



Roast beef dinner planned at St. Paul's

Members of the Men's Brotherhood at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 474 Yalick Road, Dallas, met recently to finalize plans for a roast beef dinner scheduled for 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13 at the church. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age and will available at the door the night of the dinner. Take-outs will be available starting at 3:30 p.m. Brotherhood members are, from left, seated, Howard Shafer, Brad Ide and Lee Fett. Standing, Bob Nicely, Joe Hardisky, Bill Peiffer, Bob McGuire and Don Carey.



Scouts visit DAMA

The Wolves of Pack 281, Dallas, chartered by the Dallas United Methodist Church, recently visited the Dallas Area Municipal Authority where they learned about recycling and waste management. The boys learned about the logistics of trash pick-up and recycling, how it impacts their neighborhood and how they can help. Bill Feher led the tour and finished with a demonstration of one of the collection trucks that the boys had an opportunity to sit in. From left, are Ivan Gingo, Den Chief; James An-tall, Andy Goodrich, Matthew Maxfield, Charlie Kappler, Anderson Leo, Maxim Gingo and Vladimir Gingo, Den Chief.



Food pantry honors Elva Valentine

Elva Valentine, owner of Valentine's Jewelry, Route 309, Dallas, recently received a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her continuous support of the Back Mountain Food Pantry. The board of directors of the pantry wanted to show their appreciation for her efforts to raise much-needed funds for the past several years. Through auctions and giving trees, she has raised several thousands of dollars with the help of her customers. From left, are Food Pantry Board President Rev. Roger Griffith, Elva Valentine and Food Pantry Manager Carol Eyt.



Taking a moment from rehearsing Rick Abbot's comedy 'Play On!' at Dallas High School are, from left, Anastasia Beney, Michelle Leonard, Rebecca Darling, Jenna Morgan, Catherine Blankensop, Catherine Blankensop and Alyssa Horvath, Nate Kalo, Steven Nave and Griffin Stowe.

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Having been part of the backstage crew before, Kalo sees the play process from a different perspective now and is the embodiment of what "Play On!" is about.

"Before, I would smugly watch the actors from the side-

lines; now, I look at the whole process very differently," he says.

Realistically, Foote notes, "Some kids in school think theatre is fun, that it's not hard. But it's a tough job. Theatre is tough work."

In the production, the characters are very snippy and there is a lot of stress and drama. Yet, somehow all the cast has come to care about each other

by talking to each other. And some have figured out their career paths through this unique extracurricular called theatre.

To see if the Dallas High School theater students get their acts/play together, the public is invited to the Dallas Senior High School at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. There is a \$5 admission.

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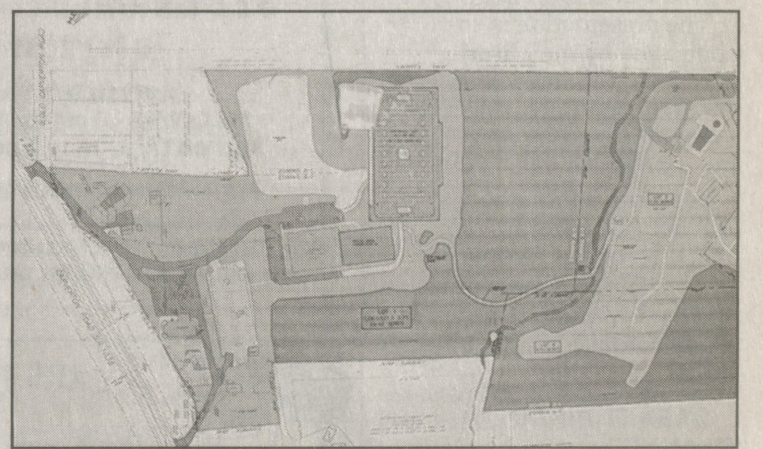
middle of a recession, the Back Mountain keeps growing. And we have 10 years of wisdom behind us. We can look at what we have done and what we are not doing."

A graduate of Dallas High School and Penn State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance before joining the staff of the Rock Rec Center in 2007, Elijah sees sports as a "universal link" and the rec center as a "cultural melting pot" catering to people of all economics, races and religions.

"Here, kids don't have to be passionate about a particular sport," he said. "It's all about making new friends. It's cool to see how sports brings every race and religion together."

Currently, the rec center offers basketball and wrestling and hosts sports camps that offer wiffleball, dodgeball, swimming and soccer.

The center's Upward Bound basketball program caters to about 330 participants in grades Pre-K to sixth and utilizes the services of 60 or 70 volunteer coaches. Its AAU basketball league features male and female cagers in grades 5 through 12 from Luzerne and Lackawanna Counties who travel to New York and Philadelphia and who



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Plans for an expansion of the Rock Recreation Center on Carverton Road in Trucksville include almost doubling the indoor space of the existing complex and adding a new outdoor artificial turf football/soccer field.

are seeking college scholarships. The Rock Rec Center's eighth-grade girls team finished eighth in the country last year.

An annual wrestling tourney in February brings about 175 wrestlers from all parts of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and upstate New York to Rock Rec and sends about 1,000 people into the Back Mountain community where they eat, shop and buy gasoline.

"Our programs have a definite impact on the local economy," Elijah said.

The center also partners with Youth Wilderness Experience and offers air rifle and archery shooting ranges, firearms safety programs for children ages 6 to 10, pheasant hunts and fishing derbies.

The center, which currently

has hundreds of members, has recently partnered with the Luzerne Foundation and is seeking donations from legacy gifts, naming rights and primissory notes that allow donors up to five years to make good on their promise.

Like the church, which had 15 members and more than \$30,000 in debt when Pastor Miller arrived and boasts about 1,000 regular attendees today, the Rock Rec Center continues to grow. Use of the center does not require membership in the Back Mountain Harvest Assembly Church.

"When you walk through the doors here, you can tell this is a place that cares for the community," Elijah said. "So much of a good thing has made it necessary for us to expand."

Super Crossword

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King Crossword

Answers

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