



## Food pantry receives donation

The Back Mountain Food Pantry recently received dozens of bags of food from Our Lady at Mount Carmel Church at Lake Silkworth. The parish held a food drive during a four-week period and donated 45 bags of non-perishable food to the pantry just in time for the cold winter months ahead. From left, are Lori Raymond, parishioner and Carol Eyet, food pantry manager.



Kelly Martin Johnson, right, the new Dallas High School girls basketball coach, observes a team practice session.

## COACHES

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Miller is a newcomer to the Dallas School District, but he's coached girls' teams at Wyoming Area, Pittston Area and Holy Redeemer for the last eight years.

He's also the director of the Rock Recreation Center in Trucksville where he has coached various youth leagues, including some students who are now on the Dallas team.

"The first day of practice I had about 20 kid and I knew about 17 of them," said Miller.

Miller grew up in Franklin County, near Lancaster, and graduated from Waynesboro Area High School where he finished his senior year on a team with a standing of 42-8.

Miller then worked for JC Penney for 15 years, eventually moving to Northeastern Pennsylvania. All the while he coached youth leagues, including those on which his three children played.

"It's always been a goal of mine to be a varsity coach," he said. "This is an ideal spot with in the Dallas School District because I'm familiar with the parents and players."

Miller said his number one



Doug Miller, left, new boys basketball coach at Dallas High School, talks to Jason Simonowich.

goal is to build the program and have students participate in the sport year round, whether it's keeping in shape during the other sports seasons or playing in private leagues.

"I want players to be focused and interested in the game all year," he said.

Like Martin Johnson, Miller plans to focus on fundamental skills and all the life lessons that apply on and off the court.

"Hard work applies to everything," he said.

Miller wants to bring more community awareness to the Dallas boys varsity team and grow the program through community outreach.

"Our goal is to be contenders for the league championships," he said.

When not playing or coaching basketball, Miller enjoys spending time with his wife, Natalie, going to the beach, mountain biking and staying involved with the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church.

## LEADERS

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the zoning hearing board until December 2014.

Council appointed George Gwilliam as the vacancy board chairperson.

Rich Williams III was reappointed as the emergency management coordinator.

Council approved both the zoning hearing board and the planning commission to appoint their own secretaries at a rate of \$50 per meeting.

The next Harveys Lake council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the municipal building.

- Sarah Hite

### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Supervisors reorganized on Tuesday evening and announced dates for the annual spring cleanup program.

Ted Dymond III was sworn into office for another six-year term. He was also voted chairman. Supervisor Michael Prokopchak was selected as vice chairman.

Rick Melvin was reappointed as secretary and treasurer.

Art Owen Sr. was reappointed as roadmaster and zoning officer. Art Owen Jr. was reappointed as a road department employee.

Vito DeLuca, Erik Dingle and Charles McCormick were reappointed as solicitors.

Trumbower & Associates, Borton Lawson and SM Design Group were appointed as township engineers.

Os Patton was reappointed as the sewage enforcement officer and Donald Carey was reappointed as an alternate.

Brett Slocum was chosen as the township tax collector.

Dave Broadhead and Dave Williams were selected as building inspectors in the township.

Joseph Garlan and George Kovalick were named as emergency management coordinators.

The supervisors reappointed the following people to the planning commission: Frank Hilstosky, Joseph Garlan, Scott Latoski, Pat Perry and Sandy Race.

The following zoning hearing board members were reappointed: Jerry McDonald, Ryan Blazure and Fred Risch. John Smith was named as an alternate.

Jim Payne, Jeff Thomas, Davida Roberts, William Arnold and Sherry Emershaw were appointed to the recreation board.

At a regular meeting that followed, supervisors announced the annual spring cleanup will be

held May 4 and 5 at the municipal building on Municipal Road. The board also approved the roadmaster to solicit bids for trash haulers.

The next Franklin Township board of supervisors meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Hall at 329 Orange Rd., Dallas.

- Sarah Hite

### KINGSTON TOWNSHIP

The board of supervisors reorganized Tuesday and three supervisors took oaths of office.

Supervisors James Reino Jr. and Jeffrey Box were sworn into another term. Box had chosen not to run for re-election, but won as a write-in candidate and decided to serve the term.

Newcomer Gary Mathers was also sworn into office. Mathers recently completed tenure as a Dallas School Board member.

Reino was named chairman, and Box was appointed as vice chairman. Supervisor Shirley Moyer was approved as township secretary.

Reino was also named board member for the Back Mountain Community Partnership, with Moyer as an alternate.

Kathleen Sebastian was appointed as assistant secretary, treasurer, chief administrative officer of the police pension fund and representative for the NEPA Insurance Cooperative Board.

Karen Rose was appointed as the township tax collector. Don Wilkinson was appointed as the earned income tax collector.

Bonita & Rainey was appointed as the township auditor for 2012 and was approved to conduct an audit for fiscal year 2010.

Benjamin Jones III was appointed as the solicitor for the board of supervisors and planning commission. James Valentine was appointed as a solicitor for labor issues. Donald Brobst was selected as a solicitor for the zoning hearing board, with John Dean as an alternate.

Christopher Borton of Borton Lawson was appointed as the township engineer.

The following board appointments were approved by the supervisors: Robert Kline to the zoning hearing board, Michael Luksic to the civil service commission, William Runner to the police pension fund board of trustees, Robert Hivish to the recreation commission, Rich Wydra to the recreation commission, Frank Dempsey to the uniform construction code appeals board and Dale Englehart to the uniform construction code appeals board.

John Turner was named as the emergency management admin-

istrator.

Bill Eck was appointed as the recording secretary to the planning commission, uniform construction code appeals board and zoning hearing board.

Keystone Nazareth Bank & Trust was selected as depository for all township funds.

The next Kingston Township board of supervisors meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11 in the municipal building.

- Sarah Hite

### LAKE TOWNSHIP

Supervisors reorganized at a meeting Tuesday evening.

Supervisor Lonnie Piatt named chairman, though he was not present at the meeting. Supervisor Amy Salansky was elected as vice chairwoman.

J. Carlene Price was appointed as secretary and treasurer and building permit liaison at a salary of \$625 per month.

Larry Meeker was appointed as road foreman at \$16 per hour and Wayne Meeker and Dick Schooley were appointed as road department employees at \$15.80 per hour.

Mark McNealis was appointed as the township solicitor at \$100 per hour.

William Bilby was appointed as sewage enforcement officer and John Belles as alternate to be paid on an established fee schedule.

The next meeting of the Lake Township Board of Supervisors will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8 in the municipal building.

- Sarah Hite

### ROSS TOWNSHIP

Supervisors reorganized on Tuesday evening and one supervisor was sworn into office.

David Williams took an oath of office for another six-year term. He was also named vice chairman.

Supervisor Stan Davis was named chairman and Terry Davis was appointed as secretary and treasurer.

Central Tax was chosen as the earned income tax collector and Berkherimer was selected as the local services tax collector.

Supervisors also approved the following appointments: William Bilby as sewage enforcement officer with John Belles as an alternate, David Williams as roadmaster, Bill Ferrey as assistant roadmaster, David Lipka as legal counsel, Bob Walsh as vacancy board chairperson, Stan Davis as emergency management coordinator and Fred Mooney as sanitary authority board member.

- Sarah Hite

## SCHEDULE

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schedule. Galicki said he has been in the educational system long enough to see many different scheduling styles and the block schedule has given the school positive results.

Shaffer will present more information about the scheduling changes at the board's meeting next Monday. He will present an updated course outline booklet for the high school in early February.

In other news ...

• Business Manager Grant Palfey said the district will keep its promise of not raising taxes

above the Act 1 index this year.

The Act 1 index is based on the state weekly wage index and limits the percentage by which school districts can raise taxes. The Act 1 index for the 2012-13 school year is 2.1 percent. Districts must apply for special exceptions if they plan to raise taxes above the limit.

The potential for a 2.1 percent hike would translate to a maximum tax increase of \$37 per household for the year.

Palfey said the district could apply for exceptions in special education and employee pensions, but recommended to the board that the district remain at or below the index because of past tax increases to pay for the new high school building.

"There's no question it's going

to be a challenge again," said Palfey.

Galicki added most of the budgeting process is dependent upon the state budget, which is released in March.

• Galicki thanked Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Mark Krainack for quickly addressing a "mini-emergency" at Dallas Elementary.

Krainack said a two-inch water main break occurred over the holiday vacation but was cleaned up almost immediately. He said five classrooms were flooded, but now no one can notice that anything happened.

The board's next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9 in the administration building next to Wycallis Elementary.

## AGREE

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hydrostatic test.

Humphreys said natural gas is not currently flowing through the line, but construction was scheduled to be complete by the end of last week. She could not

provide a date when the pipeline would be operational, but said it should occur shortly after construction is completed.

She said in the past Williams has committed to increasing notification procedures and there was miscommunication when the incident occurred.

Residents continued to ask Humphreys about who Williams notifies when there is mainte-

nance performed on the line.

Humphreys said Williams is required by law to contact the Luzerne County Emergency Management Agency, which then notifies local municipalities.

Dallas Fire Chief Harry Vivian told Humphreys he has never been contacted about any work regarding the Williams pipeline or the Transco pipeline.

## MEMBERS

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and the Back Mountain Community Partnership. John Oliver was also appointed as a representative to the municipal authority.

Patricia Peiffer was reappointed as the vacancy chairperson.

The following employees were affirmed as part-time po-

lice officers: Richard Szot, Thomas McGovern, Gabriel Paduck, William Acuff and Mark Liparella.

The following employees were affirmed to the road department: John Cybulski, Frank Kus and Frank Stanish.

Donald Egliskis was appointed as a borough crossing guard.

Council also reappointed the following individuals to serve on the Back Mountain Regional Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with Jackson,

Lehman and Lake townships: Vivian as chief coordinator representing Dallas Borough, John Wilkes Jr. as deputy chief coordinator representing Jackson Township, James Welby as assistant coordinator representing Lehman Township and Dennis Barney Dobinick as assistant coordinator representing Lake Township.

The next council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 18 in the municipal building.

## Leadership W-B group aids Blue Chip Refuge

A group of Leadership Wilkes-Barre participants assisting the Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge in Dallas will hold a supply drive from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, Jan. 28, at Pet Supplies Plus, 555 Scott St., Wilkes-Barre.

During these times, the group will collect items necessary to care for the animals housed at

the no-kill shelter.

Items needed include cat litter, canned cat and dog food, trash bags, holistic cleaners, paper towels, vinegar, latex gloves, precise holistic dry dog food, mops, pails, puppy pads, dish detergent, sponges, fuel cards, baking soda, Greenie cat treats, dog leashes, dry kitten chow, Revolution flea control, 6" paper

plates, Soft Scrub with bleach, small dustpans, brooms, throw rugs, hand sanitizer, Neosporin, and laundry cleaning solution.

Animals from the shelter available for adoption will be on site to thank donors.

For more information about Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge, call 333-5265 or visit [www.bcfaanimalrefuge.org](http://www.bcfaanimalrefuge.org).

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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### King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

APE	SANTA	KFC
SAG	ASFAR	NEO
KNOX	VILLE	OAT
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ATOM	EVA	AFOR
EATUP	ALB	FRI
	HOED	LEASED
BRONCO	OLD	
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### Super Crossword

Answers

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FROD	ANDWHINE	REID	BOOK
TNT	PILLAR	VON	LEAGUE
GEL	DER	TEED	
ABATED	BEA	AIRCRAFT	
PHOTO	BALLET	TAD	NARC
EEN	WEDER	DIGEST	MAH
PAEANS	ASP	ROO	ASTID
EDAM	TOMS	JAN	SIMPLE
POWERS	JAB	MISERY	
UPRISE	SEW	BOAT	LICD
KNEES	EW	ERN	ARVILLE
ACT	POPLAR	SCIENCE	CEE
TAIL	VAST	ERATO	SALAD
STADESET	RUN	MILTEN	
TART	ELF	OLLE	
ASSORT	EDD	AVENUE	FRO
PLAYBOY	BUSINESS	WEAK	
SAGA	RUA	ELICIT	SATVA
OWE	EITE	MALD	NAISA