

Action heats up at the annual Kingston Township Basketball Shootout



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## READING PROGRAM

### Statewide program begins in the Back Mountain



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Sarah Berholtz, 6, explains to her younger brother Jonathan the ins and outs of reading books.

# Learning to read by the book

By GENELLE HOBAN  
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DALLAS - For roughly the past 16 years Mary Baker has been telling stories and singing folk music throughout the Wyoming Valley.

Baker recently lent her storytelling talents to children at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on Huntsville Road to kick off its participation in the "Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child" program during National Library Week.

Pennsylvania libraries, public television and museums are joining forces to increase awareness among parents and the childcare community for literacy development. Using a one-book, one-state model, the goal of the yearlong program is for early literacy skills to develop using interactive experiences with both books and stories.

Baker, a former teacher and mother of two, read "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse" to more than 50 children and their families. A "Traveling Trunk" filled with mouse-related puppets and games for young children was available for hands-on creative play.

"When I was living in a small town in New York I fell in love with the art of storytelling," said the Kingston resident, 52. "I have master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee State University."

Baker said that in order to be a good storyteller, a person must have a story to tell that comes from the heart.

Participants in the program at the Back Mountain Memorial Library each received a paperback copy of "Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse." The families also received information about



Mary Baker, a singer and songwriter, performs for the children at the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

early literacy.

"Storytelling is one of the basics of literacy," Baker said. "Storytelling makes the listener make those really important brain connections. It's not about deciphering words or sounding them out, it's about understanding the meaning of the words."

Janet Bauman, the children's and young adult librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, said the main goal of a children's room in a library is to get people in to see what it has.

"We want to encourage caregivers and daycare centers to take reading one step further," Bauman said. "We want them to embellish on the reading."

Later this month, Bauman will visit the Head Start and Early Intervention programs in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts to read the book to children, present a story time, and speak with the teachers about early literacy.

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Shelby Harrison, a kindergarten student at Ross Elementary School is first in line for the annual Easter Parade. The kids paraded outside the school for their parents and sang two songs before parading through the classrooms.

# Creativity on parade

More than 30 years ago, kindergarten teacher Sue Thomas started an Easter Bonnet Parade at Ross Elementary School. And it's become an annual tradition.

This year's parade was held Wednesday afternoon at the Sweet Valley school under the direction of kindergarten teachers Jamie Hallowich and Linda Van Orden.

Each child creates a hat at home using anything they want. Creativity is stressed and over the years children have made hats out of everything from recycled items to baseball hats to Easter baskets to milk cartons. The parents who attended the event hear the singing of "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" and the "Easter Parade."



Garrett Kolb shows off the Easter hat that he made. Garrett says it was made of iron.



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The two kindergarten classes at Ross Elementary School line up to sing Easter songs to their parents.

# Dallas American Legion honors its longtime members

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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DALLAS - Herbert Dreher walked up to the podium and smartly saluted his commander. The salute was as sharp and crisp as it was five decades ago.

It's been more than 50 years since the Dallas resident served his country as a member of the military during World War II, but he found a way to continue serving it long after he put away his uniform.

And the Dallas American Legion thanked him for it last weekend.

Dreher was one of 10 members of Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 who were honored for being 50- and 60-year members during a special

breakfast at the Post Home on Route 415. The longtime legion members received a certificate and pin to recognize the accomplishment.

"It's a great honor," said Dreher after receiving congratulations. "A great honor."

Dreher, Raymond Daring, Gilbert Hillon, James Kenny, Willard Lozo Jr. and Theron Osborne were honored for being 60-year members, while William Guyette, Leonard Harvey, Alvah Jones and George McCutcheon were recognized for 50 years of service.

After eating breakfast, the crowd of more than 50 veterans and their family members joined

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The Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 recently honored longtime members and World War II veterans. Attending the breakfast, from left, first row are Alvah Jones, Joseph Drust and Herbert Dreher. Second row: Clarence Michael, Ed Buckley Stephen Salanski, Theron Osborne, Willard Lozo, and post commander John Emil Sr.

## We want to meet the candidates

The Post wants to give our readers a chance to get to know the candidates who are running for two high-profile offices in the May 16 primary election - state Senator in the 20th District and state Representative in the 117th Legislative District. All candidates are welcome to submit a biography no longer than 175 words. Longer information will be edited for length. Headshots of

the candidates are also welcome. All information - biography and photos - must be e-mailed to thepost@leader.net no later than Wednesday, April 19. Photos must be sent in a JPEG format and the biography must be sent as a plain text message. The information about the candidates will appear in the May 7 edition of The Post. For more information, call editor Dave Konopki at 829-7248.

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