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## Gas co. donation ensures safety

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Thanks to one of the companies constructing a pipeline in Dallas Township, Back Mountain emergency personnel have a new tool at their disposal to help respond to calls related to the natural gas industry.

PVR Partners, formerly Chief Gathering LLC, recently donated a Polaris Ranger 800EF all-terrain vehicle to Dallas Fire & Ambulance Inc. The vehicle will be fitted with equipment that will

enable responders to reach wooded areas.

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Mark Van Etten  
President, Dallas Fire & Ambulance Inc.

continues to move into the area.

The Transco interstate pipeline was constructed near Hildebrandt Road in the mid-1950s. Two natural gas companies, PVR Partners and Williams Field Services LLC, recently constructed two natural gas pipelines to con-

nect to the Transco line.

“There are a lot of new challenges with the industry,” said Dallas Fire Chief Harry Vivian. “It’s a rural area that’s being opened up.”

That construction included boring in heavily wooded areas – places that may be difficult to reach with heavy, bulky equipment.

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Dallas Fire Chief Harry Vivian backs up the new off-road utility vehicle at the station in Dallas Township.

## Community’s the thing in Noxen

Residents gather to buy stuff, visit with neighbors during township-wide sale.

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Those from Noxen and beyond perused the township streets for interesting buys and familiar faces during Noxen Day, a township-wide yard sale, on July 21.

Cathie Pauley, longtime community advocate and first-term supervisor, manned the sale at the old Noxen School, which benefitted the “last big project” in restoring the century-old build-

ing. She believes Noxen Day has been part of the community tradition for just as long.

“This has been going on for centuries, I swear,” said Pauley. “Everyone just puts their stuff out and they go and see each other. We’ve been doing this for 12 years and all the items are donated.”

Funds raised from the sale will be used to complete the siding replacement project on the building on Schoolhouse Road, which Pauley said totaled about \$50,000.

“We have one side left, and that will cost \$10,000,” she said. “It’s so expensive because they have to do the metal bending to make it exactly the same so it can remain a historical building.”

But benefitting the school was the last thing on some patrons’ minds – they just wanted to find interesting goods for a bargain.

Irene Campbell, of Olyphant, browsed the tables for anything that might catch her eye – after all, it’s part of her job.

Campbell has a business called Fabulous Finds of All Kinds in Olyphant, where she sells items she finds from all over the area.

“I’m looking for antiques, mostly,” she said. “I’m from more of a city area, but I always find



Rayann Brown, left, and Violetta Kline, 4, both of Noxen, look over items at one of the yard sales during Noxen Day.

more interesting things in places like this, more rural areas.”

Down the street, Robert Kehler, of Larksville, set up shop – literally – with his step-grandson, 14-year-old Michael Rasmovicz.

Kehler is a toy train vendor who often sells at the Sixth Street Flea Market in Wyoming and the Edwardsville Flea Market. He also travels to festivals and fairs throughout the area to sell his goods, which range from toy trains to “everyday brick-a-brack.”

“It started when my father passed away, and he had a big train collection and I had a lot of them, and I couldn’t keep all of them, so I started selling,” said Kehler. “Pretty soon people started coming to me to sell their stuff.”

Kehler, who sells his wares in addition to maintaining his full-time job as a custodian at Dallas High School, said “lack of money” is one reason he keeps pursuing his passion, but meeting new people is another perk of the job.

“I enjoy trains and talking to people,” he said. “Work is work but this is a fun job for me.”

Denyelle Lobacz, of Noxen, set up her sale table near the St. Luke’s Reformation Lutheran

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Collie Club of Northeast PA President Michael Free, left, and Pat Fedock, of Shavertown, fit ‘Shooter’ with a pet oxygen mask, one of three donated by the club to Jackson Township Volunteer Fire & Ambulance.

## Helping Rover to breathe easy

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Pat Fedock knows what can happen to pets during a fire.

“Thankfully, it hasn’t happened to me,” said the Shavertown resident. “But my neighbors’ house burned down last year and their two dogs died due to smoke inhalation. It’s scary.”

There are plenty of devices to save human lives, but the Collie Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania hopes to ensure furry family members make it safely out of a fire, too.

The group, to which Fedock belongs, recently donated three pet oxygen masks to the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department.

The masks are sized small, medium and large to fit most pets. A muzzle can be placed on the animal’s snout before using to ensure the safety of the firefighter or other personnel administering the oxygen. A hose attached to the mask is connected to an oxygen tank, allowing the pet to breathe a bit easier in a fire.

Jackson Township Fire Chief Dan Manzoni was thankful for the masks – he said firefighters have been trained to hold a pet’s

snout shut when taking the creatures out of a smoky situation.

“We haven’t had any emergencies like this yet, but these will increase our ability to help a pet if it does arise,” said Manzoni.

“I feel a little bit better – I only live just over the hill,” she said.

“My husband and I don’t have kids. We have three Collies, and they’re our kids.”

Ron Gryzboski, of Hunlock Creek, the club’s treasurer, said the club does an annual fundraiser of providing coffee and donuts to travelers on Interstate 81 during Thanksgiving. The funds raised enable the group to give back to its community.

“We usually give every year,” said Gryzboski. “Sometimes we’ll give to the SPCA. This year, we saw that many groups are getting the oxygen masks, and we tried to find a fire company that’s volunteer-based.”

Gryzboski said the Collie Club of NEPA is a group dedi-



Collie Club of Northeast PA President Michael Free, of Springbrook Township, center, along with his parents Charlie and Loraine Free, round up their collies at the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire & Ambulance station.



Lina Besteder, of Newark, Del., selects a candle for sale in the Noxen School during Noxen Day.

