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Can you dig it? Archaeological society hosts open house at dig site in Coxton

in the Coxton section of Duryea was open to the public recently.

Frances Dorrance Chapter 11 of the Pennsylvania Archaeological Society hosted an open house to at the site.

the Susquehanna River thousands of years ago. A oup of volunteers, most without formal archaeological training, had been methodically digging to learn about the past and find artifacts that will be housed at The State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

John Dziak, president of the Greater Pittston Historical Society, said the dig, which has been ongoing since 1991, is in the only spot in the Coxton that hasn't been

An archaeological dig touched in 10,000 years. The rest of the area has been compromised by mining, railroading and other development.

Crews have uncovered fire-cracked stone, a fire pit and "projectiles" — sharp, spear-like objects show off what's happening used for hunting, and an the site. ax-type tool used for split-Researchers have uncov- ting bone or wood. Also ered remnants of American discovered were net sink-Indians who camped along ers, nutting stones, a polishing stone and a fire pit with 13 boiling stones. It's rare to come across wood and bones because the soil in the Susquehanna River area is very acidic.

Carbon dating of pieces has proved the site is 10,000 years old.

The American Indians who inhabited the site of the dig were much different from the American Indians whom students typically learn about in school. Rather than being part of a collective or tribe, these were nomadic family



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Native American Durland Siglin of Noxen, left, presents Frances Dorrance Chapter board member Mike Goldsmith, right, of Dallas, a sacred 'ceremonial bundle' of Indian tobacco blessed by members of Indian nations participating in the Noxen pow-wow the day before, for 'educating the youth on what was and what is.' Looking on are Doria Cresko of West Wyoming, second from left, and chapter secretary Paula Cenera of Laflin.

groups that followed the migratory patterns of ani-

The gem of the Coxton end of a spear. Carbon testdigs is a kirk point that ing determined it is from would have been on the



Donna Hartman, of Lehman Township, 'pans' for artifacts at the Coxton archaeological site.



Vince Ephault, left, of Olyphant, and Sadie Trudger, of Dallas, flat-shovel soil as they look for artifacts.



the soil at Coxton as they look for artifacts.



Mike Smith, right, of Harding, and Mike Goldsmith, of Dallas, carefully excavate Sadie Trudgen, of Dallas, sieves soil looking for artifacts at the Coxton

Finding bargains at the Barn Sale

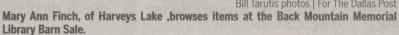
The Back Mountain Memorial Library's Annual Barn Sale on Oct. 5 featured antiques, new goods, collectibles and household items, including glassware. It was also the last day of the farmers' market at the library grounds on Huntsville Road.



A 1950's-era globe is available for purchase at the Back Mountain **Memorial Library Barn Sale.**



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Daryl Rother, of Dallas, buys a bunch of sunflowers during the final day of the farmers' market at Lisa and Nelson Snyder, of Lehman Township, try out the Back Mountain Memorial Library.



Adams selected to attend Honor Camp

Bradley Adams, son of Todd and Jennifer Adams, of Dallas, recently completed the Troop "P" Camp Cadet Program. Camp Cadet is a week-long summer camp for boys and girls from Pennsylvania between the ages of 12 and 15. Pennsylvania State Troopers, local police officers and other volunteers staff the camp.

The goal of Camp Cadet is ship with law enforcement perto training at the police academy. Counselor. The camp focuses on discipline, youth today.

lenges, the Cadets are observed programs throughout the state. by the troopers for leadership,

ing year as Junior Counselors. Of the eight selected to return as



to introduce participants to the Bradley Adams, left, stands with diverse criminal justice system Trooper Tom Kelly, Director of the and establish a positive relation- Pennsylvania State Trooper's Troop "P" Camp Cadet Program for area sonnel. Camp Cadet is open to youth. Adams excelled in the proall youth and is structured similar gram this past summer and has been invited back next year as a Junior

self-esteem, teamwork, drug and Junior Counselors, troopers unanialcohol education, violence pre- mously select one boy and one girl vention and other issues facing to attend Honor Camp to represent Troop "P." The Honor Camp pro-While participating in group gram was formed to showcase "the activities and physical fitness chal-best of the best" from Camp Cadet

Adams, 14 and an eighth-grade positive attitudes and helping student at Dallas Middle School, fellow cadets. At the end of the was not only chosen to return as week, troopers select four boys a Junior Counselor but was also and four girls to return the follow- selected to attend Honor Camp in Hershey.

Legion sponsors essay contest

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 is sponsoring the Pennsylvania 79th Annual Essay Contest entitled: "What Is Our Nation's Responsibility To Our Wounded Veterans?"

grades 9-12 in a private, public, parochial or home-schooled is eligible to participate.

Monetary prizes will be awarded. A first-place winner will be awarded a \$3,500 scholarship. The second-place Wwnner will be awarded a \$3,000 scholarship and the third-lace winner

will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. The local school winner must be determined by Feb. 1, 2014. Dallas American Legion will also offer local cash prizes.

Information can be garnered at local schools Any student enrolled in or by calling Clarence J. Michael at 570-675-0488.

