

CIVIC BRIEFS

Music Box Players plan musical revue

The Music Box Repertory Players present "American Stars of Tomorrow," a musical revue featuring the area's most talented young performers ages 8 to 18, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoverville.

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children, students and senior citizens.

For tickets, call 283-2195 or 800-698-PLAY.

Breakfast with Karen set for today

State Representative Karen Boback will be on hand from 8 to 11 a.m. today, Jan. 13, at the Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall this to meet and greet families in an informal setting at the very first of several Sunday morning Breakfast with Karen meals to be held throughout her legislative district.

Breakfast prepared by Kunkle Volunteer Firemen will be served continuously throughout the three-hour social event. Donation is \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for with proceeds going to Friends of Karen Boback, sponsor of the fundraiser event. Tickets will be available at the door.

Advance ticket purchase is available by sending an e-mail addressed to repboback@karenboback.com requesting more information.

Kunkle Volunteer Fire Company Social Hall is located approximately 1/8 mile west of the firehouse. The public is invited to attend.

Relay For Life Team meets on Monday

The Back Mountain Relay For Life Team will host a meeting to discuss this year's Relay at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan 14, in the Heritage Room of the library on the campus of Misericordia University. This year's relay will take place May 30 and 31 at Misericordia.

Planning meetings are open to any interested persons looking for more information on the relay itself, how to acquire sponsors, fundraisers, etc. The Back Mountain team is also looking to fill some key positions.

Contact Stephanie Bombay at 1-888-227-5445, opt.3 to register your attendance. Refreshments will be served and team registrations can also be done that evening. Teams who register by January 31 enjoy a \$50 discount.

Auditions scheduled

Auditions for "Hello, Dolly!" will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 13 and 14, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoverville.

There are roles for men and women ages 16 and over. Those auditioning should bring sheet music; an accompanist will be available.

Performance dates for the show are February 14-17, 21-24, 28, 29, March 1 and 2.

For more information, call 283-2195.

NHCA plans DJ dance

The Noxen Historical Community Association (NHCA) will sponsor a DJ dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday Jan.18, at the Noxen School.

Music will be provided D&D DJs, door prizes will be awarded and food and refreshments will be available. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call 298-2052. All proceeds will benefit the Noxen School Building Project.

Zen Meditation program slated

An introduction to Zen Meditation will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, at Mercy Center on the campus of Misericordia University.

The program includes a description of meditation practice, a short period of practice and time for questions. Pre-registration is required. Call Sr. Barbara Craig at 675-1872. A free will offering will be taken.

Franklin Twp. Fire hosts Children's Christmas Party

Santa's last stop in our area was at the Franklin Township Fire Station on Sunday, Dec. 23.

The party had to be postponed for a week because Santa was unable to travel during the previous week's ice storm but the weather cooperated this time around and Santa and Mrs. Claus showed up as scheduled to the delight of about 50 local children.

The magic of Christmas was seen clearly on the faces of those in attendance.



Lindsey Oremus, left, and her sister, Riley, tell Santa what they would like to see under their tree during the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department Children's Christmas party.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Two-year-old Camryn Mallarkey is mesmerized with Santa during a Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department.



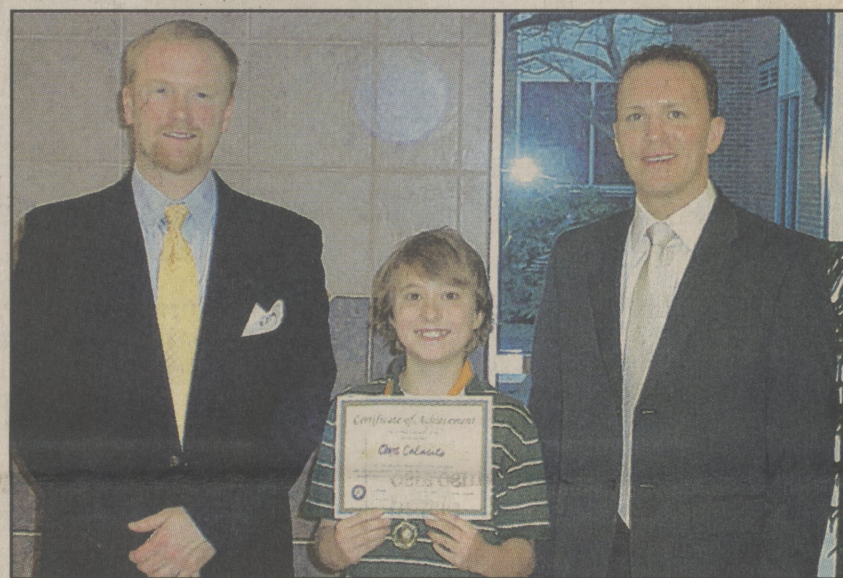
Some of the volunteers who serve the Franklin Township area are shown with Santa and Mrs. Claus. From left, seated, are Chief Harry Sweppenhiser, Kaylie Lumley and Assistant Chief Maureen Oremus. Standing, Fire Company President Harold Hoover, Chris Harger, Josh Hilstolsky, Lisa and Fred Risch, all members of the fire company; Karri Hilstolsky and Ernie Gay from the Franklin-Northmoreland Ambulance.



DMS students perform at State Capitol

Students from the Dallas Middle School Jazz Band and Select Chorus recently performed a special holiday concert at the state capitol in Harrisburg. Above, Senator Lisa Baker joins the group for a photo on the Senate floor. Led by Jazz Band Director Lou Piazza and Choral Director Hollie Major, members of the band and chorus include Drew Cohen, Katy Comitz, Bethany Dennis, Brenden Ehert, Mary Gittens, Drew Harding, Peter Kuritz, Amada Martin, Erin Michael, Erin Muldoon, Patrick Newhart, Dominique Oliveri, Mason Palissery, David Profret, Samuel Reinert, Brooke Sweedar and Michelle Thompson, sixth graders; Chris Colacito, James DelPriore, Lauren Fernandez, Amanda Foote, Mike Gallis, Clara Grube, Jessica Hiscox, Alyssa Horvath, Emilia Kon, Breanna Konecke, Katharine Marianacci, Jack Matusiak, Casey McAndrew, Alyssa Menzel, Katie Metcalf, Johnny Murray, Krysti Oschal, Buddy Shut-

lock, Morgan Silvestri, Tyler Tuck, Jamie Wise, Dana Yu, Eric Yurko, Ryan Zapoticky, seventh graders; Jess Adams, Jonathan Barre, Josh Brobst, Katie Cohen, Emily Collins, F.J. Costantino, Morgan Dingle, Chris Ehert, Corey Ehert, Justin Ellis, Matt Evans, Sara Flaherty, Stephanie Force, Rachel Gerstein, Anthony Gialanella, Angelina Hoidra, Elizabeth Hoover, Dana Jolley, Lindsey Kelly, Alyx Koehler, Amanda Kornak, Amanda Kotch, Aaron Lisses, Jenna Lombardo, Chelsea Martin, Logan May, Christine McCarthy, Caitlyn Metz, Kassondra Michno, David Miller, Marilyn Mizenko, Alyssa Monaghan, Kelly Monaghan, Eric Noroski, Gabby Oliveri, Chris Ostrum, Gates Palissery, Shane Panagakos, Harry Parkhurst, Sarah Pomfret, Emily Prater, Kohner Rice, Andrew Santora, Austin Smith, Allison Spencer, Rebecca Stull, Kirby Szalkowski, Thomas Tidey, Aaron Weir, Sarah Zerfoss and Haley Zimmerman eighth graders.



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Christopher Colacito, a seventh grade student at Dallas Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Monday, Jan. 7. Colacito will now take a written test and, if he is one of the top 100 scorers, will be eligible to compete in the Pennsylvania State Bee on April 4. From left, are Harry Haas, Social Studies teacher, Dallas Middle School; Colacito and Thomas Duffy, assistant principal, Dallas Middle School.

Colacito wins Geographic Bee

Christopher Colacito, a seventh grade student at Dallas Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on Monday, Jan. 7. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 20th Annual National Geographic Bee. All top school winners across the state, including Chris, will now take a written test. The top 100 scorers will be eligible to compete in the

Pennsylvania State Bee on April 4. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 20 and 21. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the Society. "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the televised national finals on May 21.



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