

Waiting out WINTER

Here's a camera's eye view at how Back Mountain resident are filling the chilly days until the warm embrace of spring returns once again



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 Pastor Drew Cottle of the Shavertown United Methodist Church and pastor Charles Grube of St. Paul's Lutheran Church play a song during Winterfest, sponsored by the Back Mountain Ministerium.



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 Fifth-grader Katy Comitz has three dogs and likes animals, but she admitted to being a "little afraid" after she volunteered to have this red-tailed boa constrictor wrapped around her neck at during a performance at Dallas Elementary School on Friday. The program, put on by Understanding Wildlife, educated students about conservation and the animals - which included alligators, jungle cats and monkeys.



The cold weather didn't stop a few students at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School from having fun while playing basketball during a recent recess.

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 Above, enjoying a board game at the Back Mountain Ministerium Winterfest are Amanda Thompson, Marissa Miller, John Thompson, Bob Cyphers, Stacey Stepniak, Erin Michael and Wyatt Phillips.



At right, children at Dallas Elementary School were delighted by a parrot hanging upside down during a wildlife show at the school.

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