

SENATOR BAKER VISITS WVCA



Senator Lisa Baker (R-20th District) recently visited the new home of Wyoming Valley Children's Association at 1133 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. The building, which housed the former Regis Elementary School, was purchased in December 2007, renovated and opened to children on September 2. Baker met with staff and toured the facility which houses the agency's Early Intervention and preschool programs for local children. left, are Senator Baker, Jane Denion, preschool teacher; Kathie Florkiewicz, teacher aide; Claire Karabon, teacher aide; and Sharon Harry, executive director.

LEHMAN-JACKSON PTA DONATES MONEY FOR NEW PIANO



The Lehman-Jackson PTA recently donated money to the school's music department for the purchase of a new piano. Shown during the presentation are, from left, Suzanne Cercone, PTA secretary; Renee Raspen, PTA president; Jill Hoyt, PTA vice-president; Mrs. Marilyn Glogowski, principal; Luran Hall, PTA second vice-President; Rhonda Spencer, PTA corresponding secretary; Mrs Jenilee Kukuchka, music teacher; and Donna Evans, PTA treasurer.

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smaller pieces of the plane are still scattered about the woods. The children, now grown men, gave what they had left of the plane to the Majors. "They (Mark and Kara) actually stood on the site where the plane crashed," Ginny Major said. "The whole town came out to meet them. He (Mark) was

treated royally." Residents of Unterhausen also showed the Majors the site where they buried Culp, in the yard of Saint Pankratius Church. A Russian soldier was also later buried at the church, which is special to the Major family because Gina and her husband, Bill Ackerman, have four adopted children from Russia. The soldiers' bodies were later exhumed and taken to a military cemetery in France. Boback is seeking other pho-

tos for her military tribute event. The public is asked to send copies of photos of their loved ones in military uniform to be used in the presentation. The photos should be scanned and e-mailed to csweeney@pahousegop.com. For more information, call the Tunkhannock District Office of State Representative Karen Boback at 836-4777. Rebecca Bria, a staff writer for The Dallas Post, can be reached at 970-7436.

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currred in the old Dallas Junior High School library when he was in seventh-grade and was hit in the head with a 10-inch thick dictionary. Many were surprised to see a computer lab in the area that once housed the wood. Bob Nicol says his 10th-grade shop

class consisted of only boys because school officials did not want girls anywhere near the equipment. Jeff Farley, of Sweet Valley, remembers being caught by as he was buying a candy bar before 3 p.m., the permissible time. He was given two choices of punishment - five days suspension or five whacks with a paddle. Farley chose the five whacks because, he says, he wouldn't

dare tell his parents he got in trouble at school. The Dallas High School Class of 1968 held a pizza party the evening of Friday, Sept. 5. Its 40th anniversary reunion dinner was held on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 6, at Huntsville Golf Club. Rebecca Bria, a staff writer for The Dallas Post, can be reached at 970-7436.

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Eight years ago Rick Tamarantz and two of his motorcycle pals heard about an 11-year-old cancer patient who needed help. Knowing what big hearts most bikers have, they organized a benefit ride, gathering plenty of volunteers along the way. They raised over \$13,000 for the little girl and her family.

Since those humble beginnings, Rick has been actively involved in organizing the annual ride and picnic, and the Valley With A Heart benefits have grown exponentially. Now the annual Labor Day event draws more than 800 people and to date has raised well over \$100,000 to help seriously ill children in the Wyoming Valley.

The group also donates toys to area hospitals and gives gas cards to families of kids who have to travel out of town for medical treatments. "These are a great group of people," says Rick. "They understand you can't just sit back and watch. You have to do something to make the world better."

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