

CIVIC BRIEFS

Bridge replacement begins in Ross Twp.

Temporary signals will be installed the week of Oct. 30 as construction begins on a permanent bridge replacement on Route 118 in Ross Township. The signals will alternate east-bound and west-bound traffic to use a single lane during construction, which begins the first week of November. Lights will be in flash mode for three to seven days before going into red, yellow, green activation.

Following the June floods, temporary pipes were put in place at that location in order to reopen the road. For road updates, visit the Web site nepa-roads.com during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Halloween parade being held today

The Kiwanis Club of Dallas will host its annual children's Halloween parade beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29. Registration will begin at noon near the former Dallas Township School on Church Street (adjacent to the Little League field) in Dallas. Judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. All Back Mountain area children are welcome to participate.

Prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, funniest, ugliest, scariest, most original and best group. The parade will proceed down Church Street to the rear of the Eastern Star building behind CVS Pharmacy. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be available. For more information, call 675-3959, 696-3640 or 674-2910.

College Misericordia open to trick-or-treaters

College Misericordia will host

a safe trick-or-treat night for children from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29 in the residence halls.

Area residents may bring their children trick or treating through the college's residence halls - McHale, Alumni, and Gildea - as well as campus townhouses, and The Service and Leadership Houses, the two off-campus houses located on Lake Street, Dallas.

For more information, call Donna Ellis, director of residence life at College Misericordia, at 674-6266.

Pork dinner to benefit Scouts

A pork and sauerkraut dinner to benefit Cub Scout Pack 155 will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 in Fellowship Hall at the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Church Road. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the church office or at the door. For more information, call 696-3897.

Mountain Grange plans flea market

The Mountain Grange No. 567 will hold a flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 at the grange on West Eighth Street in Carverton. Lunch and snacks will be sold from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be new vendors at each flea market and the building is handicap-accessible.

Driving directions from Trucksville: follow Carverton Road to the stop sign at the end. Turn left onto West Eighth Street and follow it to Bodle Road. The grange is located across from Bodle Road.

Driving directions from Tunkhannock: take Route 29 and turn left onto Route 292. Go through Center Moreland to

Village Road in Franklin Township. Go through Orange, where Village Road becomes West Eighth Street. Continue on West Eighth Street to Bodle Road. The grange is located on the right.

Alzheimer's group sets Nov. 2 meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. Guest speaker Jim Siberski will discuss "The Overview and Future of Alzheimer's." There will a question-and-answer period following in the presentation. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Leaf collection begins in Dallas

Dallas Borough recently began its annual fall leaf collection program. Collection will continue throughout the month of November or until the first significant snowfall. Borough officials ask residents comply with the following guidelines:

- Leaves only (no grass clippings or other yard waste) should be raked to the curbside for vacuum collection. The vacuum equipment will not function properly if residents mix yard waste with the leaves.
- Residents are asked to rake all leaves to the curbside in long thin rows approximately 3 feet wide. Placing the leaves curbside will facilitate collection. Residents are cautioned not to place any items within the road right of way that may create potentially hazardous or unsafe conditions.
- Residents who prefer to collect leaves and place them in plastic bags may do so by placing the bags curbside for pickup.

For more information, call the

administrative office at 675-1389 or the road department at 674-5362.

B MBA holding special program

The final part of the Back Mountain Business Association's three-part Human Resource Series will be held at noon Thursday, Nov. 9 at the Castle Inn, Dallas. The program "The Legal Side of Human Resources" will be led by guest speaker Jim Valentine of the law firm Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald. Reservations are required. The cost \$10 for members and \$12 for guests. For reservations, call 675-9380. For more information about the Back Mountain Business Association, or to become a member, visit the Web site www.bmbaonline.com.

Playground closed at Frances Slocum

The water tower at Frances Slocum State Park is receiving a coat of paint. Due to the proximity of the playground to the work site, the playground will be closed until the painting project is completed. The painting project should be completed by the second week of November. All other areas of the park will remain open from 8 a.m. to sunset.

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 Trucksville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

JOAN LADAMUS

Kingston Township High School graduate

Joan M. (Gabel) Ladamus, 82, of Holland Street, in the Rolling Mill Hill section of the city, passed away Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006 at her residence.

Born in Kingston Township, she was a daughter of the late William and Jennie (Randel) Gabel. She was a graduate of the former Kingston Township High School.

A veteran of World War II, Mrs. Ladamus served with the Woman's Corps of the U.S. Army.

Until her retirement, she had been employed by the Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre.

She was previously employed by the General Cigar Company of Kingston.

Mrs. Ladamus was preceded in death by her husband, John S. on Oct. 10, 1990; twin sons Robert in 1959 and Gerald in 2006; a granddaughter, Stephanie Lynn Ladamus; a grandson, Michael J. Marley III; several brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a son, John G., Wyoming; daughters Mary Lou Marley, Wilkes-Barre; Marie Adams, Hanover Township; Paulette Schuler, Mountain Top; Maureen and Christine Ladamus, both of Wilkes-Barre; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Saint Stephen's R.C. Cemetery, Lehman Township.

MARION OPLINGER

Lifelong resident of the Back Mountain

Marion E. Oplinger, 91, a lifelong resident of the Back Mountain, passed away Monday, Oct. 16, 2006 at the Hospice Community Care Inpatient Unit at Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre, Sept. 24, 1915, a daughter of the late Samuel J. and Helen Ziegler Anthony.

She was a graduate of Kingston Township High School.

In addition to her parents, Marion was preceded in death by her husband Floyd C. Oplinger Jr. in 1984; sisters Betty, Ruth, Nancy and Joan.

She is survived by her son James and his wife Julie, Mechanicsville; grandson Anthony; granddaughter Kristina; four great-grandchildren Matthew, Marina, Ayden and Anthony; sisters Olive, Jane, Patty, Beverly.

RUTH CHIPONES

Former Trucksville resident

Ruth D. Chipones, 92, formerly of Carverton Road in Trucksville and Lockhart Street in Wilkes-Barre, passed away Thursday, Oct. 19, 2006 at River Street Manor, Wilkes-Barre.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on July 29, 1914, she was a daughter of the late Elmer and Susan Dennis.

In 1932, she graduated from Meyers High School, which was the first graduating class.

She was of the Protestant faith. She was active with the Meyers class reunion committee and was the founder and member of Amvets Post 33 La-

dies Auxiliary, Wilkes-Barre. She also did volunteer work at the VA Medical Center.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Edward Chipones, preceded her in death.

Surviving are one brother, Elmer "Bud" Dennis, Norwich, Conn.; niece Carolyn Fisher, Wilkes-Barre. Also surviving are one niece, one great-niece and one great-nephew.

Interment, Oak Lawn Cemetery, Hanover Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the VNA, 80 Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701.

BOY SCOUTS HELP KEEP STATE'S HIGHWAYS SAFE

Members of Boy Scout Troop No. 155 recently participated in the Coffee Break Program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The program is designed to keep the state's highways safe by providing motorists with free coffee and snacks. During the Labor Day weekend, the Boy Scouts provided coffee, hot dogs, dog-walking services, and conversation to travelers. The troop, which is sponsored by the Trucksville United Methodist Church, received donations from many businesses in the Back Mountain. Participating in the program, from left, are Collin Bessmer, Betty June Mathers, Jonathan Wallace, Brian Wise and Jason Crispell.



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