

BMT Trail now longer

The Back Mountain Trail got longer last week when the Kingston Township section of the trail was officially dedicated. At a cost of about \$506,000, Pikes Creek Site Contractors created the new portion, which included cutting a flat section out of a slope east of the creek, installing rock retaining walls, laying a crushed-stone surface and installing signs.

Judy Rimple, who dreamt up the project nearly two decades ago and who, along with her husband, David, has spearheaded the success of the trail, says the trail will eventually end at Lower Demunds Road.

Currently, the new section connects to the existing trail at the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company's social hall on Carverton Road and continues north, paralleling State Route 309 for about two miles. The southern trailhead is in Luzerne near the Knights of Columbus building on Parry Street.

Rimple sees the trail eventually expanding south to link with the trail system throughout the levees along the Susquehanna River and north to Misericordia University and Dallas School District facilities.

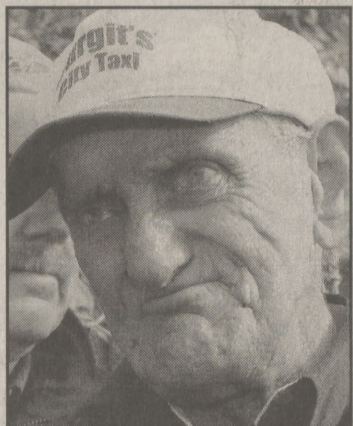


On hand for the official opening of a new section of the Back Mountain Trail beginning at the Harris Hill Bridge are, from left, Jim Reino, April Hannon, Judy Rimple and Barbara Lemmond. The trail begins in Luzerne and will eventually reach Harveys Lake, according to Rimple, the originator of the project.

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John Koch, of Dallas, bikes the Back Mountain Trail on his way to work in Wilkes-Barre. Koch now has more of a trail to work with since a new section has been added beginning at the Harris Hill Bridge.



Richard Achuff, formerly of Shavertown, was present at the opening of a new section of the Back Mountain Trail beginning at the Harris Hill Bridge. Achuff's son, Robby Mills, who was 7 years old at the time, drowned in Toby's Creek during the Agnes Flood. Achuff plans to place a memorial bench where the boy's body was found.

Michael Haggerty is married in Ohio

Lauren D. Hunter, daughter of Michael and Joyce Hunter, of Liberty Township, Ohio, was married on September 13, 2008 to Michael J. Haggerty, son of Dr. David and Mary Anne Cramton, of Trucksville, and the late James Haggerty.

The Rev. David Fay celebrated the Nuptial Mass at St. Gabriel's Church in Glendale, Ohio.

A reception took place after the ceremony at the Glendale Lyceum.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in

graphic design from the University of Cincinnati in 2006. She is employed at Arrowstreet Graphic Design, Somerville, Mass.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Dallas High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1990 to 1994. He graduated from Johnson College, Dickson City in 1996 and earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Boston Architectural College in 2002. He is employed as an architect at Gensler, Boston, Mass.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple now resides in Boston, Mass.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Haggerty

Child dancers being sought for 'Christmas Toy Camp'

Children ages 6 to 9 are needed to dance as elves and/or as "stuffed" kitties/doggies/bunnies in the upcoming production of "Christmas Toy Camp" slated for December 14-16 in the new Lemmond Theater at Misericordia University.

This production is in rehearsal now and is being presented

by Northeast Youth Theatre Company.

Children will be required to attend approximately eight rehearsals and four performances.

Children need not have any experience; however, they should be able to take movement direction, enjoy dancing, work with the full cast of youth

actors and love to perform. They will be required to attend eight rehearsals and four performances and parents will provide approved costumes.

"Christmas Toy Camp" is a fun musical theatre romp through the eyes of toys attending Toy Camp to learn how to be "good" toys in time for the holiday giving season.

day giving season.

The young dancers will dance along with Cool Cat to his hip routine, "Practice Makes Purrfect" or as elves with the puzzle pieces to "We Are Santa's Elves."

For more information, call the Theatre Co. Hotline at 675-4333.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Shavertown youth attends conference

Wyoming Seminary sophomore Omeed Firouzi, of Shavertown, recently attended the National Young Leaders Conference held in Washington, D.C.

The six-day conference is designed for high-achieving sophomores, juniors and seniors and allows them to

develop a greater understanding of the citizen's role in a democracy and the responsibilities of leadership.

At the conference, Firouzi attended leadership group meetings to discuss leadership traits and the workings of the federal government. He also took part in Model Supreme Court and Model Congress activities, toured the floor of the House of Representatives, visited with some staff members of senators and representatives from Pennsylvania, and toured several national monuments.

Son of local graduates from basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. Sean

M. Haines has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat and field maneuvers and tactics.

He is the son of Michael Haines of Rural Route 1, Noxen and a 2008 graduate of Greater Nanticoke Area High School.

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OBITUARIES

BAKER - Arthur M., 78, of Trojan Road, Hunlock Creek, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2008.

Born August 24, 1930 in Wilkes-Barre, he was employed many years in the maintenance department at College Misericordia, Dallas. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War. Surviving are his wife, the former Thelma Robbins; sisters, Elizabeth Keyser, Wilkes-Barre; and Hetty Nichols, Hunlock Creek; brothers, Nelson Wilcox, Wilkes-Barre; Charles Wilcox, Pittston; and Carl Wilcox, New York.

BREAKSTONE - Vesta Jane (Robinson), 79, of Port Orange, Fla., formerly of Trucksville, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008.

Born July 28, 1929 in Wilkes-Barre, she was a 1947 graduate of Kingston High School. She was employed in the Alumni Office of Wilkes University when she resided in Trucksville. She and her husband moved to Florida in 1980 where she worked at Embry Riddle University. She was a long time volunteer with Hospice of Volusia County and was a member of the Port Orange Church of Christ. Surviving are her daughters, Charlotte Mason and Debbie, both of Orlando, Fla.; son, Michael, Hanover Township; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial donations to the SPCA of Luzerne County, 524 E. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702.

DUNNE - Russell L., 70, of 42nd Street, Dallas, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008.

Born November 2, 1938 in Kingston, he had attended Kingston area schools and was a graduate of Penn State University, where he received an associate's degree in electrical engineering. He was a veteran of Vietnam, serving in the United States Navy.

Prior to his retirement, he had been employed as an electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 63.

Surviving are his wife, the former Nancy Savits; daughters, Lynda Marie Comerosky, Chase; and Laurie Dunne, Phoenixville; stepdaughters, Kimberly Hanford, Mechanicsburg, and Wendy Caldwell, Cape Coral, Fla.; five grandchildren; and a brother,

Frank Dunne, Cape Coral, Fla.

Memorial donations to The Herico Humane Society, P.O. Box 28014, Richmond, VA. 23228 or the local ASPCA.

PAWLOWSKI - Florence, of Tunkhannock, formerly of Warrior Run, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2008.

Born September 19, 1918, she was a member of Holy Family Church, Sugar Notch, where she cleaned and decorated the church for over 35 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Norrine Thompson, Schenectady, N.Y.; sons, Terence, of Tunkhannock, with whom she resided for the past 2 1/2 years; Eugene, of Sandusky, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Memorial donations to Saint Joseph's Center, 2010 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509; Tyler Memorial Hospital, Route #6, Tunkhannock, PA 18657; Geisinger Clinic of Tunkhannock, 10 Treible Rd., Tunkhannock, PA 18657; or the Golden Living Nursing Home, 30 Virginia Dr., Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

REAKES - Franklin L. Reakes, 77, of Jackson Township, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008.

Born in Jackson Township on March 16, 1931, he was awarded the Purple Heart and many other service medals while serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Co. and later by Ken Pollock Inc., prior to retiring in 1993.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, the former Irene Hutchins; a son, Franklin Reakes Jr., Hunlock Creek; three granddaughters; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Thelma Burkholder, Hunlock Creek; Arlene Deslich, Sweet Valley; Gladys Schneiderite, Pikes Creek; and a brother, Willard Reakes, Noxen.

WHITESSELL - Robert, 74, of Oak Street, Trucksville, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2008 at Hospice Community Care, Wilkes-Barre.

Born September 16, 1934 in Berwick, he was a member of Roaring Brook Baptist Church. He was employed many years at GAF Camera Plant in New York.

Surviving are his wife, the former Harriet Redmond; sons, Steven, Hunlock Creek; and Brian D., Shickshinny; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, "Peggy," Cumberland, Shickshinny, and Beth Pollock, Pine Valley Creek.

SAMPSON MEMORIAL

A memorial service honoring the life and works of local artist Martha Fray Sampson, of Tunkhannock, will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Rd, Dallas.

Sampson, who died on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 at the age of 80, was a charter member of Trinity Presbyterian and also the first ordained women elder.

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

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