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OCTOBER

A mixer on the deck at Metro Bar & Grill in the Twin Stacks Center, Dallas, introduced the Back Mountain Young Professionals Association, a new branch of the Back Mountain Chamber. The intention of the new group is to attract younger professionals to the community to gather and share ideas while working together to build an environment for both families and businesses.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 381 in Dallas honored the memory of Eagle Scout Thomas Lynch who was killed in an automobile accident on his way to school on Feb. 3. Lynch had left behind an unfinished Scout project and fellow Scout Casey McAndrew dove in to finish building information kiosks at three locations on the Back Mountain Trail.

Seniors from the Back Mountain greeted one another with excitement and hugs at the opening of the new Senior Center in the Twin Stacks building in Dallas.

Children of all ages enjoyed the array of equipment and vehicles on display at the first-ever Dallas Township Fall Roll Out held on the municipal grounds on Route 309.

The Dallas School Board approved a trial agreement for cyber services with Seneca Valley School District. Dallas would pay Seneca Valley \$8,750 for 25 part-time seats and unlimited full-time seats in a cyber school program.

Kingston Township supervisors approved a request from Fabcor Inc. for a time extension on the East Center Street Bridge project. Township Manager Kathleen Sebastian stated that Fabcor planned to have the bridge open to the public in December.

Residents of Harveys Lake Borough expressed their concerns about the possible moving and renovation of the police station. Council informed the public that the current building would be assessed by an engineer as was discussed at a previous meeting.

Michael Novrocki, Social Studies teacher and National History Day coordinator at Lake-Lehman High School, received the Centennial Medal Award for Excellent in Education from Philadelphia University. The award is presented to educators for their dedication in preparing their

students for college.

NOVEMBER

Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 155 led a group in the Pledge of Allegiance at a candlelight vigil and prayer session at The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dallas. Reverends Dr. Robert Zanicki and Gideon Gaetano led the audience in prayer and song.

The Back Mountain Community Partnership discussed emergency trailers that were being purchased. The partnership purchased equipment with previous grant money for emergency response crews and was looking to make accessibility to that equipment quick and easy so emergency crews can be on scene as fast as possible.

The Dallas Foundation announced results of its contest to determine the location of a Dallas School District sign. There were 2,134 votes cast and 62.5 percent of the people voted to replace the existing sign at the intersection of Route 309 and Hildebrandt/Upper Demunds Road. The new sign is expected to arrive in January 2013.

Dallas Township residents were invited to participate in a series of public visioning sessions. As the next step in a process begun in 2008, township officials would work to complete the Comprehensive Plan over the course of the next several months.

Thousands of Back Mountain residents were left without power in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Downed trees and power lines made clean up and repair a non-stop job for utility crews and families throughout the area. The most devastating storm in decades left millions of people across the country without power as thousands fled their water-damaged homes.

Two Dallas artists had their work chosen for display during the nation's largest juried exhibit and sale of works by artists with cognitive, physical, hearing and visual disabilities. The Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital's Annual Art Ability Exhibit selected 33-year-old Billy Sukus for his piece entitled "26 Fe Iron" and 35-year-old Pat Cleary for his piece entitled "Beadweaver."

Dallas High School announced plans to open a student-operated store called Mountaineer Market. The store would serve as a fundraising tool for the school and a hands-on classroom where students could learn job skills such as keeping inventory, practical math, cash handling and work-related social skills.

Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley hosted a Dads Day, a day for fathers to volunteer part of their day to participate in fun activities with their children's class. Fifty-three fathers took part in the day, some of them multiple times for multiple children.

The Back Mountain saw its first taste of snow on Nov. 27, causing the Dallas School District to call for a two-hour delay while the Lake-Lehman School District remained on its regular schedule.

DECEMBER

Thanks to Facebook, the Chinkaylo family from Church Road in Lehman Township was able to find Lillie, its 3-year-old Border Collie/Labrador mix that had become frightened by firecrackers and ran out of the family's backyard. A posting on Facebook by someone who had found Lillie got her back to her family without incident.

Cross Creek Community Church on Carverton Road in Trucksville participated in Operation Children Child, a shoebox collection whereby participants filled a shoebox or small plastic tote with items for children ages 2-14 in countries all around the world.

A special meeting was held by the Harveys Lake Protective Association to hear both sides of the police move issue. County President Larry Radel gave the position to move the department while Councilwoman Michell'e Boice took the opposing position, saying the police department should remain at the borough's main entrance. A straw poll of residents who attended the meeting was taken. The unanimous decision was to keep the department at its present site.

Residents of Dallas Township and members of the township's planning board met with Jack Varaly from Varaly Associates to begin the process of building a comprehensive plan for the township. Varaly was hired by the township to help prepare a plan to map out a vision for the future.

Fashion designer Jay McCarroll, a native of Lehman and win-



David Harris visits his daughter Jennifer's kindergarten class at Ross Elementary School as part of a special Dads in School program. Harris had just recently returned home from military duty.



Lorraine Farrell, widow of John Peter Farrell, pauses to reflect at the Lake-Lehman Foundation annual tea and scholarship awards banquet.

ner of the first season of "Project Runway," returned to the Back Mountain to participate in a holiday-themed fashion show at Misericordia University.

Dallas Borough Council approved the proposed -013 budget of \$1,140,000 and authorized its advertisement.

At the Dallas School Board re-

organization meeting, Dr. Richard Coslett was elected president and Dr. Bruce Goeringer was named vice president. Mark Kornoski was re-elected president by one vote over Andrew Salko on the Lake-Lehman School Board while Walter Glogowski was named fist vice president and Dr. Kevin Carey was

elected second vice president.

Dallas Elementary students got an early start on their seasonal shopping lists during an annual holiday shopping event at the school. Youngsters and their parents perused the various wares and vendors at the event, which included items for everyone in one's family from brother to godmother.

Furry friends and their owners flocked to Dymond's Farm in Orange to have their photos taken with Santa Claus and raise money for animals in need. The event was organized by Blue Chip Farms Animal Refuge, located just down the street from the family farm.

The Kukuchka family in Tunkhannock revived its Christmas holiday display, setting up more than 18,000 lights at the family business, Creekside Gardens.

The Dallas School District's board of directors discussed alternative approaches to updating Dallas Elementary School which is in need of maintenance and repair. A water main break at the school earlier in the year prompted a study to determine the status of the building and possible options for rehabilitating it.



Marilyn Gregorski relaxes at her home in Dallas after retiring as director of volunteers at The Meadows Nursing Center.



Lauren and Ryan Finlay, right, had help with their lemonade stand from friends Maya Rosenthal and Olivia Stevens, left.

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PEOPLE

Two named to dean's list at RIT

Anna Kammen, of Shavertown, and Catherine Sullivan, of Lehman, have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2012 quarter at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Kammen is a second-year student in RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf while Sullivan is a fifth-year student in RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Nicholas is recipient of scholarship

Kyle Nichols, of Tunkhannock, a current first-year student at Gettysburg College, was awarded a David Wills Scholarship by the College.

The David Wills Scholarship goes to top-ranking applicants based upon their grade-point average, class rank, and SAT or ACT scores.

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