## 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.



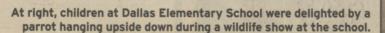
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The cold weather didn't stop a few students at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School from having fun while playing basketball during a recent recess.



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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.





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