Historic trees create 'a 'living classroom'

By GRACE R. DOVE Post Staff

DALLAS - Dallas Elementary School students celebrated Arbor Day, April 26, with the planting of a grove of 20 trees of historic importance.

Set up near a small creek between their building and the Middle School, the grove will be incorporated into a living classroom complete with seats made of split logs, which students will visit as part of their studies. The PIO plans to finish the living classroom by the end of the school

Obtained through American Forests' Famous and Historic Tree Program, the trees include seedlings cultivated from the seeds of trees planted by famous people such as George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, trees which witnessed such important battles as Gettysburg and Saratoga, or trees located at the homes of famous figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, alex Haley and Patrick Henry.

PTO members, teachers, urban forester Vince Cotrone of the Penn State Cooperative Extension, master gardener Lois Noble and Will Gantz of Dallas Tree and Shrub Preservation selected trees which will best fit with the school's curriculum.

Cotrone discussed the need for trees, their benefits and life cycles and how to care for them with the students, who had read about each tree in class before the observance. As students study science and American history, they will learn anecdotes on historical figures and the trees named for them, such as the Mount Vernon red maple, the Abraham Lincoln white oak, the Clara Barton redbud and the Martin Luther King, Jr., sycamore.

"Although they couldn't participate in the actual tree planting, the children will be able to help take care of their trees as they grow," said PTO president Dori Zinn. "We hope that combining history and science through the trees and the outdoor classroom will help bring the subjects alive for them.'

Founded in 1875, American Forests is the nation's oldest citizen non-profit conservation group and has more than 150,000 members. It developed the Famous and Historic Tree Program to promote tree planting and care by the public and to provide education opportunities in history, science and environmental improvement.



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Daniel Anderson, Joshua Perry, Amy Scafella, Mark Covert, Alexa Kirk and Lyndsey Szalkowski learned all about trees from Penn State Cooperative Extension's urban forester Vince

Closed Native Textiles plant getting attention

By RONALD BARTIZEK

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DALLAS - The former Native Textiles plant in Dallas Borough is attracting interest from potential buyers, according to the real estate agent who is handling the

Andy Hustey, a representative with Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services in Wilkes-Barre, said last week he had shown the building six times in the past month. He said the plant is suited to a variety of uses, and potential buyers included a warehouse company, a manufacturer and an investor who could purchase the property and then lease it to a

The building, first opened as Natona Mills in 1947, is 93,000 square feet, while the land totals 16 acres. The asking price is

When Native Textiles closed in 1995, there was some concern about possible environmental problems at the site. Used dyes were discharged into a pond in front of the plant until 1972, and several below-ground tanks held other waste as well as heating oil. But Hustey said he has been told the ponds are considered clean now, and one is even stocked with fish each year.

"I don't think the site problems are as bad as everyone seemed to think," Hustey said. An environmental cleanup is now winding down, and the work must be certified by the state Department of Environmental Protection when it's finished. Hustey said the present owner, Carris Brook Industries, a division of Hanson PLC, is conducting the cleanup.

Open House at BMT Senior Center May 17

On Friday, May 17, The Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Bureau for the Aging Senior Center Program will be sponsoring a Senior Center Open House at the Dallas Senior Center, 22 Rice Street, Dallas, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information on this and other programs contact Linda Kohut at the Bureau for the Aging at 822-1158.



Mike Smith helped Darrell Hogan don his duds for "Things That Go Bump in the Night," by Jay Bocook.



Ryan Mariner, who plays euphonium and saxophone.

Post Photos/ Charlotte Bartizek

MUSICAL TALENT

The Lake-Lehman High School Symphonic Band presented its annual spring concert April 27. The program featured music from Othello, by Alfred Reed. Edward A. Richards directed the performance, and then shared direction of the Black and Gold Band with Johathon Pineno.



Ed Richards, director, glimpsed through the backstage curtain, directing the band.



Gerald Brady, percussion, before the concert.



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