

JONATHAN J. JUKA PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST  
 Mary Fino, right, of Kingston, tells a story while Rose McKeown listens.

## Ministering with shawls

Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, co-founders of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, led an afternoon of knitting/crocheting, story sharing, devotions and dessert Saturday at the Shavertown United Methodist Church. Bristow and Cole-Galo, both from the Hartford, Conn. area, started the national Prayer Shawl Ministry organization 10 years ago. They now have a website and travel wherever they are invited to talk about the shawls being made. Shawls made through the non-denominational Prayer Shawl Ministry can be given to anyone for just about any occasion — illness, comfort in loss, weddings, births and other celebratory events. The event at the Shavertown United Methodist Church was a three-hour workshop and included women from 20 different churches and four different denominations.

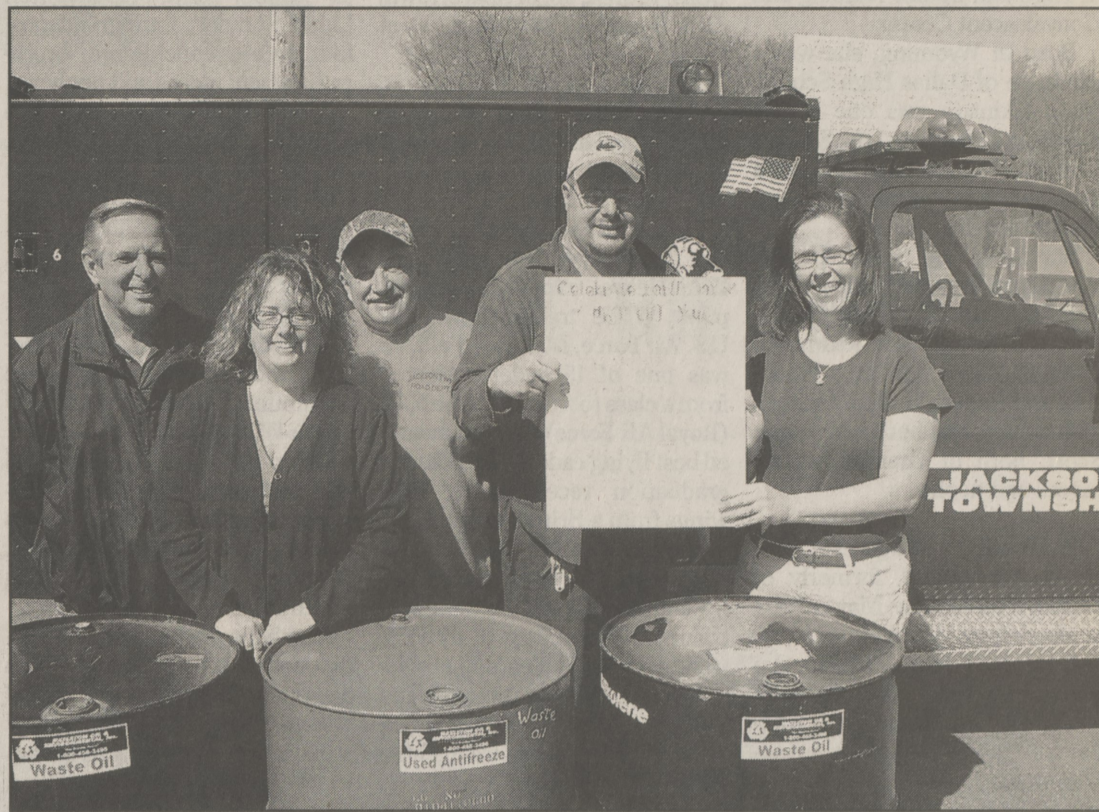


Janet Bristow of Connecticut tells the story, 'Grandmother Spider,' during a Prayer Shawl Ministry at the Shavertown United Methodist Church.

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## JACKSON TOWNSHIP SPONSORS RECYCLING PROGRAM



The Jackson Township Board of Supervisors will conduct a Recycling Drop-Off for waste oil and antifreeze to protect the environment from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, at the Jackson Township Municipal Building Recycling Drop-Off Location. They will also be recycling used tractor and automotive batteries until Friday, May 23, at the drop-off location at the municipal building. Shown here at the drop-off location are, from left, Jackson Township Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Andy Sholtis, Jackson Township Secretary Denise Rittinger, Jackson Township Recycling Coordinator/Attendant Bert Balliet, Jackson Township Supervisor Chairman John (Jay) Wilkes Jr. and Rose Kelly of Hazleton Oil and Environmental.

## Essay winners will 'pay it forward'

A.M. Pugh Associates is sponsoring a Community Service Essay Contest for anyone who is 18 years of age and under as of December 31, 2007.

Following the "Pay It Forward" theme, the contest will award three top prizes of \$500 for first place, \$400 for second place and \$300 for third place. Each winner will be allowed to keep half of their winnings for their work and will be required to pay the other half forward by August 16, 2008.

Each entrant must write an essay of 500 words or less that in-

cludes an explanation of the community service they have performed or are currently involved with. It must also include names and contact numbers for verification of that community service. Essays must also include how the entrant will pay half of their prize money forward should they be selected as a winner.

Essays must include the entrant's name, date of birth, address and telephone number. Proof of age will be required of all winners and all entrants must agree to allow A.M. Pugh Associ-

ates to publish their essay.

Essays must be mailed to A.M. Pugh Attn: Brenda at P.O. Box 405, Dallas, PA. 18612 and must be post marked by June 5, 2008 to be considered.

All winning essays as well as contest sponsors will be on display at the Luzerne County Fair from Sept. 3-7.

Winners will be announced at the A.M. Pugh Benefit Horse Show for Community Cares For Kids to be held at noon on Sunday, June 29.

## The brass ring may still be within reach of public

The Wintersteen family has announced that it has formally rejected the highest bid offer that was proposed for a carousel it owns at an auction in Auburndale, Florida, on Wednesday, April 23, in consideration of returning the carousel to Pennsylvania.

The family has agreed to further negotiate with the Brass Ring Fund in efforts to make the carousel available to the general public for future generations.

The Brass Ring Fund is a group that is passionate about the Hanson's Amusement Park carousel, a treasured piece of regional history that dates back to 1909.

The carousel was purchased by one-time park owner Alfred Wintersteen in 1914 and taken to the Lehigh Valley Railroad Picnic Grounds where it remained in operation until the park closed (as Hanson's) in 1984. Afterward, the Wintersteen family, which has notably retained ownership of the carousel for 83 years, leased the carousel to Old Town in Kissimmee, Florida, in 1987.

In 1996, present owners Mary Ann Wintersteen (widow of Robert D. Wintersteen) and her son, Rob Jr., leased the machine to International Market World in Auburndale, Florida where it re-

mains today.

Due to the inability to continue as "absentee landlords" and unaware of mounting local interest in the carousel, the Wintersteens signed a contract with Norton Auctioneering agreeing to an on-site auction in Florida on April 23, at which time the family rejected the highest bid.

At this juncture, through grants and corporate and private donations, it is critical that the Brass Ring Fund raise approximately \$1.4 million.

If the group is successful in winning the carousel at auction, additional monies will be necessary to provide shelter and security, in addition to finding a suitable location that will provide public access and enjoyment of the carousel.

Should the group be unsuccessful, donors will have the option of having their money returned or applied to The Lands at Hillside Farms or the historical restoration project of their choice.

Questions may be directed to 477-51906.

Donations should be made payable to The Brass Ring Fund, c/o The Luzerne Foundation, 140 Main St. (2nd floor), Luzerne, PA 18709.

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