the group reciting the Girl Scout Promise and concluded with a Scout's Own Ceremony and a Friendship Circle, where all 120 scouts and many scout leaders in

attendance linked hands for the singing of "Taps."

Gilligan is a freshman at Dallas High School. She is a member of Cadette Troop 2654, which is associated with the Shavertown United Methodist Church. The Scouts are under the leadership of Margie Banks.

Local amusements topic of Historical Association meeting

The bi-annual meeting of the Back Mountain Historical Association will discuss the "Amusements of the Back Mountain" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26 in the Banks Student Center's Kennedy Lounge at College Misericordia.

Local historian Charles Petrillo, author of "Harveys Lake" will be the feature speaker. The discussion will focus on the attractions at Harveys Lake - such as Hanson's Amusement Park -

steamboats, hotels and other activities at the state's largest natural lake.

The Back Mountain Historical Association collects history of the Back Mountain and works in conjunction with College Misericordia and the Luzerne County Historical Society to collect photographs and oral history interviews. To review the photograph database, log on to www.backmountain.org.

If anyone is interested in do-

ating photographs to the database, contact Harrison Wick, College Misericordia archivist, at 674-6420.

The association holds meetings twice a year, usually in April and October. The last meeting attracted more than 170 people, who listened to Harry Owens Jr., discuss the Back Mountain Railroad. For more information about the Back Mountain Historical Association, call Marion Rogers at 674-3341.

BOY SCOUTS HOLDING SPAGHETTI DINNER



Boy Scout Troop 155 of the Trucksville United Methodist Church will hold its annual spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, March 25 in the Education Building on Church Road in Trucksville. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and children age 10 and older. The cost for children under 10 is \$3.50. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Scout member or at the door. All proceeds will benefit the troop.

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