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WE REMEMBER ...



Cemeteries around the Back Mountain were spruced up and flags placed on the graves of veterans this week, all in anticipation of Memorial Day tomorrow. Memorial Day is always observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. In the photo at left, Shawn Fenner and his grandfather, Art Parks, of Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post #672, refresh grave flags at Woodlawn Cemetery. At right, Mark Linsinbigler, of Harveys Lake, the only child of Lewis and Esther Linsinbigler, decorates the graves of his parents at Chapel Lawn Cemetery in Dallas. Linsinbigler's father served as a torpedo man in the U.S. Navy.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST



Boy Scout Michael Huntington touches the flag atop Bull Hill, thus earning his pin.

Scouts feeling Army Pride

Members of Boy Scout Troop 146 selected from over 10,000 applicants from across the United States to attend the 51st Annual West Point Scoutmasters' 2013 Camporee this past April.

By JANE BRENNAN
and AMY HUNTINGTON
For The Dallas Post

Scouts in the Back Mountain are swelling with Army pride this spring as Boy Scout Troop 146, Jackson Twp. Vol. Fire Department, was selected from over 10,000 boy, girl and venture Scout applicants from across the United States to attend the 51st Annual West Point Scoutmasters' 2013 Camporee this past April.

Troop 146 was the only troop from the Northeastern PA Council of the Boy Scouts of America selected to attend.

Scout mom and Dallas resident Beth Redington got the idea while passing through West Point on her way home to visit her parents in Queens, NY last summer and thought it was worth a try to apply.

"I never thought it would happen!" said Anthony Huntington, Troop 146 Patrol Leader. "We had so much going on in our troop. My parents who are troop leaders were so busy because my grandpa just died in a weird shipwreck on Lake Michigan, the holidays were approaching and our troop families were just so busy and couldn't take one more meeting. How could we get our materials in by Dec. 1?"

But the key to their success was quick action and a swift rally from several members of the Back Mountain community.

Dallas resident Ed Zaborowski is a Retired U.S. Army Colonel and a former West Point Cadet, graduate of the United States Military Academy (USMA) Class of 1955.

"I had been sending the Boy Scouts information about various opportunities at West Point for years," he said. "My two grandsons recently graduated West Point in 2011 and 2009 and the Scouts enjoyed seeing their sports programs, including one with my grandson on the winning USMA lacrosse team."

"I was very happy to help Troop 146 with the application process," Zaborowski continued. "The camporee offered an excellent way to introduce the Scouts to West Point. Academically, West Point usually ranks in the top five colleges in the country."

Zaborowski also sent the Scouts articles about the importance of their faith, complemented them on their involvement in church and community activities and reminded them to never ever give up. One article was a story of an Army Sergeant who returned to service in Afghanistan after having more than 20 surgeries after being hit by machine-gun fire in both of his legs. It took him two years, fitted with a special prosthesis called an Intrepid dynamic exoskeletal orthosis (IDEO), but he returned with no physical profile limiting his actions.

"I told the Boy Scouts, never give up!" said Zaborowski.

Because the application required a currently-enrolled Cadet to apply, Col. Zaborowski reached out to Lake-Lehman School District Superintendent

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Memorial Day parade steps off at 9 a.m.

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will conduct its annual Memorial Day Parade at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 27.

Marchers will include veterans, Scouts, American Legion baseball team, Lions, Shepherds, fire trucks, ambulances, vintage cars and dignitaries.

The parade will begin at the American Legion, process to the center of Dallas, then to Woodlawn Cemetery and finally to Chapel Lawn Cemetery. Speakers will be State Senator Lisa Baker and Lieutenant Commander Susan Allen, retired.

Scouts and Legion members will place flags on the graves of veterans at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22.

Jim Spencer is Dallas Post Commander and encourages Back Mountain residents to line the parade route to show their appreciation for all the veterans who are deceased and those that are still in uniform.

Making a difference, one veggie at a time

By SUSAN DENNEY
Dallas Post Correspondent

With a Fertile Grounds membership, a fresh box of locally-grown organic produce is yours every week from June to October.



Garlic plants are growing in the soil of Fertile Grounds farm in Noxen.

Fertile Grounds CSA is an organization that allows individuals to pledge their support for a local farm while sharing the risks and benefits of food production. Project Director Deb Shoval, a native of Kingston, said the venture is in its third season and is now farming 37 acres in Noxen. Fertile Grounds also has an acre pick-your-own plot at The Lands at Hillside Farms where members can choose from flowers, herbs and vegetables to supplement the boxes they receive each week.

Shoval is uniquely trained to run the farm. When she was just 19 years old, she apprenticed at the Darthia Organic Farm in Gouldsboro, Maine. Of the experience, she said, "They taught us everything." She went on to seek a degree in sustainable agriculture from Hampshire College and an MFA in Film Directing from Columbia University.

She explained that organic farming requires different methods. "Fertility is the most important thing. We won't need herbicides and pesticides."

At the Noxen farm, Shoval showed off



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Fertile Grounds organic vegetable farm project director Deb Shoval explains the community supported agriculture system at the farm in Noxen.

HOW TO JOIN

To become a member of Fertile Grounds, register online at www.fertilegroundscsa.com. Those wanting to register by mail can contact Fertile.Grounds.Office@gmail.com or call 262-3930.

A membership costs \$500 and includes a box of organic produce for a 22-week season from the first week of June through October. The box typically feeds a family of four or two vegetarians and includes six to 10 different vegetables, depending on the season. Those interested in half memberships can contact Fertile Grounds to be matched with a partner.

Boxes can be picked up at Hillside Farms, Dundee Gardens in Hanover Township or at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA.

Members can also pick flowers, herbs and vegetables from the organization's one acre plot at The Lands at Hillside Farms.



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