

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

**Cook's Pharmacy offering flu shots**

Cook's Pharmacy will hold a flu shot clinic from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14; 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16; and 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at the store on Memorial Highway in Shavertown. The cost of the shot is \$25.

Last year, more than 120 people from throughout the Wyoming Valley area received their flu shot at the clinic. For more information, call pharmacist Frank Lombardo at 675-1191.

**Cider Painters holding exhibit**

The Cider Painters of America will hold its 22nd annual exhibit and sale of miniature paintings from Nov. 12 through Dec. 29 at The Waterlily, located at 103 E. Overbrook Road in Dallas. An opening reception will be held from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12. The exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The exhibit will feature the paintings of many local and international artists. The Cider

Painters of America was founded in Dallas in 1983. The paintings may not be larger than 3 inches by 5 inches and are painted in many styles and media.

For more information, call The Waterlily at 675-7778.

**Homespun Holiday to be held Nov. 5**

The annual Arts at Hayfield "Homespun Holiday" craft show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5 at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township. There will be approximately 100 vendors featuring wreaths, dolls, toys, jewelry, furniture, clothing and more. The Penn State Café Commons will be open for brunch and lunch from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The \$1 admission fee will be used to help support the arts in Northeastern Pennsylvania throughout the year. For more information, call 675-9232 or visit the Web site [www.wb.psu.edu](http://www.wb.psu.edu).

**Leaf collection begins in Dallas**

Dallas Borough is holding its

annual fall leaf collection program. The 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.

**Bridge replacement begins in Ross Twp.**

Temporary signals have been installed as construction begins on a permanent bridge replacement on Route 118 in Ross Township. The signals will alternate eastbound and westbound 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](http://nepa-roads.com) during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

**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. 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.

**BMBA 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](http://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.

**O'REILLY BASKETBALL SETS SPAGHETTI DINNER**



The Bishop O'Reilly boys basketball program will hold a spaghetti dinner from 12:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 at the school cafeteria. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the high school's main office or by calling Bob and Ann Coolbaugh at 287-4635. Tickets may also be ordered by calling Frank and Joline Sobek at 696-4018. All proceeds will benefit the Bishop O'Reilly boys basketball program. Members of the planning committee, from left, first row are Theresa Kasmark, Linda Moran and Juan DeRojas. Second row: Bob Coolbaugh, Joellen Bell, Jim Bell, Mark Kopicki, Mike DalSanto, Frank Kasmark and Frank Sobek.

**Students invited to enter essay contest**

The Dallas American Legion Post 672 is holding its annual essay contest for high school students.

The contest is held in conjunction with the 72nd annual contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion.

The contest is open to all students who reside in the Back Mountain.

This year's topic is "How Can We Support Our Troops?."

There are monetary awards at the local and district levels. Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the state contest.

The first place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship, a plaque, and a trip to the American Legion convention in July 2007 to read the winning essay

to the assembled delegates.

The second place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a plaque.

Interested students may contact their school office or call Dallas American Legion commander Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488. All entries must be received by Jan. 7.

The American Legion is also sponsoring a high school oratorical contest.

The theme for year's contest is "We The People."

The contest will consist of an 8-10-minute, memorized oration on some phase of the United States Constitution and a 3-5-minute extempore oration on one of four topics as-

signed by the national headquarters.

The first place winner will receive a \$7,500 scholarship, plaque, and a paid trip to the Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention to present the winning oration.

The winner will also represent Pennsylvania in national and regional contests and receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from the national organization.

The second place winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place winner receives a \$4,000 scholarship and a plaque.

Application forms may be obtained at high school offices or by calling Michael at 675-0488.

**Ross Township to receive new snowplows**

Ross Township was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Funding from the grant will be used to purchase two snowplows.

"I am very happy that I was able to help Ross Township secure this grant," said state Rep. George Hasay (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming), who helped secure the grant. "The funding will go towards equipment to re-

move snow, making our roads and our community safer."

The grant was awarded through the DCED Community Revitalization Program.

The program provides funding for construction or rehabilitation of infrastructure, building rehabilitation, acquisition and demolition of structures or land, revitalization or construction of community facilities, purchase or upgrade of machinery and equipment, planning of commu-

nity assets, public safety, crime prevention, recreation, and training.

Local government, municipal and redevelopment authorities and agencies, industrial development authorities and agencies, non-profit organizations incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth, and community organizations engaged in activities consistent with the program's guidelines are eligible for funding under the program.

**Calendar sales benefit Community Cares for Kids**

Students from the Dallas Middle School recently created a wall calendar for 2007 depicting their interpretations and renditions about how to make the world a better place one child at a time. The colorful calendar is available for a \$10 donation to Community Cares for Kids.

The community organization was founded by Dallas Township plastic surgeon Dr. Francis Collini, his wife Susan, local business people, and volunteers who provide free surgery to many poor Ecuadorian children, as well as children in similar desperate conditions from around the world. Many needy

children are treated at the surgery facility at the Renaissance Center for Plastic Surgery in Shavertown, as well as facilities donated by Wyoming Valley Healthcare and Geisinger South in Wilkes-Barre.

Each year, Collini, fellow surgeons, and nurses travel to Ecuador. The group plans its one-week mission several months in advance, working with authorities in Ecuador in an effort to help as many needy children as possible.

Donations to the organization are used to cover expenses for materials, travel, and follow-up care for the patients and

their impoverished families. All money donated goes directly to the care of the disadvantaged children. All of the work done by the doctors and nurses is donated.

Community Cares for Kids is hoping every classroom in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts will purchase at least one calendar. To purchase a calendar, or to sponsor a sales location, call Flossy Finn at 760-8467 or e-mail her at [Ffinn14147@aol.com](mailto:Ffinn14147@aol.com). You may also purchase calendars through the Web site [www.CommunityCaresForKids.com](http://www.CommunityCaresForKids.com).

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