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Laura's Madeira's artwork of the Forty Fort Meeting House will commemorate the historic building's 200th anniversary.

Laura Madeira's artwork is cited

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While walking around her grandmother's art studio, Laura Madeira discovered many pictures of the historic Forty Fort Meeting House. Her grandmother, Sue Hand of Sue Hand's Imagery in Dallas, had the photos because she is aiding in the planning of the building's bicentennial observance. From those pictures, an idea was born. Madeira, daughter of Tim and Heather Madeira of Dallas, was selected as the District 10 winner of the 2007 Congressional Art Competition for her pen and ink drawing of the Forty Fort Meeting House. The competition is held every year and a winner from each congressional district is chosen.

"I want to extend my congratulations to Laura Madeira and her family," said Congressman Chris Carney in a recent press release. "Her artwork, featuring

"I like expressing creation in everything I look at every day on paper."

Laura Madeira
Honored for artwork

the Forty Fort Meeting House was done to commemorate the historic building's 200th anniversary. I am pleased that someone from our district will have their commemorative artwork displayed on Capitol Hill."

Fifteen-year-old Madeira is home schooled and will enter 10th grade this fall.

She received a plaque and an all expenses paid trip for her and her family to the Congressional Art Competition reception and ribbon cutting in Washington, D.C. on June 28. She also

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Laura Madeira was recently honored as the District 10 winner of the 2007 Congressional Art Competition. Madeira is shown here with Congressman Christopher Carney.



TAKING CHARGE OF THE SUN



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Sun bathers enjoy Frances Slocum Park the week before the Fourth of July.

Protecting yourself

Sun Safety program teaches sunbathers how to protect themselves.

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During summer, many people flock to the pool and spend time outdoors. Parents feel relieved to know lifeguards and babysitters will be on duty to keep their kids safe. But there is a killer lurking that strikes children and adults alike. The destroyer targets those of every age, race, gender, and religion. This attacker is the sun.

Sun Safety in Northeastern Pennsylvania was formed to raise awareness of skin cancer prevention, early detection, and diagnosis throughout six counties in the region. Since most lifetime sun exposure occurs before age 18 and sun exposure and sunburns at an early age increase the risk of skin cancer, Sun Safety aims to provide in-



Some sun bathers at Frances Slocum State Park use sunscreen on sunny days while others seek out shade.

formation for parents and children.

The program was scheduled to be presented by a cancer education specialist from the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute at Frances Slocum pool recently. Children who attended and participated in interactive programs received samples of sunscreen in beach pails. Adults who took the Sun Savvy Quiz were eligible for other giveaways.

Dozens of people were at Frances Slocum State Park the week of the Fourth of July enjoying the pleasant weather.

Kids from the Little

"Usually if I lay out, the only place I get burned is my shoulders and they turn to tan."

Brittany Fuss
Frances Slocum sunbather

who attend each day, Fuss estimates only five bring a t-shirt and a mere two or three come with a baseball cap. Although the children are covered with sunscreen repeatedly throughout the day, some still get burned.

Brittany Fuss, 14, who volunteers at the daycare, spends a lot of time in the hot summer sun. The Kingston teenager applies sunscreen if going in the pool, but neglects to do so otherwise. She acknowledged she does sometimes burn if she stays outdoors for a while.

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Their heroism, bravery saved state trooper's life

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The morning of May 20, 2007, was just another day for Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Truman Brandt. He was doing his job. Then, a car that troopers were pursuing on State Route 29 in Lake Township crashed head-on into Brandt's cruiser and both vehicles engulfed in flames. Knocked unconscious from the crash, Brandt was unable to exit the car.

Three local men took action. Trooper First Class William Gross and Trooper Robert Rogers, both of the PSP Tunkhannock barracks, immediately went to Brandt's aid. Lehman Township Assistant Fire Chief Dennis Bernard Dobinick arrived on scene not long after and assisted the troopers in pulling Brandt out of his patrol car.

Gross, Rogers, and Dobinick were honored July 20 at a ceremony at the PSP barracks in Wyoming where all three received certificates of heroism from State Representatives Karen Boback and Mike Carroll, and State Senators Lisa Baker and Ray

Musto.

Brandt was also present at the ceremony and was recognized for his professional efforts on May 20 and his will to recover.

"We are very grateful," said Barb Brandt, trooper Brandt's wife. "We can't thank them enough. I wish there was more I could do for them."

Brandt does not remember anything that happened the day of the accident but he is very grateful the men came to his rescue and saved his life.

"I'm just very appreciative of everything they did and I feel it is overwhelming," said Brandt. "If they weren't there at that time, I wouldn't be here."

Helen and Bill Hagenbaugh of Dallas nominated the men to receive the awards. "What the two troopers and Dennis did is something you need to do," said Helen. The Hagenbaughs live near Trooper Brandt and know him personally and Helen is a member of the Lehman Township Fire Department.

Fire Chief Dobinick is acquainted with Brandt as well.

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Trooper William Gross, Trooper Truman Brandt, Lake Township deputy fire chief Dennis Dubnick and Trooper Robert Rogers listen to officials recount their May 20 ordeal when Brandt was pulled from his fiery vehicle.