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This tunnel enclosure at Dymond's Farm is used to protect tomatoes and other produce from adverse weather conditions.

## FARMERS

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flooding of the crops has occurred at least five times since.

He said flood insurance isn't much of a help, and the government hasn't stepped in to aid farmers, either.

"You'll be lucky to get your premium back (with crop insurance)," said Darling.

Though he's unsure how the farm will bounce back this time, he knows from experience that it's not an easy thing to do.

"It's hard," said Darling. "When your business is dependent on Mother Nature, it's tough."

Farming exclusively in the Back Mountain is an option, but Darling said the land in Plains Township is worth saving.

"The soil is nice there," he said. "Here, there are rocks so big that they'll knock you off the tractor if you hit them. If it wasn't for the land (in Plains Township), we would've gotten out of there years ago."

On any given day at Brace's Or-

chard, just down the road from Dymond's stand on Brace Road, one can see owner Paul Brace hand picking apples to ensure only the best are available for sale.

Brace's 150-acre orchard saw some damage from the recent storms, but he said there are more than enough apples to satisfy customers' appetites, and none will go to waste.

Some apples were knocked off trees due to the heavy winds of Hurricane Irene, but there are still plenty of perfect apples for sale.

The apples that aren't blemish-free are used to make cider. Brace said he was fortunate this year, despite weathering what his 88-year-old father called "the worst year in the history of farming."

He said the orchard lost most of its grape harvest this year due to the heavy rains and estimates about 1,000 baskets worth of concord cracked under the pressure of too much water.

"And it was going to be the best crop of grapes we ever had," said Brace. "They just couldn't take the rain."

But Brace considers himself lucky after this most recent flooding. The stand on Brace Road is

open all year long, as opposed to other farmers in the area, who only have a season to sell their goods.

"If I lost half my apples, I could still sell them all year," he said. "My biggest problem now is that with the weather, some of the apples can't get picked."

He said prices will remain steady for the apples, which are only available at the orchard. He hopes other farmers in the area can make it through this year to come back next season.

"I hope these farms make it through. If you don't buy from me, buy from another local farmer. But buy local," he said.

Brace said the public often isn't aware of the hefty competition local farmers have to deal with from international markets, but said buying local, fresh produce will help the industry survive.

"People don't realize that the cheapest you'll ever get apples from the grocery store is 99 cents a pound - that's \$40 a bushel," he said. "I'm selling a bushel for \$16. I'm giving my stuff away. And it's fresh. I'm not giving you last year's apples that have been gassed, waxed and stickered. I'll never do that."

## Kindergarten program scheduled

The Lake-Lehman School District announces its Kindergarten Readiness Program for children planning to enter kindergarten next fall. There will be four presentations through the school year with the first presentation focusing on Bus Safety and Health.

Faculty from each building will conduct the presenta-

tion.

The schedule is:

Ross Elementary - 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18

Lake-Noxen Elementary - 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19

Lehman-Jackson Elementary - 9 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20

Parents and guardians are asked to register for the first presentation of the program

by calling Ross Elementary at 477-4050 or 256-7897, Lake-Noxen Elementary at 639-1129 or Lehman-Jackson Elementary at 675-2165.

This program is only for children who will be 5 years of age prior to September 1, 2012, and are planning to enter kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year in the Lake-Lehman School District.



Gianna DeGraba, 19, of Dallas, says manners are more important at home than at school.



Jason LeVan, 19, of Troy, always practices manners in social situations.



T.J. Kinder, 5, of Dallas, thinks manners are especially important while eating.

## ETIQUETTE

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doesn't even know what the word 'manners' means," he said.

Evans Kryston can remember a time when manners were of the utmost importance, and everyone followed the rules.

"My grandmother was very much a lady," she said. "She imparted a lot of manners on me that I didn't even know I was

learning."

Morgan, too, also listened to his grandmother when it came to behaving properly in public - a set of rules about which he wasn't always enthused.

"My grandmother was a stickler for etiquette," he said. "As a kid, I was always asking myself, 'Why is she always on this and on this?' As a teenager, I went on a date with a young woman and met with her family for the first time. When I got home, I said to my grandmother, 'Thank you; I get it now.' I didn't want to be embarrassed."

If manners need to be instilled in a person when they're young, then 5-year-old kindergarten students Sophia Gordon, of Shavertown, and T.J. Kinder, of Dallas, are on the right track.

"It's saying polite things when you're eating," said Kinder.

Gordon said it all comes down to the Golden Rule: treat others as you would like to be treated.

"Manners mean to be kind," she said. "My mom taught me... I don't think it's nice to be mean."

## FEMA

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such as supplies, labor and rent payments.

Once the initial contact with FEMA is made, representatives from the agency will visit the impacted property to assess the damage. The property owner will need to be present to provide documentation and answer questions.

Boback cautioned residents that FEMA representatives will

have official FEMA badges. Residents should ask to see proper credentials if they are not visibly displayed.

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) has established disaster recovery centers to assist residents and businesses with recovery. There are three centers in the vicinity of the 117th District, located at:

41 Philadelphia Ave., Tunkhannock.

Luzerne County Community College, 1334 S. Prospect St., Nanticoke.

Columbia County Agriculture

Center, 702 Sawmill Rd., in Bloomsburg

Municipalities, school districts and county governments may also be eligible for federal assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, road and bridge repair, water control facilities, public buildings and contents, public utilities and parks and recreation. Luzerne and Wyoming counties could qualify for public assistance from FEMA for Hurricane Irene damage, while damage assessments from Tropical Storm Lee are still being conducted.



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Honesdale Borough Councilman David Borthwick, organizer for Honesdale's Adopt-a-Borough Program, unloads donations from Honesdale residents delivered to Tunkhannock area flood victims.

## FLOOD

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want to help," said Russell. "If I had more time, I'd be shoveling mud."

The warehouse, located at 189 E. Tioga St., Tunkhannock, is open to flood victims six days a week for at least four hours a day. Those in need can come in and "shop" for items at no cost to them.

Elaine Lee, executive director of Interfaith Friends, said this project is just an expansion of what the nonprofit organization does every day.

"Our donations after the flood were just so great that we had to move here," she said.

After Russell began soliciting donations from the day-care's families, she said there were enough toys in the warehouse to set up a play area to keep little ones busy while par-

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Lori Russell

Director, Adventures in Learning Child Care

ents sought out what they needed.

"We set it up so children had something to do in a specific area, because they have no interest in clothes," said Russell.

Russell finds it surprising to think about how much one toy could actually mean to a child who has lost everything.

"Children need to own something," she said.

Russell said the toys will also be handy Christmas presents for cash-strapped parents trying to clean up after the flood.

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stressor," said Russell. "Our big focus is to save some of these items for Christmas-time."

The day-care centers will continue to accept donations of clothing, toys, bedding, jackets, shoes and other items, but there is a big need for nonperishable food items.

Russell also wants those affected by the flood to know that she will try her best to provide anything anyone needs.

"We can deliver goods," she said. "If anyone thinks something is minute or not important enough, don't. Just let us know and we'll get it to you."

## MOUNTS

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ing of offensive lineman Mason Calvey, Junior Atherholt, Parker Bolesta, Nick Spencer, Joey "Missile" Peters, tight ends Saw-

yer Christman and Nick Fine.

The Jr. Mounts "Mean Machine" defense controlled the line of scrimmage and limited the Rams to one score.

Defensive lineman Tal Richards, Brady Eggleston, Ryan Cuba, Colby Kleintob and Pete Federeci swarmed the Ram running backs, making several gang

tackles for losses in the backfield.

Linebackers Mark Karcutskie and Gavin Adamski, defensive backs Jared Adamski, Ayden Berndt, Matt Esposito, Mitchell Burgess and Lucas Shultz bottled up the rest of West Pittston's offense in another dominating performance.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Blast fastpitch teams seek new players

The U12 and U14 Endless Mountains Blast fastpitch teams are still looking for a few qualified players to fill their 2012 rosters.

Those interested in U12 should contact John Keefe at 885-5808. Interested U14 players should contact Bill Kern at 498-5991.

The Endless Mountains Blast is a travel fastpitch softball organization based in Tunkhannock. Additional information can be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/endlessmtblast>, or by e-mailing

ronh@sbsmod.com.

### DMAC plans two-week trial

The Dallas Mountaineers Aquatic Club (DMAC) will hold a free, two-week trial period beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct 3 at the Dallas Middle School Natatorium for all new swimmers interested in joining the team.

Swimmers ages 6 through 14 can participate in DMAC and participation is not restricted to Dallas residents.

All returning swimmers will begin practice on Monday, Oct

17.

For more information, call Reo Cheshire at 357-8631.

### Basketball clinic set for Rock Rec Center

The Rock Rec Center 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville will hold its annual Fall Basketball Clinic October 17-26.

The clinic, open to girls and boys K through sixth grade, will provide pre-season preparation and conditioning, equal playing time for each participant, drills, games and skill development for every child.

For more information, contact the Rock Rec at 696-2769 or TheRockRecCenter@bmha.org.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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OPEC NEW ARCH  
YEAH DNA DEED  
SCRAM OKAY  
RED ENJOYS  
SWALLOW DAMUP  
TAXI GAB NILE  
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RHEBOK BOG  
RULE WRONG  
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### Go Figure!

answers

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### Super Crossword

Answers

TOGA BRAN ACHY BELTS  
AJAR EASE OLIVE NAVARRO  
CAFE ASIG ROMA GSTRIS  
IFNOTHINGEVERSTICKS  
ATE APE EAST  
GAB INHABIT SCAT ADS  
ALLAS ALLIT THAMES CAT  
GANG CLAR BOWART SHAME  
ANGORA CHOMP RECAP  
ARF WOO PERT LISP  
TOTE FIONHODOTHEYMAKE  
ELAM AREA DUO ODE  
RILES GRIGI DAMSEL  
EVERY BATOR BODY AIDE  
SEN DAYTON DANE SHANE  
ART SHEN VANESSA MAR  
ECHO PIN ASSA  
TIEFLONSTCKTOTHEPAN  
HORROR TINT HORA ICON  
ASSESS ALTO ALAR KILLO