



A check presentation by the Back Mountain Bloomers was included in the official opening of the Trucksville Stairs portion of the Back Mountain Trail. From left, are Judy Rimple, ASTA president; Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Tour Committee members Denise Lindner, Nancy Mayer and Lisa Lindquist, presenting a check to Bill Leandri, chairman, ASTA board of directors; Jim Reino, Kingston Twp. supervisor; Kathleen Sebastian, Kingston Twp. manager; Bob Skulsky, Susquehanna Greenways Partnership; and Janet Flack, member of the ASTA Board of Directors.

Bloomers make \$10K donation to ASTA

The Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club presented a check for \$10,000 to the Anthracite Scenic Trails Association (ASTA) as part of the formal opening of the new Trucksville Stairs portion of the Back Mountain Trail.

Judy Rimple, ASTA president, reported that the Tour of Back Mountain Gardens is one of the major fundraisers for ASTA and is crucial to the creation of the Back Mountain Trail, a 10-mile former railroad bed from Luzerne to Dallas being converted into a recreational trail for hiking and biking.

The check that was presented to Bill Leandri, chairman of the ASTA Board of Directors, by Lisa Lindquist of the Bloomer's Garden Tour committee, represented the proceeds for the 2009 Tour of Back Mountain Gardens. The 2009 tour was held Saturday, June 27, and attracted more than 400 visitors in addition to the nearly 75 Bloomers volunteers who helped staff the garden tour locations.

The bi-annual Garden Tour has grown in scope and profitability since its inception in 2003. The money raised previously was \$4,811 in 2003, \$3,331 in 2005 and \$5,384 in 2007. With the addition of the 2009 proceeds, the total comes to over \$23,000.

"I can't begin to thank the hard-working volunteers of the Back Mountain Bloomers Garden Club for their efforts," Rimple said. "Each tour takes more than a year of planning and the committee works tirelessly to make sure that visitors have a wonderful and enlightening time. I would also like to thank the homeowners who make the commitment to show their gardens and the businesses and or-

Lake-Lehman Band sponsors annual car show, market

The Lake-Lehman High School Band sponsors the 26th Annual Back Mountain Antique Car Show and Flea Market featuring cars, trucks and motorcycles from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 16, at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds, Route 118, Lehman.

Registration is at 8 a.m. with the show set to begin at 10 a.m. First, second and third-place trophies will be awarded in 28 classes.

Registration cost for a car, driver and passenger is \$10 before August 5 and \$12 after.

There is a \$5 charge for a car corral or display only.

Flea market spaces, approximately 10' x 20', are \$10 before August 5 and \$15 after.

Spectator admission is \$3 for adults and free for children under the age of 12.

A concession stand will serve breakfast and lunch.

Proceeds will benefit the Lake Lehman Junior/Senior High School Band and music students.

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CHURCH BRIEFS

Cross Creek church plans VBS

Children ages 3 years through sixth grade are invited to join the bayou crew at Cross Creek Community Church Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. July 27-31 at the church, 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville.

Children will enjoy bayou adventures, gator games, music and snacks.

For questions or to pre-register, call Charlotte at 333-0560.

Craft vendors needed

St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Route 118, Dallas) is looking for craft vendors selling new homemade items to be sold at Summerfest on Saturday, Aug. 8. Registration fee is \$25 for a 10' x 10' space; vendors need to provide their own table and tent.

For more information or to request a registration form, call Laura Stearns at 675-7045 or the church office at 675-3859.

St. Paul's schedules Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held from 9 a.m. to noon August 10-14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 118, Dallas.

The theme this year is "Rainforest Adventure." The program is open to children ages 3 to 10 and is free of charge. Registration forms are available at the church (675-3859) or on-line at www.stpaulselca.com, click on "links" and then Vacation Bible School Form.

For more information, e-mail stpaulsvbs@gmail.com or call the church at 675-3859.

Piano duet concert set

A piano duet concert featuring Jennifer Hunter and Elizabeth Martindale will be

held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church, Carverton Road, Trucksville. The event is free and open to the public.

Chicken barbeque set

The Maple Grove United Methodist Church, 5876 Main Rd., Sweet Valley (1/4 mile from Sheldon's Lunch on Route 118) will hold its annual chicken barbeque from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Dinners, which include a half chicken, baked potato, corn-on-the-cob, cole slaw, cake and beverage, are priced at \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Takeouts are also available. For information, call 570-639-2958.

PEOPLE BRIEFS

Whitesell receives bachelor's degree

Bridger D. Whitesell, of Hunlock Creek, graduated from Elizabethtown College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology.

Two named to dean's list

Caroline Boris and Sandra Krogulski, both of Shavertown, have been named to the dean's list in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University for the 2009 spring semester.

Boris is a sophomore and Krogulski is a senior.

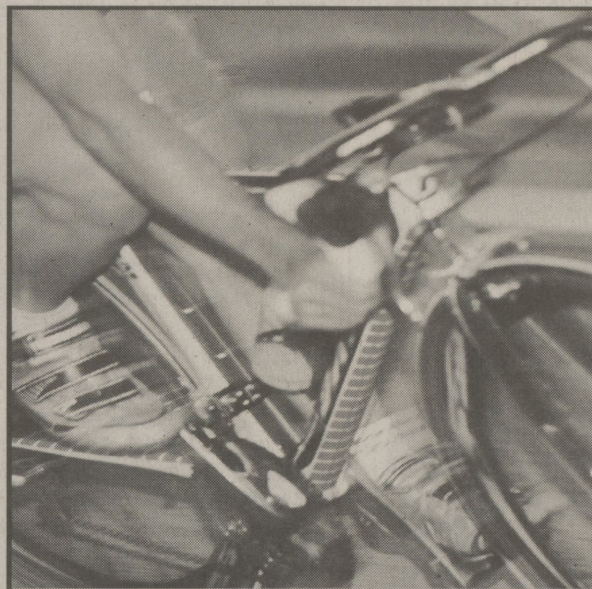
Roth on dean's list

Zachery Benjamin Roth, of Shavertown, has been named to the 2009 spring semester dean's list at Lafayette College.

Students must achieve at least a 3.60 semester grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

Holthaus is program graduate

Rebecca Holthaus, of Dallas, recently graduated from the dental hygiene program at Luzerne County Community College.



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First Annual American Cancer Society Endure for a Cure

August 16, 2009

The ride will start from Kirby Park, Wilkes-Barre and go through Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties

65 and 45 mile start: 7:30 a.m.
 28 and 12 mile start: 9:00 a.m.

Children's Cycling Skills and Safety Course at Kirby Park: 10:30 a.m.

Proceeds from Endure for a Cure will be used for cancer research, programs and services in the community.

For more information on registration or volunteer opportunities visit:
www.endureforacure.org,
 or call the American Cancer Society at 570.562.9749.

The official registration and financial information of the American Cancer Society may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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