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Pre-school girls from Adventures in Learning in Dallas who wrote letters to Santa are, from left, first row, Vera Moser, Leah Ricardo, Noelle Cunningham and Chasity Basara. Second row, Melina Wiese, McKenna Heffron, Emma Butcher and Cami Krainack.

SANTA

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Dear Santa,
Could you play Froggy with me? Can I take a picture with you?

Michael

Dear Santa,
I am going to try to be nice. I love you, Santa.

Emma

Dear Santa,
What is your favorite reindeer?

Conor

Dear Santa,
My favorite cookie is a Christmas one. What kind do you like?

Cami

Dear Santa,
What do you do in the spring-time?

Jones

Dear Santa,
What do you do on Christmas? Do you build snowmen?

Noelle

FROM I'M BIG NOW

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring a crocheted set.

Christopher

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring a 3DDS.

Kevin

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring a paint set.

Carlee

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring an American girl.

Lily

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring Death Star.

Ernie

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring American girl.

Erika

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring a new Riddler.

Logan

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring wrestlers.

Jack

Dear Santa,
How are you? We have been trying to be good. Please bring a Barbie Boat.

Erika



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Kindergarteners from I'm Big Now in Dallas who wrote letters to Santa are, from left, first row, Erika Doran, Lily Velez, Carlee Fitch and Kyla Kon. Second row, Christopher Miller, Kevin Miller, Jack Leandri, Logan Valkenburg and Ernie Priebe.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following Back Mountain real estate transactions have been recorded in the Luzerne County Office of Recorder of Deeds for the week of Dec. 10, 2012:

Russell J. and Sherri L. Newell to Jeffrey G. Starkweather, Lot 1, Dallas Village, Dallas Borough; \$195,000

Joseph M Kubek to Douglas K. Berryman, 2 parcels, Kingston Township; \$200,000

Harry M. Howell (per attorney in fact), Nancy Ide (attorney in fact) and Linda Sofia (attorney in fact) to Daniel and Maryann Dougal, .7 acre, Dallas Township; \$65,000

Diversified Investors Inc. to Kevin Casey, Lots 167D and 168D, Dallas Borough; \$8,750

Nancy Grabenstetter to Vanessa A. and Samuel L. Warren III, 26 ginaw St., 4 parcels, Dallas Township; \$180,000

PennDOT centers are closed

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation today has announced all driver license and photo centers, including its full-service center in Harrisburg, will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas and Tuesday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday.

Customers may still obtain a variety of driver and vehicle products and services online through PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website, www.dmv.state.pa.us.

A complete listing of PennDOT driver and photo license center closings in 2013 is available on the website under "News, Stats and Facts."

In other business, Jack Dodson and Harry Vivian of the Kunkle and Dallas Fire & Ambulance Companies, respectively, reported they have reached an agreement to a dispute over a county 911 mapping issue.

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designated as gun free zones. "People will go to the areas of least resistance to cause the most harm," he said. "I believe that a gun free zone is something we should appeal. Switzerland has more guns and less crime."

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PLANS

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to the wall since the water originated on a township right-of-way. The board said it would look into the problem.

Jason Demnicki, a Luzerne County Community College student, told supervisors that students and teachers should be allowed to carry guns in their schools to protect themselves and others, if needed.

"Gun free zones are where all of the mass shootings have taken place," said Demnicki, pointing out that schools are

through the state's Co-Stars program.

The board asked if anyone interested in serving on the zoning hearing board to send a letter of interest to the municipal office. There is a need for two representatives and an alternate.

The board of supervisors will meet again at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7 for a reorganization meeting, followed by the regular meeting. This will be the board's only meeting in January.

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Fire and Ambulance will operate out of a facility near the grounds of the Luzerne County Fairgrounds on Route 118.

Voted to lease with a purchase option a 2013 Dodge Ram 5500 all-wheel drive cabin chassis 2.5-ton truck. The truck, which will be available in March, will be paid for

LAKE-LEHMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wellness, recreation park in the works

By SUSAN DENNEY
Dallas Post Correspondent

Because of action taken by the Lake-Lehman School Board, the community will enjoy a new park. The board voted to partner with Jackson Township in submitting a grant for the proposed Jackson Township Community Recreation/Wellness Park with money coming from gaming funds. The park will add to facilities now belonging to the school district but will be open to the public. The district has joined with Jackson Township because the district cannot apply for gaming funds on its own.

Tom Melone, finance manager for the district, told the board the budgeting process for the 2014-2015 school year has begun. Melone said of the process, "We intend to follow last year's calendar of events."

Melone explained that a spending plan, which may include a tax increase, will be prepared in January.

According to Melone, last year's allowable percentage increase in millage was 2.2 and this year's is 2.1. A mill is a \$1 tax on each \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Superintendent James McGovern read a proposed mission statement, including the district's vision and beliefs. The mission statement will be up for adoption at January's meeting.

In personnel matters, the board appointed the following individuals as substitute teachers: Abigail Belles, of Noxen; Stephanie Elko, of Edwardsville; and Megan Keller, of Benton. The board also voted to post a part-time custodian position for the district.

The following have been appointed as indoor percussion band volunteers: Amber Angus, Chris Gerlin, Jess Parsons, Janelle Decker and Patrick Stanley. Kaitlyn Martin was appointed as an indoor colorguard volunteer.

Deanna Dragon, of Harvey's Lake, was appointed as varsity assistant cheerleading coach at a stipend of \$1,533.99. Ann Adams, of Sweet Valley, was appointed as a volunteer junior high girls basketball assistant.

During visitors' remarks, a band volunteer asked about whether her group was adhering

to the new volunteer policy. McGovern explained that the new policy is being developed but is not yet in place and added that the third reading of the new policy could possibly occur at January's meeting.

McGovern honored many student achievements at the meeting. He introduced the six winners of the 2012 Holiday Greeting Card Contest. The following sixth-grade students will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble: Kaitlyne Patla and

Josh Durling, of Lake-Noxen Elementary; Lindsey Heiser and Madison Budzak, of Ross Elementary; and Rachel Price and Madison Federici, of Lehman-Jackson Elementary.

Nataliee Barker was recognized as the first-place winner in the high school category in The Times Leader/Children's Service Center of the Wyoming Valley Veteran's Day Writing Contest. Barker received \$250 and the Lake-Lehman library received \$100 from the contest

sponsors.

The following students were finalists in the Wyoming Valley Veteran's Day Parade Committee Essay Contest: Scott Field and Richie Cronin, of Lake-Noxen; Eva Sicurella, of Lehman-Jackson; Maclyn Vasey and Jacey Kleintob, of Ross; and Sam Spencer, Jessica Ravert, Courtney Henninger and Victoria Phillips, of the Jr./Sr. High School.

The next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14 in the junior/senior high school library.

Dancers compete in talent show

The Back Mountain Dance Studio of Dallas recently competed at the Performing Arts Alliance talent competition in King of Prussia where members had a clean sweep of first-place solo tap winners ages 8 through 18.

Carly Kappler was the first-place winner in the 8-9 year-old category, Gabrielle Sabatini was the first-place winner in the 10-12 year-old category, Nick Oberst received first place in the 13-15 year-old category and Alyssa Blamire was the first-place winner in the 16-18 year old category.

Oberst was also the Broadway Dance Center Scholarship recipient for having the highest solo tap score in the entire competition.

All students receive dance instruction under the direction of Robert Oberst, owner of the Back Mountain Dance Studio.



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PEOPLE BRIEFS

Scott graduates from Millersville

Kimberly Ann Scott, of Trucksville, graduated alongside 504 Millersville University of Pennsylvania students during the fall 2012 undergraduate commencement ceremony on Dec. 16 in Millersville's Pucillo Gymnasium.

Scott graduated Cum Laude, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in English Education.

Fufaro builds website

Chelsea Fufaro, of Dallas, helped design and build a website for a local business as part of her integrative media class at Wilkes University.

Fufaro and her group built a website for Earth and Wears, in Dallas.

A junior at Wilkes, Fufaro and is majoring in integrative media.

She is the daughter of Richard and Rosalie Fufaro.

Miller represents Wilkes University

Noelle Miller, of Shavertown, represented the Wilkes University nursing program at the Annual Convention of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) in Farmington.

Miller is a senior nursing major at Wilkes and was a delegate and NCLEX Challenge Team Member at the convention. She is the daughter of James and Barbara Miller.