

# BAND

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bone in her foot, forcing her to use crutches to get around.

There was no way Schweizer would be able to perform with her bandmates.

"She was actually more upset about not being able to perform than she was about hurting her foot," said David Schweizer, Seana's father and a member of the Lake-Lehman Band Parents Organization.

Guidelines for the Atlantic Coast Championship, however, require competing bands to perform the exact routine they performed in chapter competition the week before.

Because Schweizer was part of the chapter routine, she would have to be part of the Atlantic Coast routine.

Enter visual coordinator John Taggart and his creative mind.

Taggart sat Schweizer on a blue blanket on the sidelines and put a "Let it Snow" mug in her hands, technically putting her on the field with the rest of the band.

While the Marching Black Knights performed their routine, titled "Winter," Schweizer, smiling broadly, acted as if the whole routine was happening in her head. She became



These coveted medals and plaques were brought home by the Marching Black Knights last weekend when they won the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championship in Dover, Del.

just as important a participant of the routine as were the band members on the field.

The result? A score of 97.6 points out of a possible 100 and the 10th Atlantic Coast Championship for the Lake-Lehman Marching Band. The band last won the championship title in 1996.

Under the direction of band leader Greg Riley since 2004, the Back Mountain band also won five out of seven special awards, including percussion, drum major, woodwinds, music and visual.



JONATHAN J. JUKA/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Their hard work behind them, members of the Atlantic Coast Championship Lake-Lehman Marching Band can relax and enjoy each other's company at a party held last Sunday in their honor at the Lehman Fire Hall.

Marching bands from 91 high schools began the competition season in September with 63 bands becoming semi-

finalists and 28 finalists competing for the Atlantic Coast Championship title. Finalists traveled from sev-

en states, including Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio and Delaware to Satur-

day's competition.

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# MEAL

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have one for people who live in the Back Mountain and cannot or do not want to travel into the city.

"I feel real strongly that people shouldn't have Thanksgiving dinner by themselves," Folk said. "I think it's a time we need to be together and be thankful for the fellowship and the food and to be surrounded by the people that love us."

Response to the dinner each year has been steady, but Folk would like to see even more people come.

"I think one of the reasons (more people don't come) is the first year we publicized it as a free community Thanksgiving dinner and there were people that absolutely did not want to come because they didn't want to be perceived as taking a handout," Folk said.

But the dinner is not intended just for those without anything to eat. Instead, it is for all people of

every background and faith to come together and share food and friendship. Folk says last year, a family from the church who was not poor attended the dinner because one of their family members was in the hospital and they did not have time to cook.

A few people have routinely shown up to the dinner for the last two years, including Huntz.

"She's counting on us to have Thanksgiving dinner for her," Folk said of Huntz. "One of the reasons I feel like they (members

of the community) depend on it is because she and one of her friends asked me very early if we were going to do the Thanksgiving dinner."

Huntz, who turned 74 on Tuesday, went to the Thanksgiving dinners at the church the last two years with a neighbor because Henry was ill. She would then take dinner home to him. Huntz will attend the dinner with her neighbor again this year and encourages others to join her.

Dinner guests will be treated to turkey, sweet potatoes, home-

made stuffing, mashed potatoes, vegetables, dinner rolls and assorted pies. There is no cost to attend, but donations for church mission trips will be accepted. The food is purchased by the contributions of parishioners.

Volunteers from the church cook and serve the food every year. They then sit down at the dinner and everyone eats together. Beginning in 2006, one large table was set up so all can be together. Folk says although grace is said, religion is not the focus of the dinner.

Though Huntz is a church member, she wishes everyone who is alone would spend the day with her and has even offered a ride to those without one.

"If anyone would like to go with me, I'm willing to pick them up and share a meal and make friends," she said. "Don't stay at home and be alone."

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# CIVIC BRIEFS

## Turkey Raffle is today

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will hold its annual Turkey Raffle at 1 p.m. today, Nov. 18.

The monies earned from the Turkey Raffle will be used to fund the Children's Christmas Party.

## Music Box sets auditions

Young performers (ages 8-18) of Northeast Pennsylvania can get ready for the first big event of the Music Box Dinner Playhouse season - "Young People on Broadway!"

Auditions are set for 7 p.m. on November 26 and 28. Those auditioning should bring sheet music of a song of their choice and an accompanist will be provided.

Performance dates are January 11, 12 and 13, 2008 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse. And, there's no tuition fee.

The Music Box is located at 196 Hughes Street in Swoyersville.

For more information, call the box office at 283-2195.

## 'She Loves Me' comes to Music Box

"She Loves Me," a romantic musical comedy, will be presented at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville, on Nov. 24, 25, 29 and 30 and Dec. 1, 2, 6-9 and 13-16.

Tickets are now on sale for dinner and show or show-only. Thursdays through Saturdays, the bar opens at 6 p.m., buffet

dinner at 6:30 p.m. Curtain at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees, bar opens at 1 p.m., buffet at 1:30 p.m., curtain at 3 p.m.

Call 283-2195 or 800-698-PLAY for information and reservations.

## Tunkhannock Library plans Christmas show

The Tunkhannock Public Library's Twentieth Annual Christmas Show, "Decembers to Remember," will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Tunkhannock High School auditorium.

Pre-sale tickets are priced at \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens age 62 and over and children under the ages of 12.

Ticket prices at the door are \$6 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children.

All proceeds benefit the Tunkhannock Public Library, a Wyoming County United Way Agency.

## St. Therese's Society plans Christmas Party

Tickets are currently being

sold for the annual Christmas Party of St. Therese's Altar and Rosary Society which will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Knights of Columbus in Luzerne.

All women of the parish are invited.

Those attending will enjoy a family-style dinner, entertainment by Pete Truscowski and many door prizes.

The "prize winning" quilt made by Millie Yanchik, Jean Carey, Ruth Youngblood, Peg Fischer, Mona Dymond and

Patti Gallagher will be raffled off with two other prizes.

New officers will also be installed, including Betsy Balonis, president; Alice Hudak, vice-president; Mona Dymond, recording secretary; Carole Paxton, corresponding secretary; and Dell Luke, financial secretary.

## Women's Day at St. Therese's

Father James J. Paisley, pastor, and the Altar and Rosary

Society of St. Therese's Church will host Sister Therese of the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth for a "Day of Reflection for Women" at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church.

Her topic will be "the Vocation of Women in the Church." Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will also be offered.

## Fire company plans New Year's Eve party

A New Year's Eve party will

be held from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, at the Idetown Fire Hall, Route 415 between Dallas and Harveys Lake.

A ticket, priced at \$20 per person, includes a buffet dinner, refreshments, snacks, music by "Shadowpass" and party favors.

Party-goers are invited to bring their own bottle.

For more information, call 574-0286, 762-7933 or 639-2231.

The party benefits the Idetown Fire Company.

## SEAN'S SKI TIPS



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