



Misericordia University has hosted the Back Mountain Business Association's annual Business Expo and workshops for the last three years. This year will be the first expo sponsored by the newly formed Back Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

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Valley Railroad. The railroad leased the park to John Redington, owner of a Wilkes-Barre hotel, in 1906. By 1930, John E. Hanson and Alfred Wintersteen owned the park and built its roller coaster in 1931.

The Hanson fully acquired the park in 1935, although the Wintersteen family continued to own

the carousel and Dodgem rides. Over time, Donald and Shirley Hanson became owners of the famed park.

The roller coaster was last operated in 1980 and the amusement park features were sold at auction in September 1984.

MacDowell, founder of the historical association, said local history has a unique way of bringing communities together.

"I found to be the case, that if a community is proud of local history, and people know something

about it, (the area becomes) a much more attractive place to live," he said. "People enjoy learning about history regardless of their background, and we're proud to support that kind of continuing learning."

Morgan has his own fond memories of the park. He said it was a Sunday evening tradition for his grandparents, who lived on the lake, to take him to the park by boat.

"Depending on how the wind was blowing, you could hear the

music across the water," he said. "As a 5-year-old, that's the neatest thing in the world."

Morgan said Hanson's Amusement Park wasn't just a Back Mountain treasure — people from all over the Wyoming Valley would travel to the lake to take in the sights and sounds of the park.

"It was a treat to come to the lake," he said.

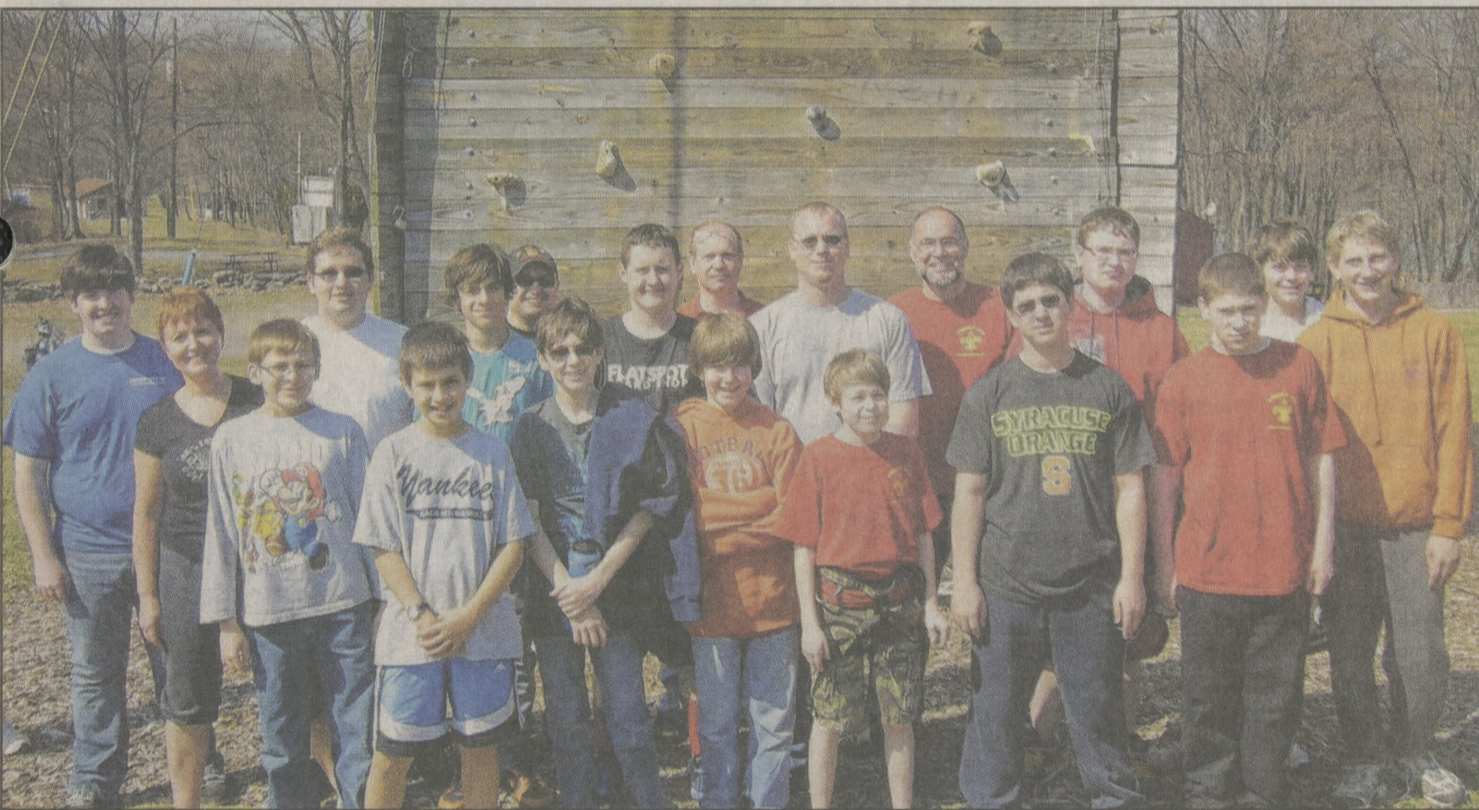
Refreshments to remind patrons of the park will be served outside the auditorium during the presentation.

BURKE HONORED BY DALLAS LIONS CLUB



The Dallas Lions Club recently presented Lion Pat Burke with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 30 years of service as a member of the club. During that time, he served as secretary in 1998, treasurer in 1999 and president in 2000. Burke is the owner of Chuck Robbins Sporting Goods in Wilkes-Barre and he and his wife, Molly, reside in Dallas. Here, Lion President Dan Corbett, left, presents the certificate to Burke.

VENTURE SCOUTS ENJOY DAY AT CAMP ORCHARD HILL



Members of Venturing Crew 163 of Boy Scout Troop 155 and Boy Scout Troop 232 enjoyed a day at Camp Orchard Hill, climbing and participating in team-building events. From left, first row, are Jacob Dragon, Joseph Fiotti, Stephen Strumski, Kyle Gurzynski, Matt Magnotta, Donald Michalisin, Jacob Stritzinger. Second row, Don Stevens, Mary Wargo, Skylar Velazco, Kyle Kulp, Christian Wargo, Brad Kulp, Zach Stritzinger, Nick James. Third row, Mario Naticchi, Rick Stritzinger, Marty Wise and Shawn Spencer.

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