

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

**'The Wedding Singer' comes to Music Box**

The Music Box Repertory Company presents the regional premiere of the new musical, "The Wedding Singer," based on the Adam Sandler movie, today, May 8, 12-15 and 19-22 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swowersville.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. A buffet dinner is served 90 minutes before curtain.

For information and reservations, call 283-2195.

**Barbeque planned**

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Company will hold a chicken barbeque from noon to 2 p.m. today, May 8 at the fire hall on Stull Road, Noxen.

Dining-in or takeout dinners will be available. Price is \$7.50 per dinner.

**Master Gardener presents workshop**

Mary Ann Miller, Penn State Extension Master Gardener in Luzerne County, will conduct a workshop on Vegetable Gardening Basics from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11 at the Luzerne County West Side Annex, 2009 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort.

Registration and a fee of \$5 per person are required. Contact Penn State Extension in Luzerne County at 825-1701 or 602-0600 to register.

**Senior dinner dance planned**

"Hollywood Glamour" is the theme for this year's 44th annual senior dinner dance sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging for Luzerne-Wyoming Counties from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11 at Genetti's Best Western.

Music will be provided by the "Fancy Dancer" band, there will be over 65 door prizes and a grand prize donated by Central Penn Gas for the lucky persons chosen to be the King and Queen of the dance.

Open to all adults, tickets are \$21 for age 60 plus and \$22 for under age 60 and include dinner choice of prime rib, sole stuffed with crab imperial or chicken francais.

Tickets can be purchased at any senior or by calling Rhonda Adams at 822-1159 ext. 3337 or Brenda Lispi at 822-1159 ext. 3333.

**One book program at BMT library**

The Back Mountain Memorial Library will take present a special One Book program at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 12 in the Children's Room of the library.

Jean Grube will read the Pa. One Book to the children and then lead them in songs, fingerplays and puppet fun.

For information, call the library at 675-1182.

**Civil War Round Table will meet**

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 12 in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

Speaker will be Anthony T.P. Brooks, executive director of the Luzerne County Historical Society, will present his program on "Brothers from Wyoming Valley Fighting on Opposite Sides in the Civil War" in readings of letters from Joseph Lord Butler and Ziba Bennett Butler to their mother, Abigail Slocum Butler.

**ESL classes offered**

Those interested in attending are asked to call the Alzheimer's Association at 822-9915. The Osterhout Free Library, 71 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre will offer a series of free classes for English as a Second Language learners at a

beginning level from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays, May 12 and 19 and June 2 and 9.

For more information or to register, call 821-1959.

**Dance benefits transplant patient**

DJ Dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, May 13 at the Noxen School, School Street. Food, beverages, a bake sale and door prizes will be available.

A \$5 donation will benefit Marissa Wilcox who is in need of a liver transplant.

For more information, call Kevin at 298-2467.

**Fire company plans ham dinner**

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company will hold a family-style ham dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with takeouts beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children between the ages of 6 and 12 and free for children under the age of 6.

**Knitting program offered at Osterhout**

The Osterhout Free Library will offer a free program called "Knitting Without Needles" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14.

Participants will learn to knit a scarf without using knitting needles and are asked to bring thick yarn.

To make a reservation, call the library at 821-1959.

**Flea market set**

Members of the Mt. Grange #567, West Eighth Street, Carverton are planning their first flea market of the season from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14.

Lunch, including homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts, will be available.

New vendors are welcome. Tables are \$10 for inside space and \$5 for outside space. Call 287-7851 for more information.

**Bingo planned**

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company of Centermoreland will hold an all day bingo on Sunday, May 15.

For more information and reservations, contact Jim at 333-4906.

**Support group meets**

The Dallas Alzheimer's Support Group will meet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, May 16 in the board room of the Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 55 Center Hill Rd., Dallas.

For information, call 675-8600.

**Boback offers assistance to vets**

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) will offer assistance to veterans and their families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, May 16 in her Sweet Valley office, 5929 Main Rd. Hours are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month but the date was changed due to the primary election.

A claims consultant from the Wilkes-Barre Veterans of Foreign Wars will be available during veterans assistance hours. Appointments for these hours are not necessary.

For more information, call 477-3752 or 836-4777.

**Benefit spaghetti supper planned**

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company will sponsor a benefit spaghetti supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 at the fire company, 1618 Demunds Rd., Centermoreland.

Proceeds will benefit Mary Anne Warner, a former fire company volunteer, who has undergone several operations in the past two years.

For more information, call Jim Gilpin at 333-4906.



Aaron Spencer Martin, the grandson of Spencer Martin, checks over his bike prior to the Third Annual Spencer Memorial Bike Race at Penn State Lehman which benefits the Wyoming Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity.



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Megan, Barbara, Melissa and Emily Fleming, all of Dallas, register for the Spencer Martin Bike Ride to benefit the Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity.

**RIDING IN MEMORY OF SPENCER**

Former Back Mountain resident Spencer Martin volunteered for many years and sat on the board of directors of Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity. Every year, people come together to remember Martin's devotion to the group by participating in the annual Spencer Martin Memorial Bike Ride for Habitat. This year, the third annual event of its kind, was held on May 1 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre. The 8-mile All Ages Fun Ride and the 30-Mile Challenger Ride wound their way through the scenic Back Mountain with proceeds used by Wyoming Valley Habitat for Humanity to help provide simple, decent, affordable housing for qualified families within Wyoming Valley.

**Legion plans golf tourney**

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will sponsor its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock.

The tournament is open to members as well as non-members and the format is Captain and Crew. A donation of \$75 includes the famous outdoor steak dinner, beverages and door prizes.

Any business or person who wishes to sponsor a hole can do so with a donation of \$50. Door prizes will also be solicited.

The monies raised at this tournament are used to provide scholarships to Back Mountain residents pursuing a degree at an accredited two-year technical school.

For further information, contact the American Legion at 675-6542 or Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488.

Planning the Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament are, from left, Clarence J. Michael, Jean Skaff, Sally Mock and Jim Baloga, chairman. Absent at the time of the photo were Joe Kelley, Post Commander; Tom Considine and Jim Spencer.



**Rock Solid team wins regional event**

The seventh-grade Rock Solid AAU basketball team recently won the AAU Super Regional Basketball Tournament in Bethlehem. The team's win in this tournament qualifies it for the National AAU Tournament in Orlando, Florida in July. Team members are, from left, first row, Tanner Gattuso, Robbie Hopkins, Jason Klusewitz, Spencer Bowanko and Scott Stout. Second row, Don Hopkins, head coach; Patrick Ganter, Brent Piontowski, Josh Kaminski, Ray Ostroski, Adam Niznik, Bennie Sersen and Rick Piontowski, assistant coach.