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Students honored for service

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DALLAS - Two Dallas Middle School students received the Prudential Spirit of Community Award on Nov. 21. Lyndsay Santarelli, 13, of Dallas, received a certificate of achievement and Kelley Adams, 14, of Dallas received a certificate of merit.

The program recognizes middle and high school students who self-initiate volunteer work in their communities. The award is designed to recognize personal initiative and leadership. More than 300 awards will be given by state selections committees. One high school student and one middle-level student in each state will be named "state honorees" by a state selection committee and receive \$1,000, a beautiful silver medalion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. with a parent or guardian.

Lyndsay Santarelli was participating in a biological studies project when she came across an article about Jacob Tyler Lovern, of Pringle, who was born without an immune system. She decided she wanted to help this little one year old child and his family with medical bills. She raised \$105 for the family in just two weeks.

"I felt sorry for him. The picture in the paper showed him with all sorts of tubes sticking in him," said Santarelli. "Lyndsay has a big heart. She melts when she sees kids," explained Joe Santarelli, Lyndsay's father.

Santarelli put Jacob's picture on cans and distributed them throughout the 7th grade homerooms and the cafeteria. The money collected from the cans was then turned over to the school. The school then presented the family with the check.

Santarelli's mother describes her daughter as a very giving person. "Lyndsay gives a lot of time at the church and raises money for the mission. She's always giving," said Marie Santarelli.

Kelley Adams, the winner of the certificate of merit felt that her experience had taught her a lot.

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LITTLE PILGRIMS

Trucksville Nursery School teacher Morag Michael helped Sam Van Horn, left, and Kevin Barry whip up a batch of pumpkin bread for the pre-school's Thanksgiving program. More photos on page 9.

Children's Wing fund drive makes progress

By JACK HILSHER
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SHAVERTOWN - When Wyoming Seminary's ex-president was asked to head a fund drive for the Back Mountain Library Children's Wing, Wally Stettler hesitated long enough to eyeball the present children's room and see what he was getting into.

The first thing he saw was a ladder for reaching books up as high as nine shelves and his hesitation evaporated. He said, "My mind was made up on the spot. They needed help."

That unbelievable (and unbelievably rickety) wooden ladder has a red warning sign reading, "KEEP OFF - ASK FOR ASSISTANCE" and isn't the only thing badly in need of replacement. The whole room suffers from a case of cramps. You can't turn around without bumping into something or someone - and it literally cries out for expansion. Fortunately those cries are being answered.

Wallace F. Stettler's response to the request for help was typical. For several months he planned his strategy behind the scenes and assembled the kind of team any professional would admire. Refusing to clog up daily

"We're the fastest-growing community around and we've the most outdated library for kids."

Kathi Flack
Campaign division leader

library operations, he established a separate office courtesy of realtor Mary Crispell. On her second floor he and Debby Kirkwood (my "executive assistant" who "does all the work" he explains with a grin) ride herd on four divisions of community-minded solicitors.

Since the formal drive opened in September, these eager beavers have hit the halfway mark in a half-million dollar goal. Division leaders are Beth Rosenthal, General; Jack Meeks, Sustaining; Kathi Flack, Major and John Gager, Leadership. Each have their own goals and crews.

Chairman Beth Rosenthal of Pioneer Avenue praises her 25-person team, saying, "They are enthusiastic, they make their calls and they write their letters. We've all found the community is responsive to the need. My two



Debbie Kirkwood handles the office duties for the campaign to raise funds for a new children's wing for the Back Mountain Memorial Library.

kids, Patrick and Betsy, grew up in our Back Mountain library and I don't have to have any more incentive than that."

Pincrest Avenue's Jack Meeks, chairman of the Sustaining Division, came here from Springfield, 29 years ago. Meeks was Sem's Director of Development before his retirement 15 years ago, and he and wife Katherine have been friends of the Stettlers for 45 years. Katherine is a book club member and has taken library courses, so their interest comes naturally.

Meeks says, "This is a supportive community and my group is doing well. I am not surprised we

are over \$250,000 but we've still got a long way to go and should not let up. This drive is not like one for a hospital, or a school. Sometimes we tend to take libraries for granted, and we can't do that. People forget too easily and need to be reminded of the need."

Kathi Flack of Idetown Road, Chairman of the Major Division, has another reason for her interest besides having reading children, a 13-year old and 10-year-old twins. Husband Rusty Flack's grandmother Elizabeth, Senator Flack's wife, was a buddy of Flo-

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Nat'l Utilities vows to fight for rate hike

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LEHMAN - Claiming complaints about its service are unfounded, Joe Bontrager, president of National Utilities Inc. (NUI) says he will appeal the decision by a state Public Utilities Commission administrative law judge to deny the company a 49 percent rate increase.

Judge Debra Paist recommended denial of the increase on Nov. 21. Under the company's request, average annual residential bills in the company's Oak Hill service area would jump from \$357 to \$496, based on usage of 48,000 gallons.

Paist said the request for the rate hike should be denied in its entirety because the company

The rate hike would be "unjust, unreasonable, and therefore unlawful."

Debra Paist
PUC administrative law judge

"has provided inadequate quality and quantity of service." She also found the proposed rate increase "to be unjust, unreasonable, and therefore unlawful."

Since the rate increase was filed, there have been 68 formal customer complaints, 83 customer protest letters and a formal Office of Consumer Advocate complaint filed in opposition. In addition,

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Butler appointed new police chief on 4-2 vote

By JENNIFER JUDGE
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HARVEYS LAKE - At the regular November meeting of the Harveys Lake Borough Council, board members voted 4-to-2 with one abstention to appoint acting police chief Jeff Butler to the position of police chief for the borough for a one year probationary period.

The borough had interviewed

seven candidates for the position, two of whom were former state troopers. Board member Ed Kelly was skeptical that Butler was more qualified than a trooper and questioned Butler's references. William Wilson pointed out that Butler had obtained references from local law enforcement officers including Chief Kochoer of Lehman Township, Chief Fowler of Dallas

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Skateboarding banned in public places in borough

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DALLAS - To the dismay of many local skateboarders, the Dallas Borough Council banned skateboarding on all public property within the borough at their regular meeting on Nov. 19.

The vote was 3-to-3 when Mayor Paul Labar's vote for the motion broke the tie in favor of banning the activity.

"It's really a public safety issue. Skateboarding in particular has really gotten out of control," said

William Peiffer, council member. "We're concerned for the skaters," added Patricia Peiffer, council president.

Although all the board members agree that something must be done to regulate skateboarding, not all of them were for the ban.

"It is a public safety issue. But, they should be able to skate someplace. Not all kids have private property or driveways to use," said Martha Weber, council member.

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