



Centermoreland Fire Company members with Mike Nerozzi, aide to State Representative Karen Boback, Clint Kytte, Northmoreland Twp. Supervisor, Bill Wagner, Northmoreland Twp. Supervisor and Paul Gates, Northmoreland Twp. Supervisor

Fire station expansion begins

The Northmoreland Township Volunteer Fire Company held its groundbreaking ceremony recently to kick off the expansion project to the Centermoreland Fire Station.

Local officials were on hand to show support for this project.

This 5,000 square foot addition will complement the existing banquet hall and apparatus bays. The expansion

project will add four additional apparatus bays, an all-purpose bay, handicap bathrooms and shower facilities, offices for the line officers and a day room and bunk room for the members.

Lions Club awards scholarships

The Dallas Lions Club recently honored Shaina Dougherty and Tara Stephens with \$500 book scholarships.

The awards were presented at a dinner meeting of the club at the Metro Bar & Grill in Dallas.

Both Dougherty and Stephens graduated from Holy Redeemer High School and both plan to attend King's College.

Dougherty plans to be an optometrist whereas Stephens is aspiring to be a physician's assistant.

Stephens is a member of the Emerald Isle Step Dancers, the St. Ignatius Youth Group and alter server at Holy Savior Church. She is president of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and a member of the school's pro-life group. She was inducted into the National Honor Society and was a member of the marching band and orchestra.

Dougherty belongs to the Regional Youth Ministry and is an alter server and cantor at Holy Trinity Church. She was captain of the field hockey and soccer teams and garnered Offensive Player of the Year for soccer. She was also active in student government and was inducted into the National Honor Society.



Shaina Dougherty recently received a \$500 book scholarship from the Dallas Lions Club. From left, are Robert and Doreen Dougherty, parents; Dougherty, Lions Joe Newhart and Dave Fitch, scholarship committee chairmen.



Tara Stephens recently received a \$500 book scholarship from the Dallas Lions Club. Shown here, from left, are Donald Stephens, brother; Stephens, Lions Joe Newhart and Dave Fitch, scholarship committee chairmen.

Lake-Lehman will conduct sports physicals

Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School will conduct the final two days of fall sports physicals in the nurse's suite at the high school on the following days:

- Wednesday, Aug. 1 - all junior high girls
- Wednesday, Aug. 8 - all junior high boys

Physicals will begin at 9 a.m. each day. Any senior high athlete unable to make the first two exam dates may report on one of the above-mentioned days.

There are new PIAA sport physical forms this year.

Forms can be picked up at the high school office or can be printed from the Lake-Lehman School District web site under Athletics. All physical forms must be signed prior to the exam by a parent/guardian. There will be no make-up exams.

TRIATHLON

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Mountain area," said Gensel. "The bikers go through Dallas, Kunkle, Noxen and Lehman and there wasn't any traffic back then."

Gensel said the race recently instated a new start time, about an hour earlier than in previous years, in order to avoid heavy traffic. She also said natural gas and other energy developments in the area have made race organizers more aware of traffic concerns.

"Our basic number one concern is safety of the athletes. We have the issue now with the (natural gas industry) - they work 24/7," said Gensel. "The site manager of the windmill project (in Noxen) has been very cooperative ... to make sure the trucks don't interfere with the race."

Dallas Township Police Chief Robert Jolley said the entire force comes out to ensure the safety of athletes during the

event. "It's a day when no one is off," he said. "We have the maximum effort because of the number of intersections. It takes everybody I have, and we use every single vehicle."

Jolley said the most dangerous part of the race is when bikers cross State Route 309 in Kunkle - he ensures there are at least two officers on the scene and has signs posted for drivers to slow down and be alert during the event.

"Around here, we're all aware of the triathlon, but somebody traveling from Monroe County has no clue and there are all these bikes," said Jolley. "Every year, we're greatly concerned for the safety of everyone involved. (The race organizers are) well aware of it. It's just a difficult thing to deal with."

Gensel said the highway crossing is a great concern and believes the route will need to be tweaked in future years in order to accommodate the increase in traffic over time.

"I talked to some of the athletes that have been in the race for 30 years and asked for their

help," said Gensel. "I'm an organizer, so I asked for their help to try to find a different route for next year. I don't know if possible, but I'd like to try. It's still a safe route, but maybe we don't have to go over 309. We may have to go over it sooner or later, but we're going to try and see, find alternatives, see what does work."

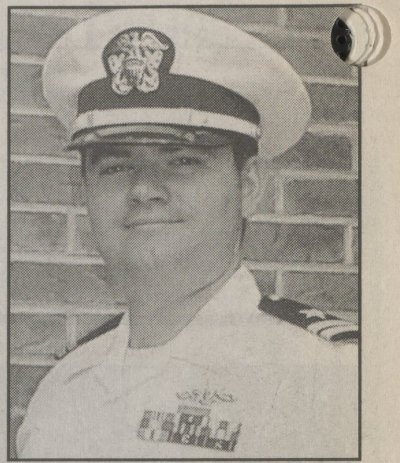
Jolley said not only has the population increased in the Back Mountain, but also the way people spend their time, which he believes affects the Sunday morning traffic patterns.

"It used to be that Sunday morning was a nice quiet morning with everyone home," said Jolley. "Now, it looks like Monday morning."

Thanks to local law enforcement and the municipalities in which the event is located, Gensel said the race can continue for another 30 years.

"We couldn't do it without support from the Back Mountain community, from the fire and ambulance, to the police departments, to council members," she said.

LT John W. Gilligan receives Navy medal



GILLIGAN

LT John W. Gilligan, USN was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal at the conclusion of a three-year tour of duty on the USS Pittsburgh, a Los Angeles class submarine.

In part, the award noted that as junior officer of the deck, LT Gilligan "provided superior backup and maintained tactical control during several missions critical to national security."

In addition, LT Gilligan was

named the Submarine Squadron Two 2011 Junior Officer of the year. He received the Navy Achievement Medal which stated that while serving as the Communicator he demonstrated unique prowess in the navigation and handling of the Pittsburgh.

The son of Martin and Mary Barbara Gilligan, of Dallas, LT Gilligan is a 2003 graduate of Dallas High School and a 2007 graduate of the US Naval Academy.

my. His next tour of duty will be as an instructor at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Football camp slated

The Dallas High School Football Camp will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, Aug. 6 and Tuesday, Aug. 7 at Mountaineer Stadium for boys ages 6 thru 12. The camp will be run by Bob Zaruta, head football coach at Dallas High School, and his coaching staff.

Registration fee is \$45 by July 31 and \$50 at the door.

For more information, contact Coach Zaruta at 332-2200 or 675-0066.

Rec Center plans soccer camps

The Rock Rec Center, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville, is accepting registrations for soccer camps with instruction from Mark Bassett, men's soccer coach at King's College, and

current King's College players.

For more information, call the Rock Rec Center at 696-2769.

Blast U12 team sets tryouts

U12 Endless Mt Blast Fastpitch will hold tryouts from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Tunkhannock Area High school softball field.

Experienced players, with birth year 2000 and later, are encouraged to attend. Players will need gloves, spikes and appropriate workout gear. Private tryouts can be arranged for those unable to attend.

The Endless Mt Blast is a travel fastpitch softball organization based in Tunkhannock. Additional information can be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/endlessmtblast>, or by e-mailing ronh@sbsmod.com.

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Blast U14 team sets tryouts

The U14 Endless Mt Blast Fastpitch will hold tryouts from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 and from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Tunkhannock Area High school softball field.

Experienced players, with birth year 1998 and later, are encouraged to attend. Players will need gloves, spikes and appropriate workout gear. Private tryouts can be arranged for those unable to attend.

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SCHOOL BRIEFS

LL Class of '63 plans meeting

The Lake-Lehman Class of 1963 will hold a 50th anniversary reunion planning meeting at 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake.

Birthday celebration is August 10

The Birthday Celebration of

those turning "70" from both the Lake-Noxen Class of 1959 and the Lake-Lehman Class of 1960 will be held at 6 p.m. on Aug. 10 at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake.

All classmates and their guests are invited to participate in Karaoke and Open Mic. The group is still seeking information for John Horniak and Carol Stroud.

For more information, call

Gordon at 639-1260.

Lake-Noxen Reunion scheduled

The Lake-Noxen School Reunion will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 11 at Harveys Lake Beach Club Pavilion.

Cost is \$2 per person and participants are asked to bring a covered dish to serve six to eight people.

For more information, contact Tanya Christ at 945-5874 or Carlene McCaffrey at 639-5308.



BILL TARUTIS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

PennDOT inspectors Alex Benne, left, Dave Evans and Mike Lipka look over plans for the Hillside Road Bridge Project.

HILLSIDE

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the wait.

"I think it's coming along very well," he said. "With the impact comes a sense of perfection. Though it's taken as long as it did, soon the inconvenience will be eliminated and down and upstream flooding

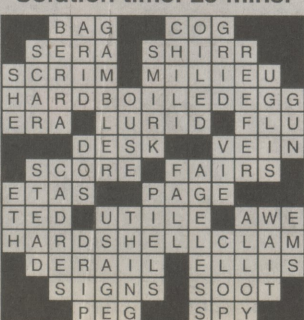
may be alleviated." Wilkes said plans to reconstruct the Chase Road culvert are in the works and that road will be blocked to the public not long after Hillside Road is reopened.

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