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Bike ride will honor Spencer Martin

Event to benefit Habitat for Humanity

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Spencer Martin's friends at Habitat for Humanity hope to raise money and keep his memory alive at the same time.

The Spencer Martin Memorial Bike Ride for Habitat '09 will be held beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township. The 30-mile bike ride will benefit Wyoming

Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, Christian organization that builds houses for families based on level of need, willingness to become partners in the Habitat program and ability to repay a no-interest, 20-year mortgage. The organization has constructed 15 houses in the area since its inception in 1992.

Martin, known as "Spence," of Trucksville, died in April



Martin

2008 at the age of 79 after a battle with cancer. An active member of the community, he was a member of the board of directors of Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity where he served as president for a time.

"He was a dedicated volunteer for Habitat for many years

who inspired so many people to volunteer for Habitat or be part of our community," said Karen Evans Kaufer, executive director of Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity. "When he died in the spring of last year, we wanted to do something to honor his memory. We just thought that we would do something a little unusual; we know that there are lots of walks in the community."

Martin was also chairman and one of the original members of the Dallas Area Municipal Authority for more than 35

years, a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Dallas and volunteer and driver for Meals on Wheels of Wyoming Valley. In addition, he was instrumental in the founding of the Dallas Area Fall Fair, now known as the Luzerne County Fair, where he was chairman of the grounds for over 20 years.

In recognition of his civic contributions, Martin was designated a Rotary Club of America Paul Harris Fellow for outstanding community service. In

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Creating a Web site for her town

Marian DeAngelis volunteers time to move Lehman Twp. into the 21st century

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Marian DeAngelis works full-time, is a wife and a mother of two yet still finds time to volunteer as executive director of the Lake-Lehman Foundation.

She's also the co-creator of the Lehman Township Web site.

DeAngelis, 31, of Lehman, volunteered her time to create the township's current Web site -

lehmantwp.org - with an associate back in 2006. Now, she's on a solo mission to re-design the entire site and is putting it on a new URL.

"I didn't go to school for Web design or take a course on it," DeAngelis said. "I just bought (the book), 'Web Sites for Dummies.'"

The new site, lehmantwp.us, will be up and running by the next Lehman Township Board of Supervisors meeting on April 20. The updated format includes zoning ordinances and applications, meeting dates, township officials, phone numbers, photos and information. It will also have links to the Web sites of local colleges and universities, schools and fire and ambulance departments.

"This way when they visit Lehman Township (Web site) and find out who the officers are and who the members of the board are, they can also get links," DeAngelis said.

DeAngelis is using Microsoft Office FrontPage to create the new site. FrontPage is a Web design program that generates the hypertext markup language (HTML) required so users can easily produce their own Web site.

DeAngelis works as an insurance agent for Kulac Agency in Kingston and is finishing general studies track at Luzerne County Community College with plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in surveying and technology at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

DeAngelis is married to Al "Butch" DeAngelis. The couple has two children, Matthew, a freshman at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School; and Jessica, 5.

Matthew enjoys helping his mom with the Lehman Township Web site and his experience with the internet enables him to offer tips that aren't in his mom's "Web Sites for Dummies" book.

Al is the assistant coach for the Lake-Lehman High School varsity football team and assists his wife with the Lake-Lehman Foundation, resurrected by a group of people in April 2008. The foundation has raised \$5,802.08 since its inception.

"The kids actually do help out a lot, too, in the community," DeAngelis said.

COACH KNOWS BEST



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Spring has definitely arrived and, with it, softball season has started. Here, Samantha Martin gets some tips from Dallas softball coach Joyce Tinner. For more softball photos, please turn to page 10.

Meeting about postal changes set for Tuesday

The United States Postal Service conducted a study on its Wilkes-Barre Processing and Distribution Center to determine the feasibility of consolidating mail processing in to the Scranton facility.

During the study development, it was determined that all mail processing operations, both originating and destinating, would be transferred to the Scranton facility and also to the Lehman Valley.

A public meeting will be held to share the initial results of the study and to allow members of the community to ask questions and provide feedback.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at the Best Western Genetti Hotel & Conference Center, 77 E. Market St., Wilkes-Barre.

ZIP codes served from the Wilkes-Barre plans include 182, 186 and 287. ZIP codes in the Back Mountain start with either 186 or 187.

Ross Elementary is expanding

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An upcoming expansion project at Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley will add four classrooms, a school bus parking lot and a new playground to the school.

Ross Elementary School Principal Donald James says the expansion is necessary due to a rise in enrollment. Forty more students have been added to the school's roster in the last five years, raising the total enrollment to about 285.

"In the past, we had art classes on the stage because the art room was turned into a special education room," James said.

According to Lake-Lehman School District Superintendent James McGovern, the total cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1.3 million.

A temporary modular facility was placed along the right side



Donald James points to where four classrooms will be added to the school.

of the building at the beginning of the school year to help reduce the strain on space at the school. The modular facility, which the district is renting, houses two special education classrooms and three second-grade classrooms. It does not have any bathrooms, but it does offer wireless computers and all of the same technology that is in the main building.

Groundbreaking on the expansion is slated for early June and the project is expected to



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Ross Elementary School Principal Donald James peers through broken playground equipment that will be replaced as part of an approximate \$1.3 million expansion project on the school.

be completed before classes are back in session in late summer.

James says two of the new classrooms will be regular classrooms. The additional rooms will be called media rooms and will serve as the new

library and computer lab. The computer room will feature wireless computers and a wide-screen television while more books will be added to the li-

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