

Jay McCarroll lends hand with fashion show at MU

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IF YOU GO ...

The event will feature a runway show featuring nine shops and boutiques, booths for over a dozen vendors, a Jay McCarroll trunk show and much more. Brown Barn Café will sell food and Ah!some Chocolates will offer desserts and take orders for holiday baskets. Beverages were donated by Metz in Dallas. The show is from 3 to 7 p.m. There is a \$5 cover. Reservations can be made by emailing holidaychic-peek@gmail.com with your name and the number of people in your party.

One word - fabulous. First, it describes the host, Jay McCarroll, a Lehman native and winner of the first-ever season of "Project Runway," who became a successful fashion designer.

Second, it describes the event, a holiday-themed fashion show



McCarroll

at Misericordia University on Saturday, Dec. 8. The designs will be holiday-themed and will feature merchandise available at local shops and boutiques.

Most importantly, it describes the coordinator of the event, Morgan Harding, of Exeter, a junior communications major at Misericordia.

Harding organized the fashion show as part of her on-campus internship, but her passion for fashion started long before the

fall semester.

It all began with an outfit - a sundress, a cashmere cardigan and a pair of brown cowboy boots - Harding wore to school, garnering both positive and negative feedback. In May 2011, she started a blog about fashion, entitled "Cashmere and Cowboy Boots."

Bloggging was a way for Harding to express her interest in fashion and maintain her writing ability. "I always knew I was going to be a communications major," she said. "I just didn't know what I was going to do in comm."

What Harding didn't expect was that people would notice her blog, especially people in-

involved in the fashion industry. Through her writing, she connected with brands and designers and was invited to New York Fashion Week not once, but twice.

In September, Harding met with one designer and saw the new line-up close after the runway show in New York.

"When I got to college, I had this whole plan of what I wanted to do with my life and that all went out the window," she said.

When she started school, Harding intended to be a broadcast journalist. She soon found she didn't enjoy the broadcasting aspect of communications as much as the writing so she became involved with the school

newspaper, the Highlander, of which she serves as print editor, and the Public Relations Student Society of America on campus.

Harding needed a project to complete her semester so she recruited the help of the student public relations group, of which she is also the president and got assistance from fellow student Ellen Hoffman, editor of the Highlander. The last piece to the stylish puzzle was fashion lover and university first lady Tina MacDowell and her cause, the Beautification Project at Misericordia University, MacDowell's personal quest to continue to make the campus appealing.

Knowing she needed some kind of draw for the show, Harding emailed McCarroll who bought into the project. According to McCarroll's business manager, it is a chance for the fashion designer to come home for the weekend to support an event in his hometown.

"In the past," Harding said, "you had these people who came to the event and didn't know where the clothing was from."

In this year's show, models



Morgan Harding, host of this year's fashion show, walks the runway in last year's event.

will walk the runway in a design. While they show off holiday party wear, representatives from participating retailers will introduce the clothing, talk about who designed it and where the audience can find it. The models will then remain in the clothing

and proceed to the party, giving guests a chance to mingle, see the clothing and designs up close and visit vendor booths.

"The fact that one of my finals is a fashion show," Harding said, "is the highlight is my semester."

Rome runs at nationals

Dallas High School cross country runner Regan Rome crossed the finish line in fourth place at the 2012 Foot Locker Cross Country Championships - Northeast Regional at Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, New York on Nov. 27 with a time of 18:14.

The win earned her the opportunity to compete in the national

s. The top 10 boys and the top 10 girls in the Northeast Regional seeded races qualified to compete against runners from the South, Midwest and West Regional meets in the Foot Locker Cross Country Championships National Finals on Saturday, Dec. 8 at Morley Field, Balboa Park in San Diego, Calif.



ROME



Laura Adams, of Harveys Lake, will display her drawings and paintings of animals at the Forty Fort branch of Citizens Bank through the month of December.

Adams displays art work

The Forty Fort branch of Citizens Bank is currently hosting an exhibit of artwork by Laura Adams, of Harveys Lake and Marge Rosa, of Avoca. The two-woman show features drawings and painting of animals, primarily dogs but also includes other furry friends.

Adams is a graduate of Kutztown University with a degree in graphic design. She is a self-employed artist specializing in pet portraits created in graphite, watercolor or mixed media. She resides at Harveys Lake with Pudgy, her Pekinese. Rosa primarily creates portrai-

tures of Scotties in watercolor and has painted dozens of pet portraits. She is an expert dog trainer as well as a canine artist and regularly attends earth dog events as well as other competitions. Rosa resides in Avoca with her husband and several Scotties.

The exhibit at the Citizens Bank is free and open to the public during regular banking hours. The bank is located on the corner of Wyoming Avenue and Welles Street, Forty Fort. The exhibit will continue through the end of December.

For additional information, contact Sue Hand at 675-5094.

KT houses will be judged on Dec. 16

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission will conduct its fellow resident's home. Interest-annual holiday house contest fored residents should notify the the residents of Kingston Town-Kingston Township administration office by noon on Dec. 14

Nominations will be accepted by phone at 696-3809 or via until noon on Dec. 14. Judgingemail at info@kingstontownwill take place on Sunday, Dec. 9. The name, address, phone number and contact in-

formation of the nominee and third place. Winners should be included. will be notified by Dec. 21 The Recreation Commission and also will be announced in the kindly requests that 2011 win- Dec. 21 township newsletter and not participate in 2012 to Facebook status entry. allow other residents a chance Residents are encouraged to en-to compete.



Four-year-old Alder Weingartner, of Hunlock Creek, hopes for a slice of pie for dessert at the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company ham dinner.



Ham, ham and more ham in Sweet Valley

The Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Co. held its final ham dinner of the year on Nov. 10 at the Sweet Valley Fire Hall.

Joe Chase Sr., of the Sweet Valley Volunteer Fire Company, carries a tray of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and rolls to a table.

DALLAS BOROUGH

Council makes 2013 financial decisions

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Many financial decisions for 2013 were made during the Dallas Borough Council meeting on Nov. 21.

Council approved the proposed 2013 budget and authorized its advertisement. The total budget for 2013 is \$1,140,000. The budget is available for review at the borough office.

Council also approved a resolution to reduce the police officers' pension plan member contributions to 2 percent for 2013 and set non-uniformed member contributions to one percent. It approved employee benefits contributions at six percent for medical, dental and vision and authorized advertisement of tax rates for 2013. According to Borough Secretary Tracey Carr, tax

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A proposal from Modern Nursery Tree Service for the removal of a fir tree damaged dur-

ing Hurricane Sandy was accepted. The proposal was for \$850 and includes cutting and removal of the tree from the Kenneth Young Memorial Park.

Council reaffirmed William Pieffer as the first alternate to the Dallas Borough Zoning Hearing Board with a term to expire on Dec. 31, 2013. It also appointed Benedict Sevnski as the second alternate with his term to expire on Dec. 31, 2014.

In other business, borough council ...

• Approved Resolution 13 of 2012 which declared an emer-

gency due to severe rain and wind as a result of Hurricane Sandy on Oct. 29 and 30.

• Approved a name change from Dallas Fire & Ambulance Inc. to Back Mountain Regional Fire & EMS Inc.

• Approved the 2013 general insurance package, workers' compensation coverage and bonds at annual rate of \$41,316 as proposed by DGK Insurance.

• Approved holiday bonuses for public work department employees at \$100 for full-time employees and \$50 for part-time employees.

• Authorized a donation of \$50 to the Post Scholarship Fund at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in memory of Robert E. Post, former Dallas Borough councilman and mayor.

The next Dallas Borough Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday Dec. 17 in the borough building.