

CIVIC BRIEFS

School tax bills to be mailed July 20

Kingston Township tax collector Karen Rose will mail 2006 school tax bills July 20. Residents who do not receive a bill by the end of July, should contact Rose at 696-3809. Per capita bills are being mailed separately, so do not send them to your mortgage company. The tax office will be closed Thursday, July 20.

Veterans representative available for assistance

Thomas Morris, a representative of the Governor's Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center, will be available to answer questions for veterans from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday, July 17 at the Dallas Township municipal

building on Route 309. He will also be available from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Harveys Lake municipal building on Route 415.

Morris will be able to answer questions about benefits, health care, pension, records, discharge records, Agent Orange, burial, medals, education, nursing care or service in Iraq. He can also assist individuals with disability claims for service-related injuries or diseases. All peacetime and wartime veterans are welcome to attend. Veterans should bring a copy of their DD-214. For more information, call 654-9589.

Farmers Market opens at library

The annual Farmers Market at the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be open from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. each Saturday through Sept. 16 on the library grounds, Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Among the features at the Farmers Market are locally-grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, gourmet international cheeses, fresh baked goods and dairy ice cream. Local vendors include Brace's Orchard, Dymond's Farm Market and Bakery, I Gourmet, Creekside, Emma's Bakery and the Lands at Hillside Farms.

Vendor stalls will be set up on the pavement of the library parking lot. Patrons are asked to park on the lawn behind the library. There is no street parking on Huntsville Road or Franklin Street.

Food pantry in need of items

The Back Mountain Food Pantry has a significant need for

the following items – flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucks-ville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

Class of 1977 to plan reunion

Members of the Lake-Lehman Class of 1977 will hold a reunion meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake. Plans will be made for the 30th reunion in 2007.

Health screening offered in Dallas

Julie Olenak, assistant professor of pharmacy practice at

Wilkes University's School of Pharmacy, and The Blue Ribbon Foundation of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania are sponsoring free cardiovascular health screenings at The Medicine Shoppe in Dallas. To schedule an appointment, call 674-5577.

Olenak, along with two Wilkes pharmacy students, will administer comprehensive screenings to detect heart risks as part of a year-long Community Cardiovascular Health Initiative. The Blue Ribbon Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant for the program.

Based on recommendations from the American Heart Association, the screenings will consist of a total cholesterol panel, a blood glucose reading, blood pressure reading, and measurements of the waist. Participants will be given a

10-year risk analysis for heart disease, heart health literature, and suggested lifestyle changes so they may reduce their risk of heart disease. The results will also be reported to the patients' physician.

An estimated 4,600 residents of Luzerne County die each year from heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer.

American Legion kitchen is open

The kitchen at the Harveys Lake American Legion is open under new management. The kitchen hours are 5-10 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday; and 3-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Legion has two halls available to be rented for any occasion and catering is available. For more information, call 639-2122.



Members of the North Branch Land Trust get ready for last year's trip on the Susquehanna River.

Group ready for trek on the Susquehanna**North Branch Land Trust holding sixth annual event for canoes and kayaks**

The North Branch Land Trust will hold its sixth annual river trip on the North Branch of the Susquehanna River on Saturday, July 22. The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Riverside Park in Tunkhannock. The 12-mile trip in a kayak or canoe will go up river to Mehoopany and then paddle back to Riverside Park.

Guests are invited to bring binoculars (eagles are common), proper footwear and clothing for water and sunshine, plenty of drinking water, and a lunch. We will stop at Camp Lackawanna for a lunch break.

David and Melody Buck of Endless Mountain Outfitters

will be renting recreational and touring kayaks. The watercrafts are very stable and user-friendly. The recreational kayaks are \$35, touring kayaks are \$40, and tandem kayaks and canoes are \$45 per day.

Personal flotation devices and paddles are included and a lesson on how to kayak will be given. Prices include a donation to the North Branch Land Trust. Visit the Web site www.emo444.com for more information and registration. You may also register by calling the Bucks at 746-9140 or e-mailing kayaks@ptd.net. Reservations are required.

If you bring your own boat and do not need a shuttle, registration for the event is \$10 per boat. If you need livery service, the cost is \$20 if space is available. There is a chance only

shuttles may be available.

At the end of the trek, guests are invited to attend River Day in Tunkhannock. There will be music at Riverside Park from 2-5 p.m., along with educational and environmental exhibits. A free demonstration kayak paddle will be available at the park from 3-4 p.m., sponsored by Endless Mountain Outfitters of Sugar Run and Fitzer's of Tunkhannock. Endless Mountain Heritage Region, Inc. will have information about the North Branch Susquehanna Water Trail and the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership.

Space is limited and reservations should be made as soon as possible by calling 746-9140. Volunteers are also needed for the river trip. Anyone interested should e-mail the Bucks at kayaks@ptd.net as soon as possible.

Two Shavertown men named to board of trustees**Douglas Gaudet, Robert Soper named as trustees at College Misericordia**

Two Shavertown residents were recently named to the board of trustees at College Misericordia. The college, along with the Leadership Team of the Dallas Community of the Sisters of Mercy, named Douglas Gaudet and Robert Soper to the board along with Norristown resident Jonathan Brassington.

"Misericordia is proud to have three new trustees like Mr. Soper, Mr. Gaudet and Mr. Brassington," said Michael A. MacDowell, president of College Misericordia. "The leadership they will bring to Misericordia coupled with their experience and expertise in their business and personal lives will add significantly to the college."

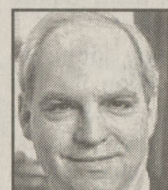
Gaudet is the president and chief executive officer of Penn Millers Insurance Company in Wilkes-Barre. He is a 1977 summa cum laude graduate of the State University of New York, where he received a bachelor's

degree in psychology. Gaudet graduated magna cum laude in 1978 with a master's degree in business administration from Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y.

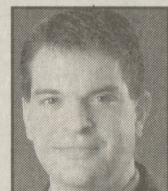
Gaudet has also served as vice president of commercial lines at Philadelphia Insurance in Bala Cynwyd and was senior executive vice president at Harleysville Insurance, Harleysville.

Soper is the president and chief executive officer of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, a harness racetrack in Plains Township.

Prior to his current position, he served four years as senior vice president of administration of Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn., where he managed various divisions within the com-



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pany and participated in the opening of the \$1 billion expansion of Mohegan Sun. Soper also served as senior attorney for the Mohegan Tribe from 1997-2001.

Born in Atlanta, Soper graduated magna cum laude with bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Georgia.

He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Georgia School of Law with honors.

Brassington, a Misericordia alumnus, is the chief executive officer and founding partner of LiquidHub, a system integrator and technology consultancy with offices in Philadelphia, Boston and Hyderabad, India.

He manages consulting operations, finance and personnel development, and participates as a strategic consultant for clients in a wide range of industries, including insurance, life sciences and financial services.

The board members are evaluated every three years by the College Misericordia Trusteeship Committee for reappointment.

COLLINI HELPS CHILDREN IN ECUADOR

Plastic and reconstructive surgeon Dr. Francis J. Collini, center, recently traveled to Ecuador for his 10th year to operate on people in the country with disfiguring injuries and those born with severe birth defects. A member of the Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre medical staff, Collini received supplies including endotracheal tubes, cautery pencils, pediatric anesthesia circuits and masks and basic surgical packs that were donated by Geisinger. The Dallas Township resident and his wife Susan recently founded a nonprofit organization, Community Cares for Kids, which will provide humanitarian work in Third World countries, as well as locally by supporting children in need who are not able to find or afford care. Community Cares for Kids hopes to expand its reach beyond plastic surgery by forming partnerships with other groups to provide medical services for children in need.

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