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Charles Lemmond Community Spirit Award established

The Dallas Post will recognize a member of the Back Mountain community in memory of the late senator.



Lemmond

The Dallas Post announces the establishment of the Charles D. Lemmond Jr. Community Spirit Award.

The award, named after the former senator who passed away in 2012, will recognize a resident of the Back Mountain for his or her leadership and advancement of community spirit.

Readers of The Dallas Post will vote for the person they believe would be an appropriate recipient of this award.

A ballot appears on page 16 of today's paper. Entries must be returned to The Dallas Post by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

The Charles D. Lemmond Jr. Community Spirit Award honors those who endeavor to improve the lives of Back Mountain residents through outstanding community service, public service or philanthropy and embody Senator Lemmond's commitment to doing the right thing, in the right way, for the right reason.

Charles D. Lemmond Jr. (1929-2012) called the Back Mountain home for more than 50 years. Through his constant and active involvement in a wide range of community groups, he touched many lives, gave a sense of direction and responsibility to numerous improvement projects and served as an inspiration to countless individuals.

As a soldier, solicitor, prosecutor, judge and legislator, Lemmond demonstrated a strong devotion to civic duty. His 21 years as a well-respected state Senator were marked by his standard of integrity, his pursuit of justice and his desire to do what was right for the

people and the community he served.

Numerous Back Mountain organizations benefitted by Lemmond's leadership. He was an enthusiast of the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction and helped secure funding for the expansion of the children's wing. As a 33rd Degree Mason, member of the Caldwell Consistory and George M. Dallas Lodge 531 and as potentate of the Nobility of Irem Shriners, he was dedicated to caring for children in need. One of his proudest legislative accomplishments was a law he authored requiring hearing screenings for newborns.

A friend of education, Lemmond supported scholarships for Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School students through his involvement with the Dallas American Legion Post 672. He was a lifetime trustee at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School and long-time alumni interviewer for his alma mater, Harvard University. As a member of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Advisory Board, he worked on numerous campus improvements, including the state-of-the-art Nesbitt Library. Further acknowledgement of his commit-

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Ross students win state awards for handwriting



Sarah Bednarek, a first-grade student at Ross Elementary School, Sweet Valley, has fun writing and being as perfect as she can. Her writing style has won the school a state prize in the Zaner-Bloser National Handwriting Contest and a prize package worth \$250.

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THE WRITE STUFF

By CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK | Dallas Post Correspondent

What are the odds that three students from Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley would come up with three state awards in handwriting?

There were about 285,000 contest entries this year, according to school principal Donald James and a representative from Zaner-Bloser, the educational materials company that has coordinated the contest for the last 22 years.

The odds are 3 out of 285,000.

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Three Ross Elementary School students won state prizes in a handwriting contest. From left, are Donald James, principal; Sarah Bednarek, first-grade student winner; Corin Frey, first-grade teacher; Andrew Jubis, sixth-grade student winner; Melissa Smigielski, sixth-grade teacher; Karlee Kreller, third-grade student; and Jeremy Williams, third-grade teacher.

Volunteer job not physical but very important

If you're looking to do some volunteer work but can't handle anything strenuous, Janet Bauman has just the job for you.

Bauman, the children's librarian at the Back Mountain Memorial Library, will set you up with a dishpan full of soapy water and a pair of rubber gloves and you can provide the library with a much-needed service - washing the covers of children's books.

June Jones and Rita Rusnak were long-time volunteers at the library who not only washed book covers but also sanitized toys used in the Parent/Child

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Children's librarian at
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Workshops. Both women are in their late 80s, however, and have stepped down from their volunteer positions.

"These women would sit and wipe down the children's books," Bauman said. "We would then air out the books and put them

back on the shelves."

Volunteers are needed once a week for this job and, although they can pretty much choose the times they'd like to work, mornings in the children's section at the library can be quite hectic.

"For anyone looking to be a volunteer, this is a great job because there's no physical aspect to it," Bauman said. "It gives the volunteers someplace to go and somebody to talk to. It's a social thing."

Anyone interested in volunteering for this job is asked to call Bauman at 675-1182.



June Jones, left, and Rita Rusnak used to volunteer their time washing book covers and sanitizing toys for the parent/child workshop at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The women have 'retired' from their positions, forcing the library to seek new volunteers for the task.

History Day is big at Lake-Lehman

School's History Day coordinator is national winner himself.

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Michael Novrocki knows the exhilaration of winning a History Day competition. He's done it a few times.

Now, the Lake-Lehman history teacher is guiding his students so that they, too, might experience the same feeling.

For the 14th consecutive year, Lake-Lehman High School has won the Outstanding School Award, Senior Division, at the Regional History Day Contest. Ten of those wins have come with Novrocki at the helm.

The award is presented to the high school in the region that achieves the most winning entries. Lake-Lehman High School won a total of 11 awards this year - four first-place awards, four second-place awards and three third-place awards, as well as the Outstanding Entry in Local History Award - at the March 23 competition held at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Students researched topics related to the annual theme, "Turning Points in History: People, Places and Ideas," and produced either media documentaries, tabletop exhibits or drama performances.

Twenty-three students from Lake-Lehman High School qualified to compete in the state competition, which will be held from May 3-4 at Cumberland Valley High School in Mechanicsburg.

Novrocki, who has been History Day coordinator at Lake-Lehman since being hired as a history teacher in 2003, first won a regional History Day competition as a sophomore at Wyoming Valley West High School in 1987. He teamed up with fellow classmate Scott Stefanides that year to win a first-place award in the group documentary category for a presentation on coal mining.

The next year, Novrocki and Stefanides took a project about Father Joseph Murgas all the way to a first-place national History Day award in the group documentary category. Their presentation argued how Father Murgas invented the first workable system of overland wireless telegraphy.

Their classmate Shaun McAndrew also won a first-place national History Day award in the individual documentary category that same year, marking what Novrocki believes is the first and only time students from the same high school won national History Day awards in the same year.

Their History Day mentor at the time was Mary Jean Tarantini, now retired and residing in Harveys Lake Borough with her husband, David.

"She is the reason I am doing what

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