

## REVIEW

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basketball teammates at Lake-Lehman.

## HELPING OTHERS NEVER GROWS OLD

Each morning, Betty Friar wakes up, reads the newspaper and begins to knit robes for charity. Each lap robe takes approximately 76 hours to complete, she said. And despite being 89 years old, Friar is still going strong.

In the Aug. 6 issue, we told you the story of the Trucksville woman, who began knitting prior to the start of World War II. Friar donates most of her work to charity and is a member of the Knitting Bee, a group of women who meet each week at the Jewish Community Center. Although health problems prevent Friar from trav-

eling to the JCC, she continues to knit for the group at her home. Even heart surgery couldn't slow her down.

After undergoing bypass surgery several years ago, Friar knitted several hundred scarves and gave them to everyone who did a good deed for her when she was sick.

## KINGS OF THE COURT

Although they were on different sides of the courtroom battle, the lead attorneys in one of the most high-profile murder trial in Luzerne County history had something in common - they're both residents of the Back Mountain.

In the March 12 issue, we told you the stories of defense attorney Demetrius Fannick and prosecutor Jim McMonagle, who played major roles in the double-murder trial of Kingston Township resident Hugo Selenski, who was eventually acquitted of the

We've written about school board issues. We've written about issues that affect your daily life. And we promise to do much more of that in the coming year. But most of all, we've written about people - the people who make our community a great place to live.

murders.

Fannick was born and raised in the Back Mountain, where he was a standout basketball player at Dallas High School in the early 1970s. he lives in Dallas Township with his wife Mary Ann and their Maggie.

McMonagle moved to the Back Mountain in 1993.

In addition to his job, he's well-known in the community as a longtime Little League umpire. The Johnstown native and his wife Julie live in Shavertown with their children, Courtney,

Sean and Eryn.

## AN INSPIRATION TO ALL

Despite an occasional road-block or detour, Tammy Stier has enjoyed the road she has traveled through married life - especially motherhood.

And not even a potential obstacle on the horizon has stopped her from looking forward to the rest of the journey.

In our May 14 issue on Mother's Day, we told you the special story about the Stier family - parents Joe and Tammy, along with

their young children Samantha, Alex and Joey - of Dallas Township and how they've coped with the news that doctors had found a tumor on Joe's brain. The 31-year-old was scheduled to see a specialist at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City in mid-May.

Through it all, the family has been an inspiration to fellow family members and members of the community.

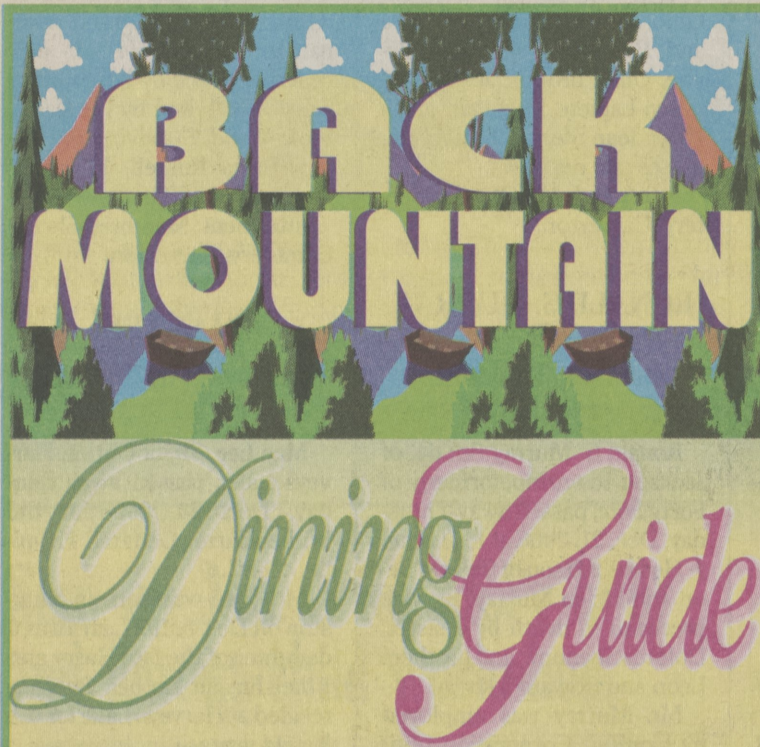
**SUCCESS A REALITY FOR L-L GRAD**

Jay McCarroll says he doesn't waste a lot of time dwelling on the past.

But that doesn't mean the Lehman Township native - who has become a nationally-known figure through his fashion designs and reality television - doesn't take a few minutes every once in a while to reflect on his days growing up in the Back Mountain.

In the Feb. 19 issue, we told you the story of McCarroll and how the 31-year-old was dealing with the fame of being named the winner of the Emmy Award-nominated show "Project Runway" and living in New York City. When he wants to relax, the Lake-Lehman High School graduate returns to his home, which is located across from the school.

The Bravo Channel produced a one-hour documentary special about the flamboyant son of William and Nancy McCarroll.



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