

BMBA Expo brings business community together

Back Mountain Business Association holds second annual event at Misericordia.

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After being away from the Back Mountain for 42 years, Jan Curtis of Dallas was pleasantly surprised by the business growth she saw at the Back Mountain Business Association Expo on Wednesday afternoon.

The second annual BMBA Business Expo was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Insalaco Hall on Misericordia University's campus, Dallas.

Chip Morgan, BMBA president, said this year's Expo was considerably larger than last year's, boasting of 76 vendors and expecting 800 to 900 visitors.

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After browsing her way through the vendors, Curtis said she remembers when most of the commercial activity in the Back Mountain was on Main Street in Dallas.

"I just moved back," she said.

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Business owner Joanna Gover, owner of Buka, a contemporary women's clothing store off North Main Street in Shavertown, thought the event was a big hit.

"It is nice to be able to network with other business people," she said.

Several financial institutions such as Luzerne National Bank, Cross Valley Credit Union and PNC Bank, were on hand to show financial opportunities while Jill Evans Kryston from Defining Manners in Shavertown and Antoinette Morrison, MT-BC, from Back Mountain Music Therapy of Dallas showed off their talents and services.

Earlier in the day, the Expo kicked off with two free lectures, "Liability Risks Businesses Do Not Often Understand" and "Health Care Reform" from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Both lectures were presented by the Seltzer Group from Schuylkill Haven.

Bonnie Mattick, a Shavertown native, came out in support of the Blue Chip Farm Animal Refuge,

but was leaving surprised at the variety of businesses.

"I never expected this," she said. "It is bigger and nicer than I thought."

With a large cross section of the Back Mountain commerce highlighted, Morgan looked around with a smile and said plans are already formulating to make next year's Expo bigger and better.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

TOP PHOTO: Chelsea Penman, a company representative from New Jersey, and Tony Banta, of Harveys Lake, look over a new computer screen advertising their web-based business.

RIGHT PHOTO: Misericordia hosted the Back Mountain Business Association's annual Business Expo and workshops. Many more vendors were recorded having taken booths than in previous years.



Lake-Lehman 6th grade Honor Roll

Principals at the three elementary schools in the Lake-Lehman School District have announced the names of sixth-grade students from their respective schools who have been named to the Honor Roll for the third marking period.

LAKE-NOXEN ELEMENTARY

Nancy Edkins, principal, Lake-Noxen Elementary School, announces the following sixth grade students have achieved the Honor Roll for the third marking period:

- Savanah Aton
- Alexis Barker
- Vincenzo Ferrari
- Evelyn Hosey
- Dakota Kittle
- Kaitlyn Meehan
- Marissa Moku
- Michael Stuart
- Morgan Trindle
- David Williams

LEHMAN-JACKSON ELEMENTARY

Marilyn Glogowski, principal, Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, announces the following sixth grade students have achieved the Honor Roll for the third marking period:

- Richard Abate
- Nicholas Albertson
- Elizabeth Bartuska
- Jared Campbell
- Taylor Cercone
- Samuel Ciravolo
- Mahmoud Dabsheh
- Ian Dawsey
- Shawn Deeds
- Jay Foster
- Kortnee Gocek
- Michael James
- Katherine Kaminski
- Carolyn Kerkowski
- Justin Lansberry
- Dylan Lewis
- Devin Lindley
- Collin MacMullen
- Benjamin Major
- Marina Malcolm
- Thomas Manzoni
- Tyler Manzoni
- Owen Morgan
- Matthew Myers
- John Pelton
- Gerald Pender
- Kendra Pudimott
- Justin Raspen
- Jake Selingo
- Ethan Sensbach
- Jacqueline Sharon
- Marcus Steele
- Maryillian Stepanski
- Katie Strohl

- Mackenzie Sutton
- David Thomas
- Sierra Titus
- Jesse Tomolonis
- Nicholas Wnuk
- Kaitlyn Young
- Lauren Zeisloft

ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donald James, principal of Ross Elementary School, announces the following sixth grade students have achieved the Honor Roll for the third marking period:

- Nikolas Antinnes
- Emily Carey
- Abigail Crawford
- Jessica Derhammer
- Samantha Evans
- Ashley Herceg
- Peter Hummel
- Emily Johns
- Karly Johns
- Andrew Leahy
- Kara Martin
- Corrine Nevel
- Sequoia Saxe
- Walker Shaw
- Michael Sikora
- Cole Spencer
- Hannah Stroud
- Blake Valyo
- Garret Weston

ROSS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE BUILDING CITED



Students of the Building at Ross Elementary School recognized for their citizenship, academics and/or improvement during the month of March are, from left, first row, Michael Recinos, Amanda May, Hunter Burke, Chase Shaw, Elizabeth Blaski, Mildred Boyer, Tyler Coenen and Andrew Evans. Second row, Donald James, principal; Tracey Stanley, kindergarten teacher; Karly Johns, Victoria Phillips, Angela Lockavich, Bruce Nevel, Tanner Harry and Kim Chopyak, fourth-grade teacher. Absent at the time of the photo were Garret Weston and Griffin Hurysch.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Tyler Pearson plays Cinderella and Ben Steltz is her prince in the Rodgers and Hammerstein version of the play produced by the Lake-Lehman Musical Theatre group.

'Cinderella' stars at Lake-Lehman

Tyler Pearson made a beautiful Cinderella and Ben Steltz was her perfect prince as Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" came alive on the Lake-Lehman stage.

Julie Whitesell played the step-mother while Mikayla Orrson and Samantha O'Neill were Portia and Joy, the wicked stepsisters, respectively. Josh Payne was the King, Paige Vaccante was the Queen, Matthew Gorski played the Chef and Hunter Lefkoski was the Steward. Winter Wenner played the role of the Godmother.

Vito Sicurella was the Trumpeter and Ronnie Ziomek was the Herald.

Ronnie Ziomek played the Clumsy Man, Hannah Kasko was the Jester, Hunter Root was the Footman and Matt Gorski was the Minister.

Townpeople: Cassidy Borger, Chris Covert, James Cihocki, Kenley Cutter, Anna DeFranco, Avery DeFranco, Karli Doran, Ealish Ellis, Domanique Glatz, Isabelle Henry, Karlie Lobitz, Andrew McCarroll, Jasmine Moku, Jenna Mortenson, Tessa Paul, Julia Pilch, Rebecca Rosser, Amanda Scavone, Raine Scott, Lana Si-



John Thomas plays an important role as part of the "Cinderella" stage crew.

curella, Madison Stambaugh, Bethany Taylor, Amanda Teutonico, John Thomas, Sara Tronsue, Symone Vaughn, Rachel Waligun

Children of the Town: Gregory Albertson, Julia Bucholtz, Madison Chulick, Paige Covert, Madison Federici, Gabbi Fitzgerald, Zach Gabel, Michael Hall, Sara Hall, Kat Kaminsky, Hannah Kasko, Dakota Kittle, Devin Lindley, Amanda May, Cheyenne Nelson, Eva Sicurella, Logan Stambaugh

Kingdom Staff: Avery DeFranco, Karli Doran, Jenna Mortenson, Hunter Root, Rebecca Rosser, Raine Scott, Madison Stambaugh, Symone Vaughn

Mice: Victoria Gabel, Katie Koplanski, Rebecca Mock, Madison Raspen
Carriage Staff: Matt Gorski, Hunter Lefkoski, John Thomas, Andrew McCarroll
Featured Ballroom Dancers: Hunter Lefkoski and Symone Vaughn, James Cihocki and Madison Stambaugh, Matt Gorski and Karli Doran
Strange Girls at Ball: Avery DeFranco, Domanique Glatz, Karlie Lobitz, Jasmine Moku, Jenna Mortenson, Tessa Paul, Bethany Taylor, Rachel Waligun
Additional Girls at Herald Announcement and Ball: Kenley Cutter, Anna DeFranco, Karlie Lobitz, Tessa Paul, Julia Pilch, Amanda Scavone, Lana Sicurella, Sara Tronsue, Amanda Teutonico