

CIVIC BRIEFS

'Annie' at Music Box

'Annie' the musical will be presented today, Feb. 17, 22-24 at the Music Box Dinner Playhouse, 196 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Call 283-2195 for reservations.

Audubon member shares photographs

Meet David Trently, member of the Lackawanna Audubon, who has planned and guided birding trips around the world, at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Irem Road, Dallas. Trently will share photos of wildlife found while on trips in

the U.S. and Central America. Participants will be introduced to multi-colored grasshoppers, iridescent moths, featherless Peacocks. See Spanish Gatekeepers, Subgothic Darts, Dashers and Dancers.

Boback hosts vets assistance hours

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Columbia/Luzerne/Wyoming) will host her veterans assistance hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at her Sweet Valley district office, 5929 Main Road, located off Route 118.

A claims consultant from the Wilkes-Barre Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will 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.

Blood drive slated

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25 at Gate of Heaven Church, 10 Machell Ave., Dallas.

To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Bingo set for Feb. 25

Bingo will be held on Monday, Feb. 25 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland. Doors open at 5 p.m. and early birds begin at 6:30 p.m.

Food and beverage will be available.

For more information, call Jim at 333-4906.

Roast beef dinner slated

A roast beef dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at the Northmoreland Fire Hall in Centermoreland.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age.

Hand artwork on display

The Forty Fort branch of the Citizens Bank, corner of Wyoming Avenue and Welles Street, is exhibiting watercolor paintings by Sue Hand, an artist from Dallas, through the end of February.

This exhibit of 20 watercolors, "Lost Depots and Railroad Rails," encompasses railroad depots and other railroad structures from Ashley and Bear Creek to West Nanticoke and White Haven.

Contra dance set

A New England Contra dance featuring music by the "Contra Rebels" with fiddlers Todd Clewell and Barb Shmidt, accompanied by Henry Koretzky on guitar along with calling by

Dave Colestock, will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 at the Church of Christ Uniting, 776 Market St., Kingston.

No partner or previous experience is necessary.

Admission is \$9 for adults, with reduced admission for families.

For more information, call 333-4007.

Scouts will collect for food pantry

Members of Boy Scout Troop 281 and Cub Scout Pack 281 of Dallas will place door hangers on homes on Sunday, March 3, asking for non-perishable food items to be donated to needy families in the Back Mountain.

VISIT

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presented a Stream Energy program called Power Up! which he believes would allow the district's foundation to generate income to increase school security. The program calls for customers to sign up for a change in their utility provider on a website provided by Stream Energy. The company would then donate \$4 per month per customer to the district's foundation. Marchakitus did say that most Lehman residents could not participate as UGI customers are not included in the program.

The board has appointed the following coaches for the 2012-2013 school year: Scott Kerkowski will serve as varsity assistant baseball coach and Matthew Ide as junior high assistant for the baseball team. John Ferdinand was named varsity assistant softball coach and Sherri Metz will be the junior varsity assistant softball coach. William Kvashay and Gary Grandinetti will serve as varsity track and field assistants and Matthew Nonnenburg, Justin Mazur and Robert Mitkus will serve as junior high assistants to the track and field team. All these positions include a stipend of \$2,650.93.

The following volunteers

were appointed: Jake Winters, wrestling; Thomas Motovidlak, baseball; and John Headman and Larry Egan, softball.

A motion to appoint full head coaches was tabled.

During visitors' remarks, one resident asked questions about the need for artificial turf on the school district's field and asked if sod wouldn't be a better choice.

McGovern explained that sod could not support the number of events held on the field. He also said that the money for the new field was not going to come from tax dollars and that the Knight of Mayhem fundraiser has a goal of raising the amount of one year's debt service on the turf.

SAFETY

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"We were especially impressed with the student ambassadors who guided our tour and provided excellent information," said Kyle. She said many of the students graduating from the center continue their education, enrolling in technical schools and colleges.

She also indicated that West Side CTC is in the process of replacing obsolete equipment with equipment that will fully serve student needs.

Middle school student Ashlie Alves addressed the board, sharing concerns about the district's high school cheerleading program, indicating the program did not take part in regional and national competitions.

"As a sport, our high school cheerleading program should

remain competitive and seek to be excellent," said Alves, encouraging the board to look into implementing policy to increase the quality of that program.

The board indicated its intent to comply with all regulations set by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association regarding its recent recognition of cheerleading as a sport.

The next regular meeting of the Dallas School Board will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11.

DALLAS

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• Notarized lease agreement The registration schedule is as follows:

• Those with last names beginning with A, B and C will register on Tuesday morning, March 19

• Those with last names beginning with D and E will register on Tuesday afternoon, March 19

• Those with last names beginning with F, G, H, I and J will register on Wednesday morning, March 20

• Those with last names beginning with K, L, M and N will register on Wednesday afternoon, March 20

• Those with last names beginning with O, P, Q, R and S will register on Thursday morning, March 21

• Those with last names beginning with T, U and V will register on Thursday afternoon, March 21

• Those with last names beginning with W, X, Y and Z will register on Friday, March 22

Children who will enter first grade but did not attend the Dallas kindergarten program this past year and any seven through fifth grade students may register on Friday, March 22.

In addition to the registration, vision, speech and kindergarten readiness screenings will be given. Kindergarten teachers will be available to answer questions or concerns.

Under the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, all children entering kindergarten or first grade will be required to provide proof of having received the following immunizations:

• Four doses of TD or DT Vaccine for protection against Tetanus (lockjaw) and Diphtheria with the fourth dose administered on or after the fourth birthday

• Three doses of Oral Polio Vaccine, or if prescribed by a physician four doses of Salk Injectable Polio Vaccine

• Three doses of Hepatitis B given at intervals recommended by a physician

The following vaccines administered at 12 months of age or older:

• Two properly-spaced doses of live attenuated Measles Vaccine (with the second dose administered on or after the fourth birthday, or a blood test showing immunity)

• One dose of Live Rubella (German Measles) Vaccine or blood test showing immunity

• Two doses of Live Mumps

Vaccine or a signed statement from a physician stating that the child has had the disease

• Two doses of Varicella Vaccine or a signed statement from a physician or parent stating that the child has had Chicken Pox.

School officials need to review the child's immunizations to be certain the child meets the standards as set by the state regarding immunizations.

Parents are to bring all records of their child's immunizations. If a student's records do not meet the standards, he/she will not be eligible to attend school.

If immunizations are against a child's religious belief or if the parents have a strong moral or ethical conviction similar to a religious belief, the parents must sign the reverse side of the "Certificate of Immunization" stating their reason.

If immunization is not medically advisable at the time, a physician must sign the medical exemption on the reverse side of the certificate.

The necessary form may be requested from the school nurse.

Parents should bring with them to registration the child, two proofs of residency, proof of age, immunizations, the child's Social Security guard and their parent/guardian photo.



Ellie Paley, 6, left, of Shavertown, joins other children in making their own pizza at Original Italian Pizza during Kyla O'Brien's birthday party.



Six-year-old Kyla O'Brien makes a craft with friends at her make-your-own pizza party at Original Italian Pizza in the Dallas Shopping Center.

PARTY

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engage them and provide an enjoyable atmosphere.

Kim Baltruchitis, of Court-dale, said her 5-year-old daughter Brianna loves to cook, so the party was a great way to spend the afternoon with her friends.

"She loves to make anything with flour and water," said Baltruchitis.

Brianna's birthday is next and her mother is still trying to figure out what kind of party to throw for her.

"This is something out of the ordinary," Baltruchitis said of the pizza party. "We usually go bowling. It's tough to find something to keep the kids interested and to have stuff for the parents to do."

Joe Tomasino enjoyed the idea that the children are exposed to new experiences, even potentially inspiring some future foodies or chefs.

"I think this is the start of something - we may develop of a package deal (for parties like this in the future)," he said.



Veterans of the Vietnam War who served in the late 1960s for a photo before Mass at the Franklin Township Fire Hall are, from left, Phuoc Nguyen, Wilkes-Barre; Thich Vo, Wilkes-Barre; Richard Mooney, Dallas; and John Latishon, Kingston.

VIETNAM

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Flo Mociun, of Centermoreland, also spoke very highly of "Father Vinny," as many parishioners affectionately call him.

"He's a real people priest," she said.

Croop said Dang even offered his own car when hers broke down a few years ago.

"He's just such a good person," she said.

Mooney said the event also reminds him of another time in his life - the yearlong tour of duty he served in Vietnam while he was a U.S. Army soldier.

"I could think of better places to be," he said of his time there.

But Mooney enjoys speaking the little bit of Vietnamese he picked up during his time in the military, in addition to the company of Dang and the local Vietnamese community.

He and Dang exchanged phrases in passing while prepping for the event.

The translation? "It means, 'I love you very much,'" said Mooney.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Puzzles, Page 2

King Crossword Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: JAR, GASP, THIS, AGO, IDEA, WALK, DOBERMAN, IDLY, AGENDA, ALL, REN, COLLIE, TENOR, FEW, ADD, AXON, ALA, DYED, PPG, IVY, BASSO, POODLE, FEZ, OER, AGEISM, JAZZ, AIREDALE, ALOE, GNAT, MUM, NEON, ENDS, BRO.

Go Figure! answers

Arithmetic problems and answers: 2 x 7 + 3 = 17, 3 x 9 - 1 = 26, 6 - 4 x 5 = 10, 30 / 4 = 20.

Super Crossword Answers

Grid of super crossword puzzle answers: MSS, ADMIRAL, PEPSICOLA, APU, TRAITELY, ELITIAKAZAN, WINTRYMICKS, LETTERING, EGO, ANITE, TENORSACKS, FLORAE, ONEA, ANA, KIAT, OED, PLUSWRECK, SPEC, ERS, ACTIA, GIES, LHASA, SATING, GESTE, ULMAR, ALLAH, MERCURYLINKS, ASTO, TLONA, STEED, ATIP, SMOKE, DLOCKS, SHASH, WERE, SATTIN, GESTE, ULMAR, IST, GARR, SOUTHBRONCS, SHEA, ROARS, PRIER, FAKE, TURTLE, WHACKS, GRAFT, SPY, RO, SARI, AROS, E, TISH, ATAD, BUSINESSSTACKS, ASK, RIC, BSMT, YEROUT, CHICOMARKS, AILS, INN, MONOMANIA, OFFITIGEMACKS, EATDINNER, PALMATE, UUEY, SLEETTEST, SNUBBED, RDS.