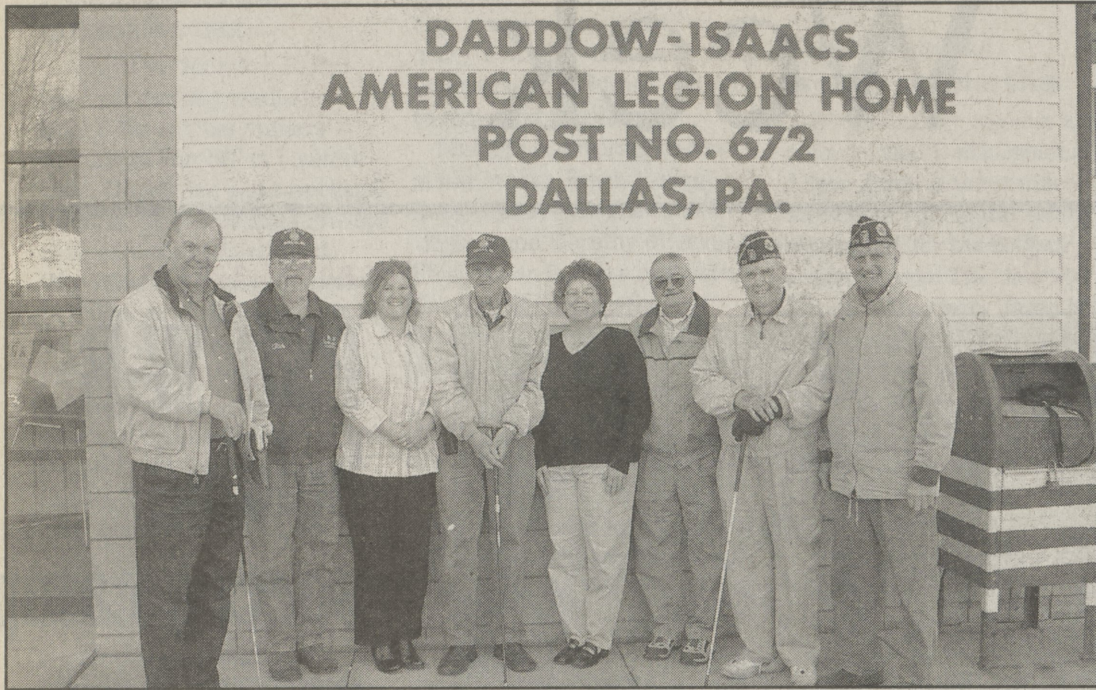
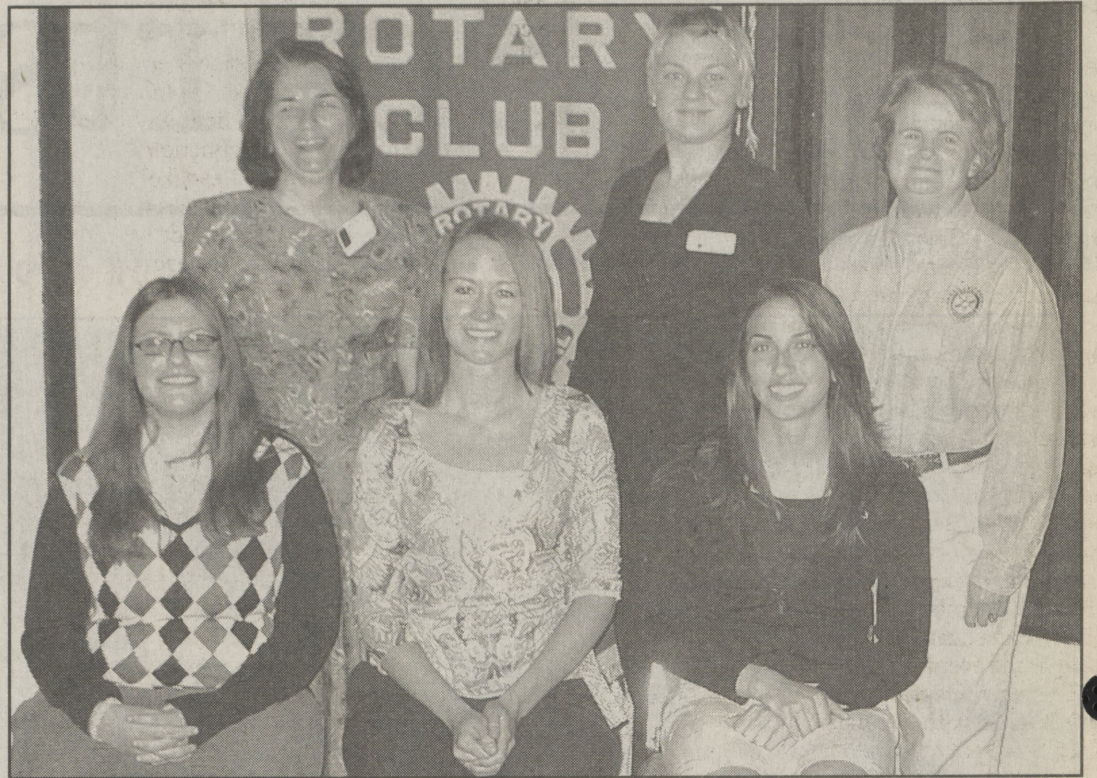


LEGION HOLDING GOLF TOURNAMENT



Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, Dallas American Legion will hold its 15th annual American Legion Golf Tournament beginning with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 10 at Four Seasons Golf Course, Exeter. Registration begins at noon. The cost is \$60 per player. Proceeds from the event will benefit the legion's scholarship fund. Last year, the legion awarded \$1,000 scholarships to five students from the Back Mountain. The money was used to help further the student's education in a two-year technical program. Since its inception the Legion has awarded more than \$50,000 in scholarship aid. The legion is also seeking door prizes and hole sponsors for \$50. For more information, calling Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488 or the Legion Post Home at 675-6542. Members of the golf committee, from left, are Steve Batory, co-chairman; Rich Tyira, post adjutant; Jennifer Bowanko, legion auxiliary president; James Baloga, co-chairman; Allison Spencer, Jack Appel, Ed Buckley, post treasurer; Clarence J. Michael, post historian. The post commander is John Emil Sr.

SCHWEIZER WINS ESSAY CONTEST



Lake-Lehman High School student Briana Schweizer recently took first place in an essay contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dallas. Fellow Lake-Lehman students Marissa Harrison and Victoria Posatko captured second and third place, respectively. The subject for this year's essay was "Service Above Self." All three girls received a cash prize and Schweizer will read her essay during the District 7410 Conference, where she will be a contestant. First row, from left, are Schweizer, Harrison and Posatko. Second row: co-chairwoman Melissa Saxon; essay contest chairwoman Traci Kempa and Rotary Club president Sandy Peoples.

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to lie around all day. He wants to be out with family."

When meningitis was ruled out, a CAT scan in September 2004 showed an abnormality and Joe was immediately admitted into the hospital - on the same day Samantha was starting her first day of kindergarten.

"I had to be with Joe and it was devastating to me not being the one to take Samantha to school," said Stier. "One of my neighbors has nice enough to take photos of Samantha in front of the house before she left for school. It was very nice, but it wasn't the same. I'm a mother. I want to be there for my children."

And she has been says Joe, who works as an electrician at Diamond Manufacturing.

"Tammy is an incredible mom," said Joe, who underwent a biopsy of the tumor in April. "She can do everything, no matter what is needed. She's great with the kids. She's patient and she's fun. Tammy has also been there for me. It's been a long 18 months. It's been more mental than physical. Emotionally, it's been very draining."

In addition to her duties as a wife and mother of three young children - Joey is 10, Samantha is

7 and Alex is 19 months - Stier serves as the stewardship director at St. Therese's Church in Shavertown.

"She's a great example of being a mother," said the Rev. J. Peter Crynes, the church's pastor. "She's superb with the children. She's always doing things with them. Tammy does a great job taking care of her family. Her responsibilities for work fall in after that."

Despite everything that's been

taking place at home, Stier has been very efficient worker, says Crynes.

"Mothers are multi-taskers," he said. "She can keep her mind on her duties as stewardship director and still answer the phone at the church. Tammy is very gentle and kind. She's great with people."

Stier recently performed a tough job as a mother - sitting down with her oldest child and talking to him about his father's

medical condition.

"Joey and I sat down on the front porch and talked," said the graduate of Nanticoke Area High School. "I told him that his father has a brain tumor and that's why he gets headaches. I told him it was like having a lump in mashed potatoes. I have spirit and I have hope that everything will be fine. In all of this, I've seen the best in human nature. I've seen true love of people for each other."

The Stiers had their first child

when Tammy and Joe were 21 and 20 years old, respectively. But Tammy says she's never regretted becoming a mother at an early age.

"I've always taken my role as a mother very seriously," she said. "When I was pregnant, other people my age were going out at nights and having all kinds of fun. Having my first child formed me into being what I am today. There's no greater cause than being a mother."

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**Dr. Karen Boback Seeks Hasay's Seat**  
 Karen Boback, PhD, is a resident of Harveys Lake. She is a graduate of College Misericordia, Marywood University, and the University of Pennsylvania where she earned a doctorate in organizational leadership. She has an additional graduate degree with a certificate in Instructional Technology from College Misericordia.  
 Dr. Boback has been active in our community for over thirty years. She has presided over Back Mountain organizations and the Back Mountain Memorial Library Board of Directors. She is chairman of the BMML Auction Advisory Committee and co-chair of Harveys Lake Homecoming Committee.  
 She is active in the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre (sustainer), and is a member of Our Lady of Victory Church where she serves on the finance committee and participates as both a lector. Dr. Boback is a third term elected public official - Inspector of Election, Harveys Lake Boro.  
 Dr. Karen Boback has held positions of both a guidance counselor and teacher at the Tunkhannock Area School District during the past thirty-three years, and is an adjunct professor at College Misericordia.  
 She and her husband Buz have been married for 32 years. They have two children, Karen, 23, and Bernard, 21.  
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