

Loved ones remembered with books

The following memorial/honor books have been added to the shelves of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, for the month of January 10:

In memory of Shirley Shandra, "Dawn Light" by Diane Ackerman, presented by Janet Marchakitus

In memory of J. Borton, "Drive" by Daniel H. Pink, presented by Kingston Township Supervisors

In memory of Nancy LaBar, "Fearless Color Gardens" by Keeyla Meadows, presented by Jack and Jennie Martin

In memory of Roseann Rodzinski, "Hands of My Father" by Myron Uhlberg, presented by Betsy Sorber

In memory of Dr. Wook Hun Koo, "The NPR Listener's Encyclopedia of Classical Music" by Ted Libbey, presented by Dr. Dale Wilkie and "In the Cockpit: Inside 50 History Making Aircraft," presented by Dr. and Mrs. William Wilkie

In memory of Bubbles Martin, "Auto Repair for Dummies" by Deanna Sclar, presented by Mary Ann and Bob Wintersteen

In memory of Mary Ann Yatsko, "Speecherise: A Musical

Workout for your Mouth" (Ages 3-6+), and "Speecherise: A Musical Workout for your Mouth" (Ages 5-9), presented by The Snedeker Family

In memory of Shirley Davis, "The Next Generation of Women Leaders" by Selena Rezvan, presented by Shirley Forney

In memory of Mary McDade, "Japanese War Brides in America: An Oral History" by Miki Ward Crawford, presented by The Hufnagle Family: Mark, Matt, Steve & Ted and "The Comprehensive Guide to Skin Care" by Rebecca B. Campen, presented by Charlene Cook

In memory of Janice Garner, "Dogtown" by Stefan Bechtel, presented by Jack and Jennie Martin

In memory of my brother, Merle, "Snow Buddies" (DVD), presented by Cheryl Newberry

The following DVDs are in memory of **Nicole Spencer** and are presented by Anne Holmes and Frouke de Quillettes: "Fiesta," "Jonah: A Veggie Tale Movie" and "Growing Up with Winnie the Pooh: Friends Forever"

In honor of the 80th birthday of Cliff Parker, "The Pyramid" by

Henning Mankell, presented by Florence Anne and Frank Berna, "The Eleventh Victim" by Nancy Grace, presented by Jim and Evelyn Kersey, "Heat Wave" by Richard Castle, presented by Mrs. Ray (Ruth) Major, Miss Ruth F. Major and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Major and "Skeleton Justice" by Michael M. Baden, presented by Mrs. Ray (Ruth) Major, Miss Ruth F. Major, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Major

In honor of Marty Curfman and Betty Lyons in becoming Life Masters in Bridge, "Just Listen" by Mark Goulston, presented by Kim and Richard Michelstein

In honor of my colleagues in the Dallas School District: Paul Reinart, Jeffrey Shaffer, Matthew Barrett, Thomas Traver, Thomas Duffy, Mark Kraynack, Ron Gaylord, Grant Palfey, Frank Mariano, Brian Bradshaw, Sandy Pesavento and Bill Gartell, "The Fourth Part of the World" by Toby Lester, presented by Kathleen McCarthy

I'M BIG NOW STUDENTS PREPARE FOR OPEN HOUSE



Students at I'm Big Now preschool/kindergarten are preparing for the school's 15th Annual Art/Science Show and Open House from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the school on North Memorial Highway in Dallas. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and view Dr. Seuss-inspired art and science projects. Students in the pre-school class are, from left, Max Castellino, Lydia Barberio, Parker Bolesta, Aiden Fennell, Michael Battin, Kamryn Hutchins, Ella Jenkins, Hannah Letwinsky and Natalie Conrad.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

Seminary schools host Visitation Day

The Wyoming Seminary Upper School in Kingston and Lower School in Forty Fort are offering a Visitation Day for area elementary, middle and high school students and their families on Monday, Feb. 15.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at the Lower School and at 8:30 a.m. at the Upper School. Visiting students will attend classes, tour campus and have lunch. Parent tours also will be available.

For more information or to schedule a visit, call the Lower School Admission Office at 718-6610 and the Upper School Admission Office at 270-2160.

DHS Lock-In Committee will meet

The Dallas High School 2010 Graduation Lock-In Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18, in the Dallas High School Library.

Grocery certificates for Mr. Z's and Thomas' Family Market will be sold in increments of \$50 at this meeting. Students are now being asked to e-mail a baby or toddler photo and a photo

from senior year to lockinpics@comcast.net for the Lock-In video. Photos will be returned the night of the Lock-In.

Schoenberg Festival at Seminary

Wyoming Seminary Upper School will present a special Schoenberg Festival, offering instrumental and vocal music by Arnold Schoenberg, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, and Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Great Hall of Wyoming Seminary, 228 Wyoming Ave., just north of Kingston Corners.

The Saturday concert will present Schoenberg's piano trio "Verklaerte Nacht" and several short pieces by Schoenberg's student Anton von Webern. The Tuesday performance will feature Schoenberg's melodrama "Pierrot Lunaire."

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

Program addresses elder abuse

The Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force of Pennsylvania will host two free elder financial abuse education

programs, "Protecting Yourself from Elder Financial Fraud: Don't Become a Victim!" from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 8, in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University.

To register, call 822-1158. Lunch will be served following the noon workshop and light refreshments will be available at the evening program. Deadline for registration is March 1.

MU sets Movie Night

The Misericordia University Student Activities Department has announced the campus will begin to offer movies in the recently renovated Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.

The schedule includes "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" at 3 and 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 14.

Admission is \$1 for Misericordia students with ID and \$2 for the general public. For more information, call 674-6411.

LL Band Sponsors plan craft show

The Lake Lehman Band Sponsors will sponsor their annual Spring Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, at the Lake-Lehman Jr. /Sr.

High School, Old Route 115, Lehman.

Over 100 vendors will offer a variety of handmade jewelry, wood crafts, wreaths, candles, candy, fudge, soaps, lotions, doll clothes, quilted/crocheted pieces, purses, apparel, folk art, hand-painted and pet-related items. A Chinese auction will feature items donated by all vendors.

There will also be a bake sale and a variety of hot foods served in the cafeteria.

Admission is free and proceeds will benefit all Lake Lehman Jr./Sr High School Band/music students.

For more information, call 574-6325.

Lock-In fundraiser at T.G.I. Friday's

Back Mountain residents are asked to support the Dallas High School Grad Lock-In by eating in or taking food out at T.G.I. Friday's in Wilkes-Barre any Wednesday or Thursday until May 20, 2010.

A portion of sales will be donated to the Lock-In and coupons must be presented to servers. Coupons can be printed from the Dallas School District Web site..

CHURCH BRIEFS

Pastie sale planned

A pastie sale will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Maple Grove United Methodist Church, Main Road in Sweet Valley. Cost is \$4 each.

Call Karen at 477-2450 or the parsonage at 477-5216 to place orders. Pick-up will be between noon and 2 p.m.

LIUM youth plan breakfast

The youth group of the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church will sponsor an all-you-can-eat breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under.

Lock-In fundraiser is rescheduled

The Dallas Lock-In Committee was forced to reschedule its fundraiser at Friendly's Restaurant in Dallas due to last week's snowstorm.

The fundraiser will now be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

A percentage of all eat-in

and take-out sales from that time will be donated to the Lock-In.

The Dallas High School Lock-In is an alcohol-free, drug-free, fully chaperoned, all-night party for the graduating class.

This year's event will be held on June 4.

New Boy Scout troop is forming in BMT

A new Boy Scout troop is forming in the Back Mountain.

Interested boys ages 11-18, including former Scouts and crossing-over fifth-grade Webe-

los Scouts and older, are encouraged to register with Troop 146 from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Jackson Township VFD, 1160 Chase Rd., Shavertown.

RECYCLING

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problem is occurring after 10 o'clock at night."

Hours at the recycling center are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month. The program is open only to township residents.

The township's recycling is collected by Exeter Borough which costs the township approximately \$10,000 annually.

Wilkes said the DEP warning is only for Jackson Township and would not affect Exeter Borough's recycling program.

In an attempt to stop people from dumping trash and non-recyclable items, the supervisors are moving the recycling center to land adjacent to the municipal building they recently purchased. They plan to fence in the center and lock it during non-recycling days and hours in order to correct the problem.

The township is also applying



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The Jackson Township Recycling Center has seen an increase in illegal dumping. Officials plan more camera surveillance and an additional fenced area to carefully monitor the area.

for a grant from the DEP to purchase a new surveillance system.

"We are just looking at every effort that we could possibly do to

get the corrections made," Wilkes said. "We don't want to lose the program. Our residents don't want to lose the program."

purchased.

Sedeski purchased 51 Spring St. in Shavertown last November.

Sedeski said the property had been previously condemned and was appraised at \$12,000.

In January, Sedeski asked the board to forgive \$4,377.11 in back taxes on the property. Instead of forgiving all of the taxes, Sedeski asked the board to instead consider allowing him to pay only the face value on the back taxes and not the \$2,095.45 in penalties.

Goeringer said the matter is

something board members will have to discuss among themselves at another time and said they will get back to Sedeski.

Students of the quarter

Four Dallas High School students were recognized as students of the quarter for the second marking period.

They are David Balmer, grade 12, creative student; Sara Skammer, grade 11, citizen student; Kevin Barry, grade 12, school spirit student; and Irina Ackerman, grade 12, student achiever.

SECOND

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Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle and she was going up.

The two got to know each other better during the Ireland trip.

"I got to thinking she's a very attractive woman and a very thoughtful person and all these nice things about her," John said.

After the Ireland trip, the local people who attended the trip decided to meet and share vacation photos. It was at that get together that John asked Bette on a date and she said yes.

John took her to dinner at the Castle Inn and then they went back to her house to talk.

"We have a lot of the same interests and our priorities were always the same," Bette said.

The Gillespies continued to date and, over time, John met Bette's children. By the fall, the relationship was serious.

Bette's mother-in-law from her first marriage, Mimi Seagrave-Daly, was still alive at the time. Unsure of what her reaction would be, Bette told

Mimi about John.

Mimi, also a widow, said it was wonderful and noted she always wished she had someone herself.

"It just made me feel good," Bette said of the time John met Mimi.

John had also received approval of another relationship from his first wife. Having been ill for several years before she died, Joan told John that it wasn't just okay for him to see someone else, but she would send him someone good.

John and Bette eventually started talking marriage and became engaged.

"We went to a friend's house one evening and we were both sitting on the couch and, all of a sudden, he falls down off the couch on one knee and I thought, 'Are you OK?' and he proposed," Bette said.

The two were married on April 17, 1997 at Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas, followed by a reception at the Appletree Terrace at Newberry Estates.

John's favorite memory of the wedding was when he saw Bette walking down the aisle at the church.

"When I turned and I looked down, she had a son on both arms and three in the back and I thought she was so beautiful," John said.

The Gillespies have spent their marriage active in social activities. They enjoy baking, exercis-

has not forgotten her heritage or her leaner younger years.

"To be born Welsh is not to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth but rather music in your blood and poetry in your soul," she said.

Along those lines, her birthday dress is a satin gown she has worn before and on which she has

hand-sewn pearl decorations and she recalls that the favorite part of her teaching day was the afternoon when she would read aloud to her class the poems of Henry Longfellow

Mohr's 3-year-old grandson, Chance Janosky of Harrisburg, will offer a prayer at the birthday party.

John started dressing as Santa at age 20 when he learned some children in his neighborhood were not visited by Santa and received no presents at Christmas.

The tradition stuck and Bette later joined him in his venture as Mrs. Claus.

The two also spend a lot of time with family. Bette has 10 living children and 17 grandchildren, whom John says he loves like his own.

During the course of their marriage, the Gillespies have met with two other couples from Gate of Heaven Church who were considering marriage.

"You have to talk about things and you have to compromise," Bette said. "We don't always agree on everything."

Bette also has a message for widows: Be open to meeting people and don't be afraid.

CHANGE

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hour.

The resignation of Ryan Kearney, assistant track coach, was accepted.

Back taxes

Paul Sedeski, of 53 Spring St., Shavertown, asked the board to rescind his previous request to forgive back taxes from 2007 through 2009 on a property he

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10 months of work and she bought fingernail polish.

While enjoying a measure of financial security today, Mohr