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People shop at one of the yard sales during Noxen Day.

## NOXEN

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Church, of which she is a member.

"I sell outside the church because they usually have food and I can tell people so way more money goes to the church," she said.

Decluttering is one reason Lobacz keeps participating in the sale every year, but restocking her home is another.

"I like to go to yard sales," she said. "I like to change things in my home."

Seeing familiar faces puts the day in perspective. Lobacz said she sees the same customers year after year.

"People always say, 'There's blonde,'" she said, laughing.

Pauley thinks the community could use a break from rebuilding after flooding devastated the township in 2011 and from ongoing work being done on the BP Wind Farm to be built in Mehopy. State Route 29 in Noxen Township is being used as a storage site for the project's materials.

"It's not just the flooding, but it's the trucks that are on the road from 6 a.m. to 6 at night and the noise and the dust," said

Pauley. "This helps calm people down."

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## DAYCARE

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McGovern.

He said there's a two-year waiting list for enrollment in Hildebrandt's programs, and McGovern feels this will allow the 70-student capacity facility to fill quickly.

McGovern hopes the facility will not only create additional funds for the district - he's hoping it will net between \$70,000 and \$100,000 annually - but will also save money in other ways.

"If I could preserve one or two teaching positions based on the fact we have a daycare, I think it's all worth it," he said. "...Every year, maybe there are people who stay out longer on FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) that would come back sooner if they believe their children are here at work with them. Plus, the quality of education increases because you're going to preserve the continuity of that same teacher in the classroom for greater periods of time."

He hopes the facility will also attract more students from other areas and indicated there's al-

ready interest from people who live in the Dallas, Tunkhannock and the Northwest school districts.

"As you increase the amount of people who come and you're educating their children from a younger age, you're going to, over time, see a stronger population of students," said McGovern. "...I already have three parents who are moving in this year, who chose to move into the Lake-Lehman School District based on the fact that we're doing a daycare."

McGovern said the facility should be open in late August for the 2012-13 school year.



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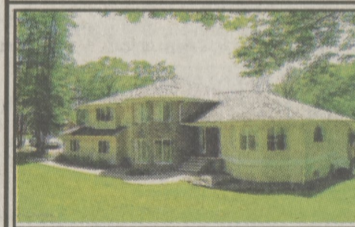
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sylvania," said Casaday. "It's our policy to help out."

Vivian said the natural gas companies have been in close contact with emergency personnel during the construction, and both parties keep a line of communication open to understand how to respond to natural gas emergencies.

"We've had at least three meetings," said Vivian. "We knew where the pipeline was going. If we had an emergency, we knew whose property it was and how to access it. We have to be progressive."

Dallas Township Supervisor Liz Martin, who has revamped the township's emergency management agency in response to the natural gas industry's emergence in the area, believes the company's investment in the township's safety is important.

"This is a tremendous benefit to our township EMA and fire department because we have a whole new terrain and a whole new dynamic to deal with," Martin said. "It's nice that one of the reasons we have this whole new dynamic is lending a hand."

## PEOPLE BRIEF

### Ashley Lawrence participates in Diversity Camp

Ashley Lawrence, of Harveys Lake, a student at Lake-Lehman High School, recently participated in the annual Diversity Camp sponsored by the Diversity Institute at Misericordia University.

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