

TORNADO

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It took several days before officials from the National Weather Service in Binghamton, N.Y. confirmed it was a tornado that cut through the northwest part of Dallas Township. The tornado, packing winds of up to 70 miles per hour, cut a path more than 1.5 miles long and approximately 75 yards wide.

Most of the damage was done near the Elmcrest and College Manor housing developments, as well as a construction site near the Yalick Farm on Route 415. A construction trailer was picked up by the wind and thrown from the construction site to the middle of Route 415.

Maria Bigus didn't need the NWS to tell her a tornado had touched down in her back yard. She saw first-hand how the quick storm split a

large, 80-year-old oak tree in half.

"The top of the tree was twisted," said the Elmcrest resident. "Considering the size of the tree, the damage was very impressive. I was getting ready to leave my house when I heard a very loud rain storm. Then the wind came. Five minutes later, the sun came out. It was very strange."

And very rare.

There haven't been many recorded tornados in the history of the Back Mountain area. The last one to hit near the area happened June 2, 1998, when a powerful F-3 tornado ripped apart the Lake Carey area. Two people were killed, 16 were injured and there were millions of dollars in damages.

Because of all of the mountains surrounding the Back Mountain area, Vinnie Parente says he never expected a tornado to form so close to his house.

He also learned a valuable lesson.

"The thing I learned is expect what you least expect," he said.



Becky Pickett and Jen Mines look over the damage done to their Dallas Township home.

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Neighborhood children look at damage on Lake Street. An F-0 tornado took down power lines and threw trees into the street.



Becky and Tom Pickett survey the damage to their back yard. The tornado damage canceled a graduation party for their daughter Jen.

CAMP

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sented them to their fellow campers as an "in-class/in-camp" project.

"They are more attentive and are having more fun because we are doing activities in a thematic way by therefore enhancing the learning process," said Brague.

In addition to the "in-camp" projects, the campers have completed projects such as creating homemade horse and wagons out of construction paper. They placed essential supplies that were used and needed during the Gold Rush era into their wagons.

The campers also learned how to mind for gold and what techniques were used in 1849. Techniques such as "strip mining" and "pan mining" were specifically taught during the camp.

The campers created individual sections of quilts from construction paper with their favorite design. Each camper made a separate piece and when all were completed, the pieces were strung together to make one large quilt.

In order to record what they had done, seen and experienced, Brague had the students create personalized journals. These journals contained treasure maps and a history of their encounters. Brague dipped the outside of the journals (a paper bag) into tea and coffee to let to dry in order to make the journals appear extremely old looking.

Before the children went to "pan for gold," they created pouches like the ones in 1849. The pouches were used to col-



Jonah Kohl cracks open a few eggs while making cornbread during a summer camp at College Misericordia.



Megan Maryott, Dallas, has fun corraling her horses at College Misericordia's summer camp.

lect gold. The kids were also taught how to pan for gold.

"They had a blast searching for gold using the technique we taught them," said Brague.

At the end of the five-day camp, an exhibit of the different projects done throughout the week was open to the public. The campers baked cornbread because it was such a popular food during the Gold Rush era.

MARKET

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tent with all sorts of cheeses from igourmet.com in West Pittston for shoppers to sample.

"This is our second week out here," she said. "We specialize in

everything. We have 100 different cheeses from all countries. This is the only farmer's market we are doing, but we do have shows taking place throughout the country."

Abramowitz told customers if she doesn't have something they wish to purchase on hand, then she will be more than happy to

bring it for them next week.

Workers at Brace's Orchard said their biggest sellers so far this year are peaches and apple cider donuts.

"They are made fresh everyday," Mancinelli said. "The apple cider really moistens them up and makes them unique."



Gloria and Ben Meier of Harveys Lake decide on the right vegetables.

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