

SCOUTS ENJOY PRE-POLAR BEAR WEEKEND



Boy Scout Troop 281 in Dallas recently hosted Troop 150 from Chinatown, NYC and Troop 967 from Havre de Grace, MD at its annual Pre-Polar Bear Weekend at Camp Acahela. First-year Scouts slept outside in tents for the first time in the winter to prepare for the upcoming Polar Bear Weekend. The Scouts from all three troops spend the weekend skiing, snow-tubing and ice-fishing.

WEBELOS ATTEND POLAR BEAR CAMP



Webelos II from Harveys Lake Cub Pack 693 recently attended Polar Bear Camp at Camp Acahela. The Scouts spent the day with Boy Scouts from Sweet Valley Troop 444 who were competing at different events. The Cub Scouts enjoyed learning scout skills, sledding and other fun activities. Polar Bear fulfilled the Cub Scout requirement of attending a Boy Scout camp and will prepare the Scouts for crossing over to Boy Scouts in April. From left, are Evan Newell, Sage Visneski, David Williams, Ryan Dourand and Adam Motovidlak.

GREENBRIAR RESIDENT NOTES 102ND BIRTHDAY



Anthony Verdi, a resident of The Village at Greenbriar, celebrated his 102nd birthday recently with a party held in his honor. Verdi's wife, Mafalda, to whom he has been married for 76 years, celebrated with him.

Dallas High School students will compete at national 'Lifesmarts' competition

Attorney General Tom Corbett has named Dallas High School the 2010 "LifeSmarts Consumer Challenge" state champion following Tuesday's competition held in Harrisburg.

LifeSmarts is a consumer challenge competition for high school students across the nation. The National Consumer League, in partnership with nonprofit organizations, government agencies and educational organizations, make the competition available to teens in every state. The Attorney General's office plans and implements the program for Pennsylvania.

Corbett said the nine top scoring teams were invited to the state finals and were chosen based on their scores on three separate tests that were posted online. The Internet-based competition asked students a host of questions related to such topics as personal finances, the environment, technology, consumer rights and responsibilities and health and safety.

Each student earned points for the questions answered correctly. Their team score was determined by the average of the top four student scores from each school.

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Jason Dalla Verde, 25, Pittston, electric and acoustic guitars. "Declarations," which was released in December, is the band's first CD. It contains eight songs: "In Your Presence," "Scream," "Declarations," "Hungry For You," "When He Died," "December," "Curse of Blood," and "Blood of Grace."

"The typical music industry approach is you get a certain sound and you stick within that pocket," Mike Warner said. "With our songs, you're dealing with so many diverse styles that the listener is actually kind of assaulted by the changes from one song to the next."

The song "Curse of Blood" is about abortion and the band hopes it will discourage women from having such procedures.

The lyrics of the song's verses tell three stories—the voice of the unborn baby, the voice of the mother and the voice of the nation. Cathryn Warner sings the voice of the baby while Manassy sings the voice of the young mother.

Mike Warner, who wrote the song, was inspired, in part, by former Alaska governor Sarah Palin because she has a son with Down



Mike Warner plays the keyboards during a sound check at High Point Baptist Church in Larksville. Also pictured is Jason Dallaverde, right.

syndrome and an unwed teenage daughter who had a baby. He even suggested the name Palin for the band.

"That was just a name that I threw out there because I felt that this was going to be the song that really etched our mark in the mu-

sic industry...." Warner said. "These are two scenarios that almost always yield abortions and, yet, in both of those difficult pregnancies, they made the decision to keep their baby. I felt that was a very compelling and inspiring message and decision."

"Declarations" is available for purchase on the band's Web site at www.aweband.com.

Ballet Northeast performs 'Beethoven's Seventh'

Ballet Northeast will perform its signature ballet, "Beethoven's Seventh" and other diverse works at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Wilkes University.

chardson, Katharine Marianacci, of Dallas; Kelly Ferrell, Mary Kathryn Siejak and Kara Lawson.

Featured in the lead roles in the Beethoven piece will be guest professional artist Tim Early, of Philadelphia, BNE soloists Julie Degnan, of Harveys Lake; Juliana Gorman, of Frty Fort; and BNE alumnus, T.J. Firreno.

Others in the ensemble include Mary Sharon, Ciaccia, Harveys Lake; Jesse Florance, Deidre Davis, Megan Ferrell, Louis Gerstle, Sandrine Gibbons, Lisa Lombardo, Mary Mash, Dan Pascoe, Victoria Rendina, Amanda Ruppert, Emily Smith, Maggie Sullivan, Sarah Polansky and Mikaela Rowe.

Supporting the principal dancers will be BNE's corps de ballet, featuring Mia Carlson, Cally Ri-

Tickets, at \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors, students and children, may be purchased online at www.balletnortheast.org or by calling the Degnan Ballet Center at 287-5802.

Razawich takes third in high jump competition

The Misericordia University women's track team placed second in the indoor MAC championships recently at Lehigh University.

las, was third in the high jump while tying the school record (4'11-3/4"). She was also part of the winning 4x200 relay team along with Jen Lozier, Stephanie Grow and Sue Bochnovich.

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"By the end of the second night she offered me to come back the following week for two weeks and the rest was history," White said.

White met her partner, a jewelry designer named Donna Barnett, in Key West. The two moved in together and, soon af-

ter, White auditioned for the Broadway musical "Finian's Rainbow." She landed the role of Dottie, performing in the show for two and a half months until it closed in January.

White and Barnett held a commitment ceremony, attended by Allen and Creel, following a performance of "Finian's Rainbow" last October. They made their marriage legal on Feb. 4 in Connecticut.

Most recently, White has been asked to take on the roll of Mom-

ma Morton in "Chicago," currently playing on Broadway. She will begin the role sometime in early spring.

White is looking forward to performing once again in the Back Mountain.

"It's lots of fun," White said. "The people are great there. It's fun to look around and see all the faces and people enjoying themselves and being a part of that. That's what entertainment is all about."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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