

CIVIC BRIEFS

Jackson Twp. children's party

A children's Christmas party will be held at 1 p.m. today, Dec. 16 at the Jackson Twp. Volunteer Fire Dept., 1160 Chase Road, Jackson Twp.

Township children are invited to visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments.

Franklin Twp. Fire Co. plans party

The Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company will host its annual children's Christmas party today, Dec. 16 at the fire hall, 329 Orange Road.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by firetruck at 2 p.m. after they tour the neighborhoods looking for good little boys and girls. The fire company will provide light refreshments. There will be face painting and crafts.

For more information, call 333-5970.

Breakfast buffet set

The Noxen Volunteer Fire Co. will hold a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Dec. 16 at the fire hall, Stull Road.

Price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

Patrons can support the Noxen Food Pantry by bringing a non-perishable food item. Every donor will receive a raffle ticket

for a turkey.

Bingo set for Northmoreland Hall

Bingo will be held on Monday, Dec. 17 at the Northmoreland Township Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds start at 6:30 p.m. Food and beverage will be available.

For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

SAL meet Dec. 17

Harveys Lake American Legion Post 967 Sons of the American Legion will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at the post home, 4907 Memorial Hwy., Harveys Lake.

Men's group invites ladies for breakfast

Members of the Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group have invited the ladies in their lives to join them for breakfast at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at Irem Country Club.

Father James Paisley of St. Therese's Catholic Church in Trucksville, Pastor Gideon Gaitano of the New Life Church in Hanover Township and Carols by the Kids will headline the program.

Cost is \$8 for the breakfast and \$1 (not required) for the treasury which distributes these funds to four local charities.

For more information, contact Gene Kelleher at 881-3712 or by email at elkelleher@gmail.com.

Boback offers assistance to veterans

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) will host her veterans assistance hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at her Sweet Valley district office, 5929 Main Road.

Boback will host a claims consultant from the Wilkes-Barre Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to address questions and concerns of local veterans and their families.

While appointments for these hours are not necessary, it is suggested that a courtesy call be made to 477-3752 as weather conditions will impact attendance.

Pony rides benefit Wounded Warriors

Christmas at Tanament Stables in Benton will be held every Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 22. For \$5, children will be able to ride a pony and have their picture taken. Free candy canes will be available.

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

For more information, call 864-0102.

Contra dance slated

SCOUTS COMPLETE CYCLING MERIT BADGE



Back Mountain Boy Scout Troops 155 of Trucksville and 281 of Dallas recently cooperated in the completion of the BSA Cycling Merit Badge. Knowledge of PA bike laws, bicycle maintenance and multiple rides of distances of 10, 15, 25 and 50 miles were performed to meet the requirements. The rides included local trips around Harveys Lake and along the Wyoming Valley Levy System, as well as the D & L Trail in Lehigh Gorge State Park and the downtown Philadelphia Bike Club event ride route. From left, are Louise Albre Trumm, merit badge counselor, Troop 281; Kyle Gurzynski and Joseph Floti, of Troop 155; Michael Santora, Ryan Trumm, Ryan Cohen, Michael Smith, Nick Guzzo, Paul Smith and Danny Burkhart, of Troop 281; and Tony Floti, merit badge counselor, Troop 155.

A New England Contra dance will feature the music of the House Band and calling by Bob Nicholson at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Church of Christ Uniting, 776 Market St., Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary. Admission to the dance is \$9 for adults and reduced admission for families.

Hockey players, Tux will visit BMT library

Mike O'Brien, communications director for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, has announced that players Bobby Farnham and Jayson Megna will travel with Tux to the Back Mountain Memorial Library for a special Christmas reading program.

All ages are welcome to attend at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Families are asked to call 675-1182 to reserve seats.

Farnham is a left wing for the Penguins and hails from North Andover, Massachusetts. Megna plays center and his hometown is Northbrook, Illinois.

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