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## 'Greatest generation' honored at breakfast

### Local WWII vets recognized for service

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Jack Evans, 89, can vividly recall his service in the U.S. military during World War II.

Not that he needs any reminding — there have been television programs, movies and books created to document the experiences of his unit, the E Company ("Easy Company") of the 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment assigned to the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

He parachuted behind enemy lines in Normandy on June 5,

1942 — the day before United States forces stormed French beaches in what is often considered one of the most important battles in United States military history.

Evans, of Trucksville, was one of eight honored at the Back Mountain Ecumenical Men's Breakfast on May 3 for their service during World War II. Others honored were Willis Ide, George Pyle, Peter Roushey, Peter George, former state Sen. Charles Lemmond and Kenneth Cosgrove. Wally Gosart was also among the honorees but could not attend the breakfast.

The honor was a surprise. The breakfast, a weekly event for the group, was organized to celebrate Mother's Day with the wives of the approximately 80 men who live throughout the Back Mountain.

Representatives from the state House of Representatives and Senate offices, as well as a representative from U.S. Congressman Tom Marino's office presented certificates to the men to commemorate the service of "the greatest generation."

Before he knew he was being honored, Evans compared the closeness of the Ecumenical



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The seven of the eight men honored by the Back Mountain Ecumenical Breakfast Group for their service in World War II are, from left, Kenneth Cosgrove, former state Sen. Charles Lemmond, Peter George, Peter Roushey, George Pyle, Willis Ide, and Jack Evans. Absent from the breakfast was Wally Gosart.

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## Student banks on helping animals of SPCA



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Kyla O'Brien, 4, of Dallas, donated over \$40 she had saved to the SPCA instead of buying new shoes.

## COUNT & CARE

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Kyla O'Brien, 4, is a noble citizen. • She does chores, helps her mother, Jenelle, around the house regularly and tries her best to be nice to her 2-year-old brother Braden. For her good deeds, Kyla gets a few coins in a bucket to save for something her little heart desires. • But a culmination of her good deeds turned into an even greater sacrifice earlier this year. Kyla, of Dallas, gave up a fancy pair of shoes and donated her good deeds money to the SPCA of Luzerne County "for all the animals to have toys and food and everything they need."

Jenelle said Kyla wanted a new pair of shoes, but not just any old shoes — Sketchers' Twinkle Toes, the pink, sparkly shoes that light up when the soles touch the ground.

But with a price tag of around \$40, Jenelle decided to have Kyla earn the money through good behavior and household chore rewards rather than shelling out the cash right away.

"My husband says things don't come easy in life," said Jenelle. "I

don't want her to ask for a pair of shoes and get them, but I want something good to come out of what she wants. The reward is in also how she feels (when she does a good deed)."

Preschool teacher Becky Kosierowski, of Wyoming, was wrapping up a lesson on pets at the Trucksville Early Childhood Education Center about 10 weeks ago during

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Four-year-old Kyla O'Brien, of Dallas talks about why she decided to donate money to the SPCA that she was saving to buy new shoes. Shown with Kyla is her mom, Jenelle.

### DALLAS TOWNSHIP

## Company presents gas pipeline plans

Solicitor says a recommendation could take 'months and months.'

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Dallas Township Planning Commission members received an introductory presentation Tuesday for Williams Field Services LLC's land development and subdivision applications for its proposed pipeline project.

Residents also attended the meeting, prepared to address safety and location concerns. The proposed 33 ½ mile Springville Gathering Line would tap into the Transco interstate pipeline at a site off Hildebrandt Road, about 1,800 feet from the Dallas School District campus.

Michael Dickinson, manager of operations and technical services for Williams, presented an overview of the project, including its estimated 5 ½ miles of pipeline located in Dallas and Franklin townships in Luzerne County.

The pipeline would begin near Springville Township in Susquehanna County, weave through Wyoming County to a compressor station near Tunkhannock Township and cross 24 properties in Luzerne County to end at a maintenance and tap site on 2 of 4 acres owned by William and Priscilla Perry.

The company withdrew a joint application at the April 12 planning commission meeting for land development and subdivision for a natural gas metering station to measure the gas going into the Transco line. That structure, which would include a communications tower, two 3,000-gallon tanks of mercaptan, various piping and valves and condensate tanks, was planned for the Perry property.

Williams' attorney Shawn Gallagher said the company still plans to pursue its zoning application for special exceptions for the metering station. That hearing will be held May 16. The company could not receive land development approval for the metering station last month because its use was not permitted yet by the zoning hearing board.

Planning Commission Solicitor William McCall told residents the purpose of the commission is to ensure the applicant meets all the criteria of the subdivision and land development ordinance, and, if it does, the applicant is entitled to approval.

He said the commission votes to make a recommendation to the township supervisors for the project after all the plan details have been analyzed by commission members and various engineers involved in the project.

Three commission members were at the meeting, Chairman Jack Dodson, Bob Bessecker Jr. and Dan Jones, while two others,

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