

PEOPLE BRIEFS

King's students complete internships

Back Mountain residents who were among 24 King's College students who have successfully completed internships this summer at sponsoring organizations in the local area, as well as throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Washington, D.C. are Edward Lewko, Shavertown, W-B City Police Department; Lauryn Ference, Shavertown, Luzerne County District Attorney; Lauren Pyskoty, Dallas, Instructors Network; and James Savitski, Shavertown, King's College Environmental Program.

Jennings is student teaching

Crystallene Jennings is among 34 King's College education majors currently student teaching in local elementary and high schools. Jennings is at Dallas High School.

Lewko graduates

Edward Lewko, Shavertown, earned his bachelor's degree in political science from King's College at a recent summer commencement ceremony.



Lewko

The graduation speech was delivered by Dr. Doug Ayers, a 1986 King's College graduate and a noted local veterinarian. He is also an active community leader founding and is chairing The Lands at Hillside Farms and the North Branch Land Trust, which work to preserve the local environment.

Steinberger presents paper in England

Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D., associate professor of English and department chair at Misericordia University, recently presented her paper, "Be Bloody, Bold and Resolute: Performing Shakespeare in the Age of Terror," at the SCAENA 2008 Shakespeare and His Contemporaries: Performance and



Steinberger

Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Wilkes University and her Master's in English with a concentration in Medieval and Renaissance drama and Irish literature from the University of Scranton. She earned her doctorate in English literature and criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Ashlie Morris honored

Ashlie Morris, of Dallas, a student at Misericordia University, has been recognized by the Jane DeMaio Memorial Scholarship. Morris will use the monetary awards to complete their medical imaging degrees at Misericordia.

The DeMaio Memorial Scholarship is presented annually by

the family of the late Jane DeMaio, who was a mammography technologist at Mercy Hospital, Scranton.

Locals receive degrees at LCCC

Luzerne County Community College recently awarded degrees to Back Mountain residents who completed requirements for their field of study in August. They are Lauren Kathleen Brace, Sweet Valley, Al-Nisa Bracey, Trucksville; Jeffrey Matthew Dulsky, Hunlock Creek; Sheila Kummer Gionfrido, Shavertown; Heather Sue Hontz, Dallas; and Linda Dale Monk, Hunlock Creek, Associate in Appliance Science degrees; Jacqueline Cotter, Shavertown; Kyle Anthony Filipczyk, Shavertown; Stephanie Ann Madjeski, Hunlock Creek; Nicole Rae Silveti, Shavertown; and Niki Jade Winters, Trucksville, Associate in Science degrees; Tammy Lynn Sebolka, Sweet Valley, Certificate of Specialization.

55-plus group in KT may soon become reality

Twenty-seven senior residents came to the Kingston Township municipal building on September 9 and expressed an interest in forming a township senior citizens group, says recreation commission member George Elias.

"I didn't know how to gauge it one way or another, but the people that were there were surprised and the office personnel were surprised," Elias said.

The idea for a 55-plus group came about during a township recreation commission meeting when members were discussing what activities should be provided for the community. The commission held sign-ups in an attempt to see not only if there was an interest in such a group, but what activities potential members would like to participate in.

Those who signed up did

make suggestions as to what they want to do as a group. Daytime and overnight bus trips were the most popular. The seniors specifically recommended destinations including the Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, the "Grand Canyon" in Wellsboro, a Pennsylvania winery, dinner theaters in Lancaster and events at the F.M. Kirby Center.

Many seniors also indicated a desire to meet regularly in the lower level of the township's municipal building to socialize and play cards, games, have lunch or hear speakers.

"It was an interesting group that was there," Elias said. "They all were positive and upbeat, I thought."

Elias was surprised more than just seniors showed up. A representative from the Borough for the Aging and one from Gener-

ation to Generation, a Back Mountain non-profit organization designed to enrich lives through inter-generational sharing, came to show their support for a senior group. A man also stopped by with an offer to teach ballroom dancing lessons for a fee.

Now that the idea of a senior group has attracted over two dozen people, Elias says he will report his findings to the rest of the recreation commission. He expects a meeting for everyone who signed up to occur in the near future.

Elias says anyone 55 and over who is a resident of Kingston Township and would like to join the senior group should leave his or her contact information with the township secretary by calling 696-3809.

-Rebecca Bria

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