



Kim Black, of Plains, and Kim Baltruchitis, of Courtdale.



Prom-goers had the opportunity to take chances on raffle baskets.



Debbie Beynon, of Courtdale, and Adrienne Mullery, of Kingston.

Ladies' night out



Sandy Eranco, Sarah Ivanitch, Erica Platukus, Jackie Nowakowski, Debbie Mozal and Sherry Mercavitch wait to have their picture taken at the first-ever Mom Prom held to bring awareness to suicide prevention.

The first-ever "Mom Prom" at Irem Temple Country Club offered fun while raising funds for the

American Foundation for the Prevention of Suicide.

Held April 29 and coordinated by Barb Mikielski,

of Lake Township, the women-only event featured a disc jockey, photographer, cardboard cut-out dates, cash bar, hors

d'oeuvres, a prom queen drawing and raffles, including gift certificates, gift baskets a handmade quilt and more.

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Carol and Peter Roushey, of Shavertown, make their way through the buffet line.

GENERATION

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2, 1945. He said his unit was set up on top of a ridge to track German soldiers.

"We didn't even know the war had ended," said Ide, of Sweet Valley. "We got word and saw that the Germans were marching in towards us. We had to tear down and get off in a hurry, and I ended up (hurting) myself and spending time in a hospital in France before I came home."

After his mission in Germany, Ide was supposed to serve time in the Pacific Theater.

"I'm glad it was over," he said.

Gene Kelleher, of Dallas, co-founder of the Back

HONOREES

- Kenneth Cosgrove
- Jack Evans
- Peter George
- Wally Gosart
- Willis Ide
- Former state Sen. Charles Lemmond
- George Pyle
- Peter Roushey
- William Wentz

Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group, wanted the tribute to be a surprise.

"Ninety percent of the men are veterans," said Kelleher. "We wanted to honor the World War II veterans, and we missed one."

Leonard Kepner Gottshalk, 84, passed away on January 25. Gottshalk was a

U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the U.S.S. Gherardi. The ship served as a fire support area during the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, and also participated in invasions in southern France and in Okinawa, Japan.

"I was gathering information, then something would come up," said Kelleher of planning the event. "Then Kep passed away, and I said, 'We've got to do this.'"

During the event, Kelleher and three other group members - Ted Rebenack, Jim Morpeth and Ray Patsko - who form the barbershop quartet Three Friends and a Baritone, performed a medley of U.S. military songs. The men asked veterans to stand when the group sang about the faction of the military with which they served.

The group sang "The Army Goes Rolling Along," for Army veterans, "Marines' Hymn" for former Marines, "Anchors Aweigh" for those who served in the Navy and "The U.S. Air Force" for Air Force veterans.

"I had to take a break from singing because some of the guys are getting up in age and they stood up," said Kelleher. "When I think of the sacrifices that many have made - sacrifices that could have led to the ultimate sacrifice - I get emotional."

Another breakfast group member, William Wentz, was recognized for his service during the event. Bob Deeble, co-founder of the group, said Wentz did not complete forms prior to the ceremony indicating that he was a World War II veteran, but later received certificates for his efforts.

GRADUATES

Commencement ceremonies at Penn State Wilkes-Barre were held on May 14 with 103 students receiving degrees. Back Mountain residents among those graduates include:

Associate in Surveying Technology: Patrick R. Chocallo, Sweet Valley; Shaun M. Quick, Sweet Valley; Kristine J. Strong, Dallas

Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice: Brian Bunney, Tunkhannock; Sean M. McMahon, Shavertown; Elizabeth Sukaloski, Dallas

Bachelor of Science in Business: Brian R. Feleccia, Shavertown; Amanda E. Gongleski, Dallas; Rebekah L. Nulton, Dallas; Jason H. Yu, Shavertown

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology: Daniel A. Dymond, Tunkhannock; Andrew Kempinski, Dallas

Bachelor of Arts in English: Anna M. Miller, Shavertown

Bachelor of Science in Information Sciences and Technology: Michael E. Dubil III, Shavertown; Karen J. Hynes, Dallas; Bernard D. Montigney, Jr., Hunlock Creek; Michael D. Pelleschi, Dallas; In addition, several students from other campuses elected to participate in Penn State Wilkes-Barre's commencement exercises:

Bachelor of Science in Biology: Amanda Touey, Dallas

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism: Jessica Spencer, Tunkhannock

Bachelor of Science in Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences: Mia Esopi, Dallas

Several students will graduate with honors of distinction:

Distinction: Mia Esopi, Dallas; Karen J. Hynes, Dallas; Michael D. Pelleschi, Dallas



Karli Doran and Alesha Martin enjoy their roles as greeters.



The High Tea is always a well-attended affair.



Emily Davis, of Hunlock Creek, waits for the party to begin.

LLF holds fourth annual tea

The Lake-Lehman Foundation Fourth Annual High Tea was held on April 16 at the Hayfield House on the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman.

About 70 guests were able to sample several different types of tea, including Earl Grey and various herbal teas, as well as sandwiches and homemade desserts.

Entertainment was provided by 2007 Lake-Lehman graduate Mike Dougherty and a gift basket raffle was also held.

The recipient of this year's \$1,000 Lake-Lehman Foundation Scholarship was Pauline Rose. She and seven of her family members were invited to the event, where representatives of the foundation formally presented the scholarship.

Other scholarship recipients were Brittany Adams, who received the Constance Petroski Krupinski '51 Scholarship in the amount of \$275; and Kristopher Carter, who received the Nicholas Drahos Jr. Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$250.

The event had a host of local sponsors, including Absolute Computer Services, American Upholstery, Back Mountain Candle, Connor's Grillroom, Curves Fitness, Dave's Catering & Smoked Meats, Dunkin Do-



Nancy Palumbo, of Larksville, and Debby Higgins, of Dallas, find the right sandwich and dessert at the High Tea.

nuts, Evans & Daniels, Inc., Grotto Pizza, Kimberly's Floral, Lake-Lehman School District, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Mary's Kreative Touch & Bridal Trinkets, Metro Bar & Grill, Misericordia University, Musician Mike Dougherty '07, Overbrook Pub & Grille, Penn State Wilkes-Barre, Salon Nou Veau, Sue Hand's Artistry, Thomas' Family Markets, Valet Garment Care and Weis Markets.

The Lake-Lehman Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization founded in 1995 and officially re-established in 2008. The foundation raises and allocates funds to enhance the Lake-Lehman School District and community through educational programs, extracurricular programs, and community services, according to the organization's website.

For more information about the Lake-Lehman Foundation, call 255-2906 or e-mail LLFoundation@lake-lehman.k12.pa.us to inquire about volunteering, internships, meetings and events.

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CHURCH BRIEFS

Coffee House every Friday

The Ekklesia Coffee House at River Of Life Fellowship, 22 Outlet Rd., Lehman is open from 6 to 9 p.m. every Friday with live music and open mic. Homemade soup, sandwiches and desserts are offered. For more information, call 477-3720.

Election Day meals served

Election Day meals will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17 at the Centermoreland United Methodist Church.

Breakfast will be hot and made to order, lunch will be made to order and dinner will consist of chicken and biscuits. All proceeds will benefit the Soldiers of Christ Youth Group.

For more information, call Doug or Nancy 333-4608.

TUMC opens Election Day Café

Members of Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., will open an Election Day Café from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.

The menu will include hot and cold beverages; donuts, sticky buns, brownies and cookies; sandwiches, home-

made soups and chili; hot dogs and wimpies. A Lunch-to-Go, all freshly prepared, can be ready in just minutes any time during the day.

Proceeds will benefit Mother Teresa's Haven, previously know as V.I.S.I.O.N.

HOMEMADE CHICKEN CROQUETTE DINNER

The Dallas Junior Football & Cheerleading Association will sponsor a

Homemade Chicken Croquette Dinner

(featuring Shorty's famous recipe!) on **May 21, 2011 from 4-8pm** at the Idetown Fire Hall (Memorial Hwy 1/2 mile past Greenbriar on the left). The dinner will feature 3 large croquettes, masked potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables and corn bake. **Dinner will be \$10 and will be eat-in or take-out.**

Email Kelly at kjcuba@epix.net or call 675-6959 for reservations.

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