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## Her poster is best in the state

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Kelly Young, a third-grader at Wycallis Elementary School, has placed first in the Pennsylvania Dental Association's (PDA) 2010 National Children's Dental Health Month (observed in February) statewide poster contest.

"I was guessing that I would probably win, maybe," Young said. "I took my time and everything and I've been looking at everything and I thought I came up with a good idea."



Young

The 9-year-old daughter of Tim and Judy Young, of Shavertown has a brother, Kevin, 13.

Her winning poster titled, "Clean Teeth Are Out of This World," shows a tooth flying over the earth on a rocket-propelled toothbrush. Young's poster will be reproduced as bookmarks which will be distributed to all Pennsylvania's public libraries.

After receiving information about the contest from her health teacher, Mrs. Angela Lizonits, Young chose a space theme for her poster and used pastels to create it.

A PDA member dentist, who has not yet been identified, will present Young with her framed winning poster and bookmarks at an awards assembly on June 4 at Wycallis Elementary. She will receive a \$1,000 educational savings bond as a prize. In addition, Wycallis Elementary and Young's teacher, Kim Socash, will each receive \$250.

"I was thinking of putting it away for college and stuff," Young said of her prize money.

Her picture will also be in the Wycallis yearbook for her achievement, Socash said.

"I was just so thrilled for her that she won a \$1,000 savings bond," Socash said of Young. "I couldn't believe it because we had never had a winner in our school and she was totally surprised."

The poster contest was open to third-grade students in any Pennsylvania public, private or charter school. Posters were judged on a dental health or hygiene theme, creativity and neatness.

The winning posters were selected from more than 60 regional finalist posters submitted to the PDA Central Office for final judging. It is estimated that 20,000 third-grade students across Pennsylvania participated in this year's poster contest.

Socash said all of the third-graders at Wycallis were invited to participate in the contest, which was optional, and about 55 of the approximately 100 third-graders made a poster.

To encourage her class to participate, Socash invited her friend, Bev Hetro, a dental hygienist, to speak to her students about dental hygiene.

Lizonits also did a dental program with the students, was the one who submitted the posters into the contest and was first no-

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## Patriotic work



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The remaining members of the 1942 charter group Patriotic Brotherhood of Americans, originally from Kingston, now meet and have supper together at the Old Noxen Schoolhouse.

## Brotherhood group is hoping to recruit some new members

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It was July 31, 1942 when a group of men decided to form a group that would take care of soldiers when they returned home from fighting in the war. • The men started the Patriotic Brotherhood of America in Luzerne, but the organization would last well beyond World War II. Though it has seen some changes, the group is still very much alive.

Patriotic Brotherhood of America President Betty Smith, 86, of Noxen, says at some point the group moved to the Back Mountain, although she is unsure why. Women were also eventually allowed to join.

The group meets at 6 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the old Noxen

School. Each member brings a covered dish for dinner and, after the group eats, members talk about what they want to do.

The Patriotic Brotherhood of America still does patriotic things, such as marching in parades and contributing to soldiers, but they also raise money for various charitable causes in

the community.

The organization recently donated to the Noxen Historical Society, the Ronald McDonald House, St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, Candy's Place and sent gifts to local soldiers stationed in Iraq. Members raise the funds they donate by holding an annual Christmas party, participating in the Noxen Community Yard Sale, bake sales, 50/50 raffles and from donations.

Smith says the organization's 14 current members are older and the group is hoping to recruit more people, especially younger ones. Just seven years ago, the group had about 115 members, she said.

"We need to keep our club going and we need to expand it so we won't lose it," Smith said.

Smith, who has served as president of the

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## REMEMBERING WAR HEROES



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As a thick afternoon mist encircles them, Laurie Wojciechowski, her son Tyler and his friend Corey Kinney, of Gate of Heaven Boy Scout Troop 232, replace worn flags in Fern Knoll Cemetery in Dallas in preparation for Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it remembers U.S. men and women who died while in military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, it was expanded after World War I.

## LAKE-LEHMAN PROM CELEBRITIES



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School photographer Andy Molitoris, right, takes a picture of, clockwise from bottom, Devon Boyle, Katie Wojcik, Ryan Evans, Kristen Baker, Garrett Hopper and Adam Chorba at the Lake-Lehman prom. The prom, themed "Hollywood," was held May 21 at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre. For more photos, please turn to page 8.



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