Time to say goodbye to summer and hello to fall

wimming pools have been covered. Lawn furniture will soon make its way to the basement and lawn mowers will be replaced by snow blowers. Summer ends today and fall begins tomorrow, bringing with it cooler weather, changing leaves and a whole new set of things to enjoy.



Signs like this remind us to grab the best of summer's offerings around the Back Mountain - before it's too late!



pending one of the last days of summer washing cars to raise money for the Dallas High School volleyball team are, from left, Erica Miller, Meghan Murtaugh, Megan Hine and Samantha Backus.



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At left, Mary Lou Clemente, left, Jenevieve Nardone, center, and Carly Clemente enjoy tea and lemonade on the porch of a popular restaurant in Dallas.

Below, John Sentyz, of Harveys Lake, and his dog, Ebby, stroll along the beach and in the water at the lake as summer is about to come to a close.



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Red Cross to hold blood drives

The American Red Cross will The double red unit will be at conduct three blood drives in the Back Mountain during the month of September.

The first drive will be from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Trucksville United Methodist Church on Church Road just off Route 309. The double red unit will be at this drive.

A drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 29, at the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

The last drive of the month will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Misericordia University. While this drive is held on campus, it is an open community drive.

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The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and their Red Cross blood card. First-time donors will receive a card after their first donation.

Anyone 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health is eligible to donate. Youths 16 years of age may also donate if accompanied by a parent. The Red Cross is always looking for new first-time donors.

A pre-scheduled appointment can be made by calling 823-7164, extension 2150 to reduce the time needed for donating.

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Victims of abuse, assault, or any type of crime are definitely not alone. They have the caring, compassionate counselors at the Victim's Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre as their advocates, and as their guides on the path to healing. Counselors like Tammi Burke who has dedicated 19 years of her life to working with crime victims.

Realizing there were too few programs devoted to helping men, she pioneered Blowing In The Wind, to promote healing for male sexual assault victims. At the end of support sessions, the men write their feelings on a large sheet. Feelings that run the gamut from anger to hope. Tammi's Blowing In The Wind project has traveled around the country, giving encouragement and hope to victims of crime.

To those who have suffered a crime or abuse at the hand of another, Tammi says pick up the phone and call the Victim's Resource Center. "You will find someone who cares at the end of the line. You will not be judged. You will find you are not alone and there are many wonderful people willing to help."

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