

## Essay contest offers prizes

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 assigned 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.

## CIVIC BRIEFS

### Food pantry readies for Thanksgiving

The Back Mountain Food Pantry will be closed from Nov. 13-27 to prepare and distribute Thanksgiving dinner baskets. Registered clients have been provided with information regarding the distribution of the baskets.

The pantry's board of directors thanks members of the community for holding food drives and making monetary donations to assist with the Thanksgiving dinners. The monetary gifts will be used to purchase turkeys and other supplies to supplement the baskets.

The pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church, operates 12 months of the year. It relies on food drives and monetary gifts each month, not just during the holiday season. The pantry distributes almost 22 tons of food each year. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

### Fall craft show to benefit L-L band

The Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors will hold its annual fall craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at the high school on Old Route 118 in Lehman Township. Hand-crafted items for home holiday decorating and gift-giving will

be available. There will also be homemade food and raffles. There is no admission charge and all proceeds will benefit the band.

### Penguins goalkeeper to speak at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will host goaltender Andrew Penner of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 in the Children's Room. The library is located on Huntsville Road in Dallas.

Penner's visit is being made in conjunction with the recent "Get Active @ Your Library!" program. Penner will speak to youngsters, teenagers, and hockey fans about good sportsmanship, conditioning, the responsibilities of being a team player, and the value of having a good work ethic in school and on a team. He will also answer questions and sign autographs.

The Scarborough, Ontario native was signed as a free agent by the Pittsburgh Penguins last August. He has a 5-1 record in goal with the Penguins.

To register, call the library at 675-1182 before the program date.

### 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.

### Santa ornament project for artists

The Pennsylvania Heartland Artist will meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Tunkhannock Public Library. This month's project is a Santa ornament. To order an ornament or for questions, call Eileen at 869-2507 or Sarah at 836-6932. New painters are welcome to paint or observe.

### Cider Painters holding exhibit

The Cider Painters of America is holding its 22nd annual exhibit and sale of miniature paintings through Dec. 29 at The Waterlily, 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.

### 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 began this week. Lights will be in flash mode for three to seven days before going into red, yellow, green activation.

For road updates, visit the Web site neparoads.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.

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Brian Kravitz ran all aspects of food operations in the Officers Club for the past 20 years from Maine, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, and Nebraska. Brian also gained international experience while residing in Belgium for three years. Laurie Knauer, formerly Drury worked with her father Jim Drury at Drury's Deli & Restaurant in Harvey's Lake. Then in 2002 Laurie opened her own restaurant, Brunch Express in the Twin Stacks Center, specializing in breakfast and lunch fare. She closed Brunch Express in 2004 to spend more time with her family and joined the team at Irem. Michael Wysocke has previously worked as the owner/operator of the Lake Carey Inn, chef at Hotel Jeremiah in Aspen, CO, Sous Chef at Casa Marina Resort and Key West, FL, and Matri d Hotel at the Hilton International in Albany, NY.

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