

RED HATTERS SUPPORT VETERANS



The Royal Sisterhood of "WOW," an official chapter of the Red Hat Society, in conjunction with Catholic Social Services and Cook's Store in Lehman, will collect personal care items for homeless Veterans of the Middle East Wars. Cook's Store at Lehman Corners will be the drop-off point for these items. Monetary donations will also be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Social Services and mailed to Marie Cigarski, 1645 Chase Rd., Shavertown, PA 18708. From left, are Ken Cook, proprietor of Cook's Store at Lehman Corners; Marie Cigarski and Hazel Markowski, co-Queens of the Royal Sisterhood of "WOW;" and Charlene Cook, proprietor of Cook's Store at Lehman Corners and a member of the "WOW" chapter. For more information, call 417-2408.

ROBERT SPENCER JOINS KINGSTON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT



A new officer was recently appointed to the Kingston Township Police Department. Officer Robert Spencer was administered the oath by District Magistrate James Tupper. With the appointment of Officer Spencer, the Kingston Township Police Department is now fully staffed with 11 officers. A ceremonial oath of office was administered by Chairman of the Board Jeffrey K. Box at the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting on October 14. From left, are David Brodhead, supervisor; Paul Sabol, supervisor; Chief of Police James Balavage, Officer Spencer, Jeffrey K. Box, chairman, board of supervisors; James Reino, vice-chair, board of supervisors; John Solinsky, supervisor/secretary; and Kathleen J. Sebastian, township manager.

CIVIC BRIEFS

A Christmas Carol' at Music Box

"A Christmas Carol," an original musical version of the classic Dickens' tale written by Kevin Costley and Ted Anderson, will be performed today, Nov. 29, December 3-6, 10-13 and 17-20 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. For more information, call 283-2195.

Alzheimer's group meets December 3

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the board room of The Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas. This will be a discussion group and everyone is welcome.

Mrs. Claus Gift Shop slated for December 5

A Mrs. Claus Gift Shop will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Noxen School, School Street. New and like-new items and

gifts for all ages will be available for purchase. Free gift wrapping and shopping assistants for children will be available. Children will also be able to have their picture taken with Mrs. Claus.

The event is sponsored by the Noxen Historical Community Association Inc. with all proceeds to benefit the N.H.C.A. Building Project. For more information, call 298-2052.

Children's Christmas Party is December 12

A Children's Christmas Party will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Noxen Fire Hall, Stull Road, Noxen.

There will be refreshments with Santa and door prizes for children 12 years of age and younger.

The event is sponsored by the Noxen Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary. For more information, call 298-2061.

Eastern Star ladies sell cookies, soup

The Dallas Eastern Star Building Association ladies are selling their famous Welsh cookies and homemade soup.

Cookies are \$3.50 a dozen and quarters of chicken noodle or vegetable beef soup sell for \$4.50. Orders must be called in by Friday, Dec. 12, to Pug Berti at 675-7247 or Dianne Corby at 675-4893.

Pick-up is from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, at the Dallas Eastern Star Building Association Hall, Foster and Woodlawn Street, Dallas (behind the CVS drug store).

Music Box slates musical auditions

Auditions for "American Stars of Tomorrow," an original musical revue written and directed by Debbie Zehner, will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse.

All children and young adults ages 7-20 may audition and asked to bring sheet music of their choice. An accompanist will be provided.

Performance dates are January 22, 23 and 24.

ROTARY CLUB, FRIENDLY'S RAISE MONEY FOR SHOPPING SPREE



The Dallas Rotary Club and Friendly's in Dallas joined forces recently to host a tasty fundraising event. More than \$900 was raised that evening through a donation from the store and additional donations from their customers. The funds will benefit the annual Rotary Christmas Shopping Spree in early December for 45 less fortunate children in the Back Mountain area. Fifteen children from Dallas, 15 from Lake-Lehman and 15 from Northwest School Districts will take part in the 45th annual shopping spree event. From left, are Sandy Peoples, Rotary club president; Melissa Saxon, club board member; Todd Buckley, club board member; Anna Mitchell, Friendly's general manager; Angie Watkins, store assistant manager; Paul Saxon, club president-elect.

ODDFELLOWS HOLD CHARITY BREAKFAST



The Independent Order of Oddfellows, Oneida Lodge #371, Dallas, recently held its semi-annual breakfast to raise funds for worthy causes such as the Arthritis Foundation and an annual trip for a child to the United Nations. The organization has held the fundraiser in April and October for the past eight years with an average of more than 100 people in attendance. The event took place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dallas. From left, first row, are Pete Roushey, Ron Rhone, Keith Harvey, state level grand master; Howard Shafer, Charles Brandt. Second row, Frank Wagner, Don Carey, Tom Oliver, noble grand; Bill Banks, Ivan Ziegler, vice grand; and Joe Hardisky, secretary. The group meets on the first and third Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. above Fino's Drug Store in Dallas. Membership inquiries may be directed to Joe Hardisky at 675-1006.

'Gamers' and 'newbies' invited to video game session at Back Mountain Memorial Library

Before your teenagers (or you!) add the latest video games to your holiday shopping list, you may want to have a "hands on" practice session. The Back Mountain Library is offering a free Gaming Program from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10. The popular Wii games and Rock Band will be available

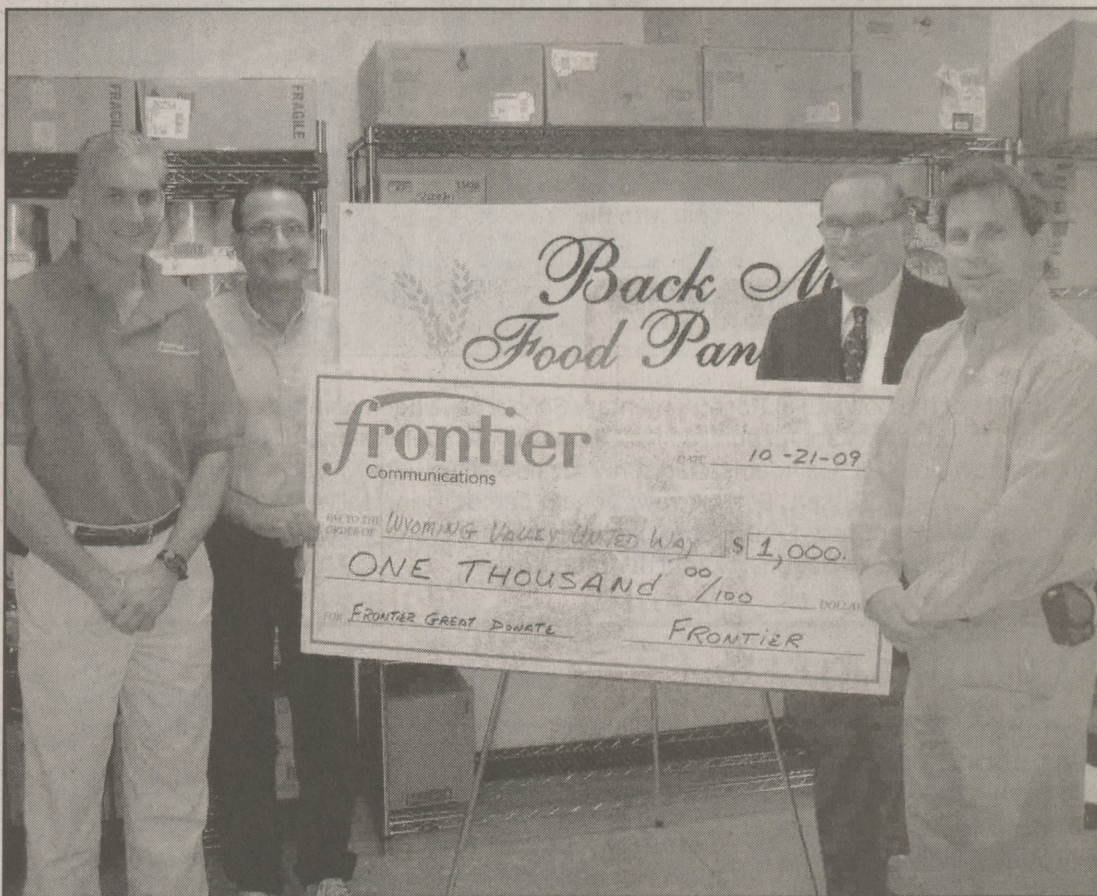
for students ages 12 to 18 to use at the library. Everyone from the experienced "gamer" to "newbies" are welcome. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 675-1182.

The library's annual Holiday Open House will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, and Friday, Dec. 17. We hope that

you will take a break from your hectic holiday preparations and stop by for some light refreshments and holiday cheer!

Anyone interested in displaying their artwork on the library's new "Art Wall" during the upcoming new year may call the library at 675-1182.

FRONTIER AIDS BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY



Frontier Communications recently presented the United Way of Wyoming Valley with a check in the amount of \$1,000 to support food relief throughout the Dallas/Back Mountain area. The donation was made in connection with the company's program, "The Great Frontier DONATE - Let's Talk up a Cause!" launched by Frontier in May to benefit local food assistance programs. From left, are Wayne Devine, Dallas local manager, Frontier; Mark Stull, director, Back Mountain Food Pantry; David Lee, president and chief professional officer of United Way of Wyoming Valley; and Ted Wilson, Dallas technical supervisor, Frontier.