

New Thomas' set to open March 14

Thomas' Family Market Super Foodtown is scheduled to open for business on Saturday, March 14, in the Country Club Shopping Center in Dallas, site of the former Bi-Lo Supermarket.

The 43,000 square foot store will offer many goods and services not available at other Thomas' locations. Asaki Hibachi and Sushi in Shavertown will have fresh sushi available for purchase. The Super Foodtown will also offer in-store hot foods and a seating area for customers to eat inside, an on-site chef and an extensive variety of natural and organic products. The store has also been approved for a beer license and will operate Thomas' Beertown out of the store, featuring cold six packs to go.

Thomas Baseski, Pam Evans and Chris Evans own the supermarket, along with four other Thomas' Family Market stores in Shavertown, Tunkhannock, Kingston and Hazleton. About 100 people will be employed at the new Dallas store.



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Left: Jason Nolan and Tim Kopiak stock shelves at the new Thomas' Family Market Super Foodtown in Dallas. The store is set to open for business on Saturday, March 14.

Land Trust to hold 10th Annual Dinner

North Branch Land Trust will hold its 10th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on Wednesday, May 20, at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre. The event is the Land Trust's most important fund-raising event of the year.

The event will begin at 5:30 pm with a cocktail hour, silent auction and live music provided by the Douglas Smith Trio, which will feature jazzy bluegrass music.

This year's Stewardship Award will be presented to Dr. Michael A. MacDowell, president of Misericordia University, for his work in the greater Back Mountain community. Keynote speaker will be Rick Koval, well-known naturalist, field staff member of WNEP's PA Outdoor Life and NBLT Land Protection Specialist Paul J. Siegel,

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chairman of Misericordia University's Board of Trustees, is serving as the dinner chairman.

Other dinner committee members include Margaret Bakker of Bakker & Lewis Architects, Florence DePolo, Kathleen Dunsmuir of PNC Bank, Judy Ellis of Misericordia University, Douglas Gaudet of Penn Millers Insurance, John B. McCarthy of M&T Bank, James T. Shoemaker, Esq. of Hourigan, Kluger and Quinn, Barbara Toczko-Maculloch of M&T Bank, Michael D. Weaver of Berkshire Asset

Management, Gary Williams of PNC Bank, Karen Yarrish of Wild Birds Unlimited and Linda Thoma and Paul Lumia of North Branch Land Trust.

Advertisers, sponsors and individuals interested in participating in the event are welcome to contact the Land Trust office at 696-5545 for details or visit its website, www.nblt.org. In addition, gifts to the silent auction are being requested at this time.

The ticket price is \$75 per person. The deadline for advertising is April 15.

18 complete second Fitness Challenge

The second Back Mountain Community 6-Week Fitness Challenge has ended.

Eighteen participants committed to an exercise program for six weeks. On January 12, Coach Christin Snyder registered and weighed in the participants who, over six weeks, exercised 379 times.

At the end, there were five finalists. Holly Kline, Susan Hillman, Chris Cercone, Suzanne Cercone and Carlene Price each exercised at least 36 times over the six-week period and attended every weigh in. In a random drawing, Chris Cercone won the grand prize basket sponsored by www.fitforlifecoach.com, Susan Arthur, Certified Massage Therapist and www.backmtnpa.com.

Each of the finalists received a pedometer courtesy



The second Back Mountain Community 6-Week Fitness Challenge has ended. Participants included, from left, Holly Kline, Susan Hillman, Chris Cercone, grand prize winner; Suzanne Cercone and Carlene Price.

of www.backmtnpa.com. Participants each donated six cans of food for the Back Mountain Food Bank to thank the Rev. Beverly Butler and the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church for their support.

For more information about the Back Mountain Community 6-Week Fitness Challenge, contact Christin Snyder at 690-4301 or register@fitforlifecoach.com.

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