

CIVIC BRIEFS

Historical Society plans classic car show

The Luzerne County Historical Society will hold its Second Annual Classic Car Show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, May 6 at the Historic Swetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming.

The show is open to any vehicle, including classic cars, race cars, muscle cars, tuners, trucks, motorcycles, choppers and bicycles. Entry fee is \$15 per vehicle and free for spectators.

The show is sponsored by Stell Enterprises and will feature DJ Steel Dragon, 50/50, a prize raffle and food. Trophies will be awarded to the Top 25 entries as well as Best of Show and People's Choice award. Dash plaques and goody bags will be given to the first 100 entries. The Swetland Homestead will be open for tours. Rain Date will be May 20.

For more information, call Mark Riccetti at 823-6244 ext. 3.

Nature Center will celebrate bluebells

The Endless Mountains Nature Center, Vosburg Neck Road between Tunkhannock and Meshoppen, will host a Celebration of the Bluebells at 1 p.m. today, May 6.

The event will highlight an astounding patch of Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), along with other native wildflowers. They include golden Alexanders, red trillium, pink and white spring beauties, and green and purple jack-in-the-bulbils, among others.

Rebecca Lesko, EMNC's director and naturalist, will host a presentation about the center's goals, accomplishments and future plans at 2 p.m. There will be the nature walk along the trails at 2:30 p.m.

Donations will be accepted during the program. For more information, contact Lesko at 836-3835.

Aging program

planned at Masonic

Masonic Village at Dallas is offering a free healthy aging program, "Memory Loss and Ask the Doc," from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 at the Irem Clubhouse, 64 Ridgeway Drive, Dallas.

This two-part presentation will begin with a discussion on memory loss, followed by a question and answer session with Dr. Kenric Maynor, of Geisinger Wyoming Valley.

Reservations must be made by May 8 by calling 675-1866.

Program about garden pests slated

If garden pests are making more work for you in your garden than you would like, join Sharon Telesky at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 at the Luzerne County West Side Annex, 209 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort. Telesky will discuss the life cycle of various garden pests, the damage that they cause and different methods to control them.

To register, contact Penn State Extension Luzerne County at 825-1701 or 602-0600.

WVCO meeting set for May 9

The Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon will be held from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 at Twig's Café, Tunkhannock.

Helen Lavelle, president and chief creative strategist of the Lavelle Strategy Group, will be the speaker.

To make a reservation, call Deborah at 875-8325 or e-mail Deborah@wyccc.com.

Square dance planned

The Franklin Township volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a square dance featuring "Just Us Country Duo" from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at the Franklin Township Fire Hall, 329 Orange Road, Orange.

Admission is \$6 and food and

refreshments will be available. Doors and kitchen open at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 333-4626 or 333-5912

Diabetes class set

A free diabetes education class, entitled "Diabetes Facts, Medication and Monitoring," will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 at St. Therese's Church Hall, 64 Davis St., Shavertown.

The class is hosted by Cook's Pharmacy of Shavertown. To make a reservation, call Meagan at 674-3607.

Civil War Roundtable meets May 10

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Roundtable will meet at 7 p.m. on May 10 in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Hwy., Dallas.

Speaker will be Melissa Rabinsky who will present her first-person program as Mary Todd Lincoln with a walk through history beginning with childhood stories in Lexington, Kentucky, her marriage, children, White House years, ending with the insanity trials in the year 1876.

There is a \$3 fee for guests. For more information, call Pete at 639-1283.

Music Box Theatre Academy scheduled

Enrollment is now open for the Music Box Theatre Academy, a musical theatre workshop for students ages 13-20 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville.

Sessions begin May 14 and students will perform on June 15, 16 and 17. Students will learn techniques in acting, singing and dancing.

For more information, call 283-2195.



BILL TARUTIS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Dallas High School students pose with members of the Dallas Foundation at the high school. Students who helped construct a tracking sign that has been placed at the Dallas Elementary School are, from left, first row, Kassy Wall, William Mikolaitis, Andrew James Arnoldi, Greg Strazdus, Jesse McLaughlin, Michaela Marek, Joe Cembrock and Zack Downs. Second row, foundation members A.J. Bittner, David Simpson, high school technology education teacher Marty O'Hora, project aid Gerard Geise, foundation member Chad Lojewski and high school principal Jeffrey Shaffer.

AGE

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and other projects featuring the theme line the walls of Dallas Elementary.

The lessons are as follows:

- For kindergarteners, purple means caring
- When first-graders see the color blue, it means acceptance
- Second-graders should know that green means trustworthiness
- Yellow is synonymous with responsibility for third-graders
- Fourth-graders were assigned the color orange, which means respect
- Fifth-graders should know that red means citizenship.

Traver said the new program helps students see the rewards in acting in a positive manner, rather than dwelling on punishments for negative

behavior.

He said it's important for students to feel special and important in school, where youngsters spend most of their time, as some of them might not always feel that way.

"It's a hard time to be in education right now, and we're trying to keep the mo-

rale up," said Traver. "I think this program helped all of us."

Ten-year-old Emma Sarley, of Trucksville, regularly participates in classroom reward programs because it helps her be "happy and a good friend."

"If you be nice and be behaved, good things can happen," she said.

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TRAFFIC

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him to learn township financial details through an audit. Martin was elected in November, and Grant was appointed in January.

• Supervisors also discussed

creation of a township employee handbook, continuing research on an offer from a company to buy the township's cell tower leases and a proposed disorderly house nuisance ordinance.

• The next Dallas Township Board of Supervisors meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15 in the municipal building.

DOG

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dressed up like a frog," she said.

Some traveled far and wide to make it to the amateur competition. Mark DeStefano of Chesapeake Beach, Md., had his 2-year-old mutt Rory make the four-hour trek to the Dallas Township campus to be entered into the contest.

"She's the epitome of man's best friend," he said.

Rory is the definition of a mixed breed - she's part Bernese Mountain Dog, part Chocolate Labrador Retriever and part Boxer.

"A friend's friend had a litter of puppies, and she was the last one," said DeStefano, a business student at Misericordia. "Her original name was Mini because she was so much smaller than the other dogs."

The event was sponsored by the Misericordia University Peer Advocates, a group that fosters programs about education, awareness, service and advocacy for first-year students.

Andrea Carr, of Dallas, said 31 dogs participated in this year's event and \$576 was raised for Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge in addition to supplies that were donated.

Winners were selected in categories including biggest, smallest, celebrity look-alike, cutest, best trick, best hair/fur, best personality and best in show. Prizes included gift certificates to local businesses and various pup pam-

pering supplies.

Marge Bart, owner of Blue Chip, said the event helps get the no-kill animal shelter's name out to the public and that every little bit of financial aid helps the animals.

"It also brings all the animal lovers together," said Bart as she judged the cutest category. "It's great to see everyone socializing their dogs. There aren't many opportunities to do that."

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