

CAST YOUR VOTE IN THE PARADE OF TREES

You can still get your vote in for the Parade of Trees happening now until Christmas at the Harveys Lake Grotto. Here's a list of the businesses and charities participating in this year's lineup:

An anonymous business, supporting the Junior League of Wilkes-Barre
Antique Classic Boat Society Inc., supporting the American Cancer Society
Back Mountain Chiropractic Center, supporting the Welsh Cultural Endeavor
Barber Ford Inc., supporting the Back Mountain Dad Cancer Fund
Smith's Country Store, supporting the Carrie Martin Scholarship Fund of the Luzerne Foundation
Borton-Lawson Engineering, supporting Pulmonary Fibrosis (in memory of Al Floyd Kenna)
Choice One Community Credit Union, supporting the Pancreatic Cancer Action Group
Clements Dentistry, supporting the Leukemia Lymphoma Society
Dino's Supreme Cleaning, (in memory of Adam Disler) supporting David's Coffee Shop
Eastern Landcare, supporting the Back Mountain Little League
Grasshopper Lawns Inc., supporting Multiple Sclerosis
Greg Sorber Well Drilling, supporting the Catherine McAuley House
Grotto Pizza, supporting the Arthritis Foundation
Hillman Securities & Time Technologies, supporting Volunteers of America
Invisible Fence of NEPA, supporting the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Moto-Graphics, supporting Cub Scout Pack 693
Orlando Foods, supporting the Alzheimer's Association of NEPA
Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins Booster Club, supporting Luzerne/Lackawanna High School Hockey
Petals Preserved, supporting Susan G. Komen for the Cure
Red Hat Society - Reading Witch Chapter, supporting Cystic Fibrosis
Reilly Finishing Technologies, supporting the Nanticoke Area Head-start
Rice's Food Equipment, supporting the Back Mountain Food Pantry
Salon Nouveau, supporting the Women with Children program at Misericordia University
Slocum Insurance Company, supporting the Meadows Nursing Auxiliary
Weaver Stables LLC, supporting Providing Hope Ministries, serving LCCF



Megan and Morgan Rogers, of Dallas, pay special attention to their tree selection.

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TREES

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There is a tree decorating party held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving every year, and DeCosmo said it's definitely the kick-off of the holiday season at Grotto.

"We have a big party with the

businesses and hundreds of people come to decorate the trees," said DeCosmo.

Voting takes place during most of December, and votes are tallied the week after Christmas.

KNITTING

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fees, Bozentka said. It's about friendship and learning from one another. The group has taken trips to New York and Philadelphia to various yarn shops to see different yarns made from bamboo and other organic materials.

"When I go into a yarn shop, I am like a kid in a candy store," Bozentka said. "The different colors and variety of types of yarn are amazing."

Excited to start her first project, a coffee cozy, Ashley Farrow of Sweet Valley, came to the Sit'n Knit group in the summer.

"I saw a flyer and was curious," she said.

Working with a burgundy red yarn, Farrow practiced "casting off" and making stitches all summer, making several stitches and then picking them apart. Glancing down at her pattern, she is happy to be working on a project, to have a final product.

"It is not hard to learn," Farrow said. "Fixing mistakes is hard."

First timer Molly Paz, of Harding, came to learn. She does beading, but cannot take it with her when traveling. Knitting, she said, is a craft you can take anywhere.

"Luckily, we live in a climate where we can make warm things to wear," she said.

Bozentka thinks the mobility of knitting also contributes to its growing popularity. Stashing a ball of yarn and a few knitting needles in a bag allows work on a project to continue in a doctor's office waiting room, at soccer games or a dance practice.

"It is a great way to unwind," she said.

Mimi Koch, of Shavertown, has been knitting on and off for several years and has made afghans, scarves, hats and mittens for her three grandsons.

"It gives me something to do while watching TV," she said.

Basketball club plans boys and girls tryouts for 2011 spring season

The FIRM Athletic Basketball Club will hold open tryouts for its 2011 spring AAU basketball teams for girls in grades four thru nine and boys in grades five thru nine at the Kingston Rec Center, 655 third Ave., Kingston.

The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 26: 10 to 11:30 a.m., girls grades 4-6; 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., girls grades 6-7; 1 to 2:45 p.m., girls grades 8-9; 2:45 to 4:30 p.m., boys grades 5-7; 4:30 to 6:15 p.m., boys grades 7-9.

Friday, Dec. 31: 10 to 11:45 a.m., girls grades 6-8.

Sunday, Jan. 2: 5 to 6:30 p.m., boys grades 7-8.

The cost for tryouts will be \$25.

Participants need to attend only one session.

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CRUISER

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He said a recent meeting with local legislators has encouraged progress.

Sebastian said that Borton-Lawson, an engineering firm, is set to begin work on the replacement in May and will complete

the project in November of next year.

A donation of \$500 to the Back Mountain Memorial Library was approved.

The board also authorized AFG Pension Administration to review and update the township's non-uniformed employees' pension plan which will ensure compliance with mandates of the Internal Revenue Service

and Economic Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act and clarify provisions for future audits from the state Auditor General's office.

The board approved summer usage of the Center Street Park field for practicing purposes by Back Mountain Baseball and the Kingston Township Raiders junior football organization.

JEWISH

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is smaller and less integrated has been difficult, but she remains dedicated to maintaining her family's faith.

"Christmastime is very challenging as a child," she said. "In New York, I had more Jewish people in my class."

She hopes her children, Sophia and 8-year-old Ethan, are able to learn the importance of Hanukkah and continue celebrating the holy holiday in the future.

"I'd like them to be able to experience it," she said.

Although Abbe realizes there are fewer Jewish families, she also said the community at large has been very welcoming and supportive of her faith.

"Everyone is very inviting and respectful," she said.

The Shavertown-based Berley family also makes the trek across the valley to attend the annual dinner. Beverly Berley, her husband, Fred, and their son, 9-year-old Eric, look forward to the event at the JCC every year.

"You can celebrate with all these people," Beverly said of the dinner, which was attended by nearly 200 people. "I know about 90 percent of these people."

She said it's a much bigger celebration than she has at her Back Mountain home, where she said there are few Jewish families.

"The JCC is like a magnet for all these people," she said.

Kingston resident Gary Greenberg, president of the JCC, said there are a fair amount of Back Mountain families who participate in the celebration, and the area is symbolic to Jewish history.

The first celebration 21 centuries ago was commemorated by lighting houses to involve everyone in the miracle of the oil, according to Chabad.org.

"The running of the torch used to go through rural areas so that everyone could participate," Greenberg said.

Gabriela Fernandez, a native of Barcelona, Spain, attended the dinner with the Bell family, of Shavertown, for whom she works as an au pair. She said she came to try to learn more about the religion and the holiday.

"I know it's like (the Catholic

holiday of) Advent, and we light candles every week," said Fernandez, who practices Catholicism. "I just want to learn and understand more about it."

Greenberg said Hanukkah is a time for everyone to come together, and the JCC is a welcoming place for those who wish to celebrate.

"The JCC is like a home away from home," he said.

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FUTURE

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Koval is currently conducting a baseline report for the property's existing condition, which documents all of the plant and animal species on the land, as well as the unique formations that aid ecosystems. The report will continue until summer, when flora and fauna are in full bloom.

He said there are many benefits to conserving one's land, including giving the land trust the ability to fight for owners' land rights.

"We have a responsibility to monitor the land at least once a year," he said. "We have the right to enforce (restrictions) and seek damages" if the terms of the agreement are violated by a third party.

"It's an agreement for the best use of the property," he said.

- Sarah Hite

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

ORE	OTT	CALF
DELI	FEE	OREO
DISC	FAX	EMIR
SNEER	KAHN	
	CAB	SUBTLE
CARRYON	GROAN	
ALOE	WEB	OUZO
ISAAC	WASTREL	
NORMAL	DOH	
	CRAB	NERVE
JUDO	DEN	RUES
AKIN	LEO	SNIP
GENE	ERR	ELY

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answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

LARA	EDIT	MEAL	BETON
ERUPT	DODO	ODIE	AROMA
NAHSH	HELLE	LIDIO	HIKES
AGREABLE	WINE	ASCENT	
SELL	AHEAD	STANS	
ADD	EASTER	CPO	
GROWUP	RAMBLE	DIR	NABS
RETIRE	CROP	DIET	SLID
AWSTIN	AIE	AYN	ANTONY
GAB	OPR	ALL	SCROOGE
ACROBAT	LEA	LET	
SHAMAN	NBA	MBA	UGHDIEN
PESO	TACO	BART	RESIDUE
SHOO	WOWKEGAN	NETMEIN	
	HOE	LENGTH	ENE
BRIBE	KRUPA	EAST	
GLAMOR	LEGS	NARROWEST	
RASPY	STAIR	GOPTILLANELL	
ESTES	ANTA	ALEE	ENDED
STALE	DEAN	FOXLY	GENE

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