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Memories are stirred of days long gone

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Chances are you've met Trucksville resident Tom Dombroski once or twice over the years. The 80-year-old often doesn't hold back when it comes to expressing his opinion, whether in a friendly one-on-one conversation or during a packed school board meeting.

On April 4, the chemist, financial consultant, businessman and author reflected on a different part of his life — his time spent on

"In Tokyo, we were given our guns and other equipment. I knew this wasn't going to be for fun."

Tom Dombroski
Korean War veteran

the front lines in Korea during the Korean War.

The U.S. Army Infantry veteran observed the war memorials built in his and other service personnel's honor during the "Vets to D.C." trip, an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. funded

through Crestwood High School student Jenna Neubauer's senior project.

Neubauer raised more than \$6,200 for the trip, which included transportation, breakfast, lunch and dinner for 85 local vets. Even the Daddow-Isaacs

American Legion Post 672 donated towards the cause.

Dombroski never visited the memorials, despite several previous trips to Washington in the past.

"My daughter signed me up for this," he said of the bus trip.

The Luzerne native's life tale is

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Trucksville resident Thomas Dombroski, right, walks with Joe Thomas, of Wilkes-Barre, along the Vietnam Veterans Memorial during a trip to Washington, D.C. on April 4.



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BMBA Expo is back

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Ready to show off its community, culture and commerce, the Back Mountain Business Association prepares to kick off the second annual Back Mountain Business Expo.

The expo will be held in conjunction with a Walk the Trail event to showcase the area's businesses and make the community aware of the type of living and activities available in the Back Mountain, said BMBA member and event co-chair Christine Slacktish.

The Walk the Trail event will begin with a registration at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19 at the Knights of Columbus in Luzerne. Participants will walk the 2.2 mile Back Mountain trail at 4:30 p.m.

Slacktish said a water truck will be waiting to fill water bottles when walkers reach Carverton Road in Trucksville. Then they must track back to Luzerne where the Hillside Farms ice cream truck, stocked with frozen treats, will be stationed.

The BMBA Business Expo will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 in the Insalaco Hall at Misericordia University in Dallas. Last year the free expo hosted 40 vendors and had about 500 attendees, said Paul Nardone, BMBA event co-chair.

Nardone said more space is available this year and the group is hoping for 60 vendors. He added students from Misericordia and Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman are volunteering to help.

"We will have a great cross section of non-profit, home-based and commercial businesses," he said.

As part of the expo, the BMBA will host two free lectures aimed at helping business owners. The first, titled "Liability Risks Business Do Not Often Understand" will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. This lecture is aimed at risks caused by credit default, independent contractor liability and workers' compensa-

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Sandy Scott, of Kunkle, and Rose Higgins, of Harveys Lake, who both work for Curry Donuts in Dallas, spent time in jail during a fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

'Guilty' of having BIG hearts

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Dallas Middle School students rallied to get their principal and superintendent out of jail March 30.

The administrators' only crimes were "having a big heart and a good sense of humor," or so said the "judge," Caroline Sheehan, 13, of Dallas.

The district officials, along with dozens of area businesses, participated in the third annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Back Mountain Lock-Up event at Grotto Pizza on Harveys Lake.

Participants donned black-and-white-striped jumpsuits and handcuffs while behind bars at the event. They were picked up from their respective businesses by volunteers and were required to make phone calls to raise "bail money" during the daylong event.

Heather Schield, director at the MDA Scranton office, said this year's "jailbirds" garnered

\$10,658 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Back Mountain event raised about \$9,400 last year.

Middle school students had hoped to raise at least \$1,600, enough to send two kids between the ages of 6 and 17 to MDA Summer Camp. The camp provides an adaptable environment for children to enjoy typical summertime activities such as swimming, athletics, horseback riding and fishing. The school's final total was just shy of that amount, at \$1,557.

Middle School Principal Tom Duffy said the students were instrumental in raising "bail money" which came from individual student donations to having the faculty pay to "dress down" in support of the cause.

Middle school teacher Joanie Rakowski organized most of the school-wide events and took the reins in coordinating student donations.

Duffy said during lunchtime raffles, students vied to be one of 10 chosen to attend the event for



Caroline Sheehan, Student Council president at Dallas Middle School, serves guilty notices to school principal Tom Duffy, left, and Superintendent Frank Galicki during a mock lock-up fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

two hours with their principal and superintendent.

One of the winners included Jonathan Wilson, 13, of Dallas, whose brother, Christopher, has muscular dystrophy. Wilson was a bit shy while enjoying pizza at the event but said Christopher, 21, is a student at King's College

studying to become a teacher. He also said his family made a personal donation to the cause.

"He's a man of few words but with a big heart," Duffy said of Wilson.

Rachael Lacey, 12, of Dallas, and her family donated an unprecedented \$650 to keep the

district officials out of jail while supporting the MDA. She said she believes it's her karmic duty to help those in need.

"I know people who have muscular dystrophy," said Lacey. "I think that people are struggling

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