



Judge Hugh Mundy, left, and state Sen. Charles Lemmond, center, talk with Lisa Baker at the dinner held in honor of the service of Lemmond and his wife, Barbara.



Maureen Straub of Trucksville and Marion Pollock of Huntsville socialize and have some punch before the Salvation Army dinner to honor state Senator Charles Lemmond and his wife, Barbara.

## Salvation Army honors Lemmonds

State Sen. Charles Lemmond and his wife, Barbara, received the 2006 Community Service Award from the Salvation Army of Wyoming Valley earlier last week at the Genetti Hotel & Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre. The Lemmonds, residents of Dallas, were honored for their contributions to the Salvation Army for the past 30 years. They have also been very active in many community organizations and events in the Back Mountain. Lemmond is retiring from political office after spending more than 20 years as a state senator.



Guests are reflected in the ceiling mirror at the annual Salvation Army dinner.

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From left, Melissa Butler, Nicole Macri, Sara Hando and Julia Glenn watched the final contestants compete to become the Harvest Festival Idol.

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Serving as judges for the auditions, from left, are Alice Russomano, Aileen Ginchetti and Francesca Bavuso.

## IDOL

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"Music has been a passion since I could speak - all kinds of music from opera to rock and roll. I thought (the competition) might be a good chance to step up my career."

Dallas resident Nicole Macri is no stranger to singing competitions. The 20-year-old recently took a trip to The Meadowlands in New Jersey for the opportunity to audition for the television show "American Idol." Just as she had done in New Jersey, the Bishop O'Reilly graduate sang "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston at the local Harvest Festival Idol audition.

Other than getting over just being sick, there really wasn't any difference," said Macri, comparing the competitions. You don't know what the judges are looking for until you get in there. That's how it is with all of these competitions."

Despite not being chosen to appear with Simon Cowell, Paula Abdul and Randy Jackson on the highly-popular show, Macri wasn't disappointed with her trip to The Meadowlands. "Not at all," she said. "There were thousands and thousands of performers and they let me sing two full songs. I didn't go there to win. I went there to get a reaction and that's what I got." Although she wasn't selected

to be a finalist, Bryn Harvey also received a positive reaction from the judges at College Misericordia. The 16-year-old Trucksville resident performed the number "Being Alive" from the Broadway show "Company."

"I've done a lot of competitions for dance and vocal, she said. "Ever since American Idol has been on TV, I've wanted to audition. I

didn't get the chance to go this year because of some commitments. So I thought coming here would be a great way to get some exposure and to sing for people."

"I love Broadway," added the Wyoming Seminary junior. "I'd love to study fine arts and musical theater in college and then audition to be on Broadway. I'll keep my fingers crossed."

## IREM

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won a second-place award, while the Irem Patrol Marching Unit and the Provost Unit finished in third place in their respective competitions.

Belmont, who has been a member of Irem Temple since 1972, is proud of his organization's work with children's hospitals.

"We have a good time, but helping kids have always been our main objective," said Belmont, who estimates that approximately 50 percent of the Irem Temple members are residents of the

Back Mountain.

"Of every dollar raised, 96 goes to the hospital. Our children's hospitals are the biggest and best in world. We provide care for a lot of local children."

The Legion of Honor continued its longtime success at MASA.

The unit is comprised of honorably discharged veterans from all branches of the military.

The unit took first place in color guard display, and second place in drill competition with rifles, inline inspection and parade competition.

The members have been practicing for two hours each Thursday night since early July.

"We did very well," said Legion of Honor commander Eugene Lazarus II, who has been a member of Irem Temple since 1969 and a Legion of Honor member since 1984.

"We've had a lot of success. We've been the Middle Atlantic champions for about 18 years. The guys work hard."



Irem Temple Potentate and His Lady, Richard and Carol Belmont of Shavertown

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