

BACK MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

# Area emergency services committee will be formed

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Members of the Back Mountain Community Partnership (BMCP) agreed on May 20 to put together an area emergency services committee.

The partnership is an inter-municipal group composed of Dallas, Franklin, Jackson, Kingston and Lehman Townships and Dallas Borough.

James Reino, vice-president of the partnership, said Kingston Township, of which he is chairman of supervisors, is putting together an emergency services committee. Reino said the township wants to have specific emergency plans in writing, especially

with the natural gas drilling coming to the area.

Reino and other officials from his township thought it would be a good idea if the BMCP composed a joint emergency services committee for all of the Back Mountain.

"The reality is if something happens in Kingston Township, all the other municipal emergency services in the Back Mountain will be involved," he said.

Reino suggested the school districts also be represented and BMCP President Al Fox added that the state prison in Jackson Township should be included. Fox is a supervisor in Jackson Township.

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visors in Dallas Township, said each municipality's emergency management coordinator should also participate.

Mark Van Etten, president of Dallas Fire and Ambulance Association, said the group is starting out too big with its idea. Van Etten said the Back Mountain Fireman's Association meets once a month and discusses emergency issues.

"A lot of the planning that you are looking to do has already been done," he said.

Reino said the group should let the fire and police chiefs and emergency medical services meet first.

Van Etten agreed to coordinate a meeting of Back Mountain emergency services officials. Fox said he will also ask John "Jay" Wilkes, a supervisor from Jackson

Township who is also a member of his township's fire company, to help Van Etten.

**DARE program**

Reino said Kingston Township has not heard back from other partnership municipalities as to whether or not they are interested in helping the township fund the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

Reino previously said the state is no longer providing any funding for the DARE program and Kingston Township is providing the money necessary to continue the program in the Dallas School District and at Gate of Heaven School.

Kathleen Sebastian, Kingston

Township manager, said the program cost the township about \$10,500 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Last October, the township proposed to share the cost of the program, based on population, for the 2010-2011 school year as follows: 25 percent each from Dallas School District, Dallas Township and Kingston Township; 15 percent from Dallas Borough; and five percent each from Franklin Township and Gate of Heaven School.

Raymond Iwanowski, a supervisor from Lehman Township, said he would contact Lake-Lehman School District to see if off-

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Standing beside a 1978 Great Lakes biplane at Skyhaven Airport in Tunkhannock are, from left, Allison Duckloe, Fred Duckloe and John Evans. The Duckloes will fly to Skyhaven from Stroudsburg on June 6 for the annual Airport Fly-In Breakfast and Craft Show sponsored by the Skyhaven Pilot Association.

## Skyhaven's annual Fly-In is Saturday

The Annual Airport Fly-in Breakfast and Craft Show sponsored by the Skyhaven Pilot Association, Tunkhannock, will be held rain or shine, on Sunday, June 6.

All you can eat pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage and beverages will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the hangar. Breakfast is \$7 for adults and \$3 children.

Participants will see airplanes, skydiving, a bluegrass band, antique and homebuilt aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles, farm equipment and more. Airplane rides will be offered for sale the entire day.

Fred Duckloe, 60, of Stroudsburg, has flown to Skyhaven's Fly-in Breakfast with his daughter, Allison, 19, many times. He keeps his privately-owned 1978 Great Lakes biplane at Pegasus Airport, Broadheadsville.

"It looks like National Geographic," Fred Duckloe said. "Flying in from the south, as we do, everything comes in to view once

you clear the ridge. The airport kind of comes up out of nowhere. The town, river and airport all come in to view.

"Skyhaven Airport is what it was like at small airports around the country back in the 30's and 40's," he added.

"Skyhaven is a real airport," Allison Duckloe said. "We always see dogs and cats frolicking around here."

John Evans, 14, of Tunkhannock, who takes flying lessons at Skyhaven, was at the airport last week when the Duckloes stopped by. The young aviator will spend most of the day at the fly-in breakfast walking around the airplanes.

Skyhaven Airport is located approximately one mile south of Tunkhannock on Route 29 with plenty of free off-street parking on the airport grounds.

A limited amount of vendor space is available by calling Jamie at 677-0536 or 836-5236.



Andrew Estus, of Larksville, and his uncle, Tom Challenger, of Kingston Township, spend the afternoon fishing together.



Scott Alexander and his father, Chris, of Wyoming, watch the bobber for some action during Open Fish Day at Frances Slocum State Park.

## FISH FOR FREE DAY

Fish for Free Day in Pennsylvania was coupled with a Family Fishing Program at Frances Slocum State Park on May 22 when families with young children ages 8 and up with little or no fishing experience were invited to try their hand at the sport. Participants learned about aquatic animals, the need for clean water, outdoor manners, angler safety and how to fish. All equipment and bait was provided and no license was required for the program.

## 'Seniors 2010' spray painted on water tank near school

Dallas School District Superintendent Frank Galicki confirmed on May 25 that "Seniors 2010" was spray painted on a water storage tank located on district property.

Galicki said the damage was discovered on May 25. United Water owns the tower and has an easement on the district's property, he said.

According to Galicki, this is the third or fourth time "Seniors" followed by the respective year was spray painted on the tower in the past 25 years he has worked in the district.

Galicki said the matter was reported to the police and an investigation will take place.

## Fireworks reminder is issued

Dallas Borough residents are reminded of the borough ordinance that prohibits the storage, selling, keeping for sale or discharging of any kind of fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, caps, guns, pistols, revolvers, canes, canons or other substances, things or appliances designed or intended for noisemaking or for pyrotechnic display within the limits of the Borough of Dallas, except under the issuance of a special permit from Dallas Borough for public exhibitions of fireworks under the direct super-

vision of experts.

The Dallas Borough Police Department will patrol and strictly enforce this ordinance. Any person, firm or corporation convicted of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to fines and penalties.

Please refer any questions pertaining to the enforcement of borough regulations to the Dallas Borough administrative offices at 675-1389 or police department at 675-0161.

## Dallas English teacher will lead young adult book discussions

The Young Adult Book Discussion Group at the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be led by Kristen Andrews, an eighth-grade English teacher in the Dallas School District, and is open to teens 12 to 18 years of age.

This group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday evenings in the Young Adult section of the Reading Room on June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 9. Teens may attend one or all of the five sessions.

Those attending the first session on Monday, June 14 should come prepared to discuss "That Was Then, This Is Now" by H.E.

Hinton.

Snacks will be provided but participants are asked to borrow or buy their own books.

The 12th annual "Donuts & Discussion" reading group will once again be held in the back of the Children's Room with Janet Bauman, Children's Librarian.

Twens ages 9, 10, and 11 are welcome to join one or all of four discussion group sessions scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m. on June 28, July 12, July 26 and August 9.

Participants will discuss characters, plot, themes and likes and dislikes of four junior fiction

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Discussing the upcoming summer activities at the Back Mountain Memorial Library are, from left, Kristen Andrews, Maria Sorokin and Janet Bauman.