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## Site walk enlightening, school decision looms

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**DALLAS** - Once again the Dallas School Board did not make a final decision on the site for the new K-5 elementary school when they met Monday night. More than 50 people came to the meeting to see what the board would do.

Board member Thomas Landon was absent, and the board would not vote

without all of its members present. A meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. to discuss the sites further and possibly come to a decision.

Parents and other concerned members of the community were allowed to voice their opinions at Monday's meeting. Peg Coslett, a kindergarten teacher at Westmoreland and Dallas resident expressed the feelings of many when she requested again to have the new school

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Katherine Savage  
Shavertown

built on a separate site and not connected to the existing school. "We request a separate K-5 school," she said. She went

to mention how smaller schools result in better scores and discipline.

Many people, such as Beverly Berry of Trucksville, expressed their concerns about the school being taken out of their neighborhood. Others also spoke about fear of increased class size and the potential loss of personal attention for the children.

Some felt the school communities of Westmoreland and Dallas were working

against one another in this matter. "We are all a part of a whole," said Katherine Savage of Shavertown. "We should not be working against each other."

Many of the same people at Monday's meeting showed up on Sunday to meet with the board and a representative from Quad Three, Inc. in walking around the four proposed sites on the main campus.

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### LEARNING ABOUT LIFE

Ventriloquist George Terebush and his friend Kosmo delighted Dallas Elementary School students last week with a presentation

about general safety and morality. The program was sponsored by Back Mountain police departments. Additional photo on page 11.

## Building, zoning plans predominate in Kingston Twp.

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**KINGSTON TWP.** - At the Jan. 8 meeting of the Kingston Township supervisors, the board accepted the planning commission's recommendation to approve the Kingston Twp. Municipal Building Preliminary Development Plan. The site is located on E. Center Rd. in the township.

The architectural firm, Bakker

and Lewis of Shavertown, is now working on a building plan and design. The board still must approve the final plan for the building.

Also, the board scheduled a public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning of property on Mount Olivet Rd. The 30 acres is divided by the road. One side contains seven acres on which the owner lives. The rest of the 27 acres is zoned 90 percent agricultural and conservation. The proposal is to rezone the 27 acres to a residential area for building a subdivision.

The planning commission voted to recommend the zone change to the supervisors. The approximate lot size would be one acre.

"If it were rezoned, since there is no public sewer and each lot would have a separate system, lots will be a minimum of one acre," said Ben Gorey, Kingston Twp. Zoning Officer.

The board accepted receipt of

the Mather's Major Subdivision Plan. The property owned by William and Mary Mathers will be subdivided among their three sons.

Finally, the board approved the attendance of township officials at the 1997 Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Conference in Hershey, PA on April 27 through April 30. Shirley Moyer was designated as the voting delegate.

## Dallas Color Guard moves indoors for winter season

By MICHAEL TWICHELL  
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**DALLAS** - Take equal parts dancing, athletics, and artistic expression and what do you get? Indoor Color Guard.

According to Dallas High School indoor guard instructor Heather Baldauff, "Indoor guard is an extension of the outdoor marching band color guard, with both similarities and differences in form and content."

"Many of the skills used in the marching program are employed in this setting," says assistant instructor Jerry Baldauff, "and similar equipment is used as well." But there are notable differences, including the fact that while "live" music is employed in the marching band, indoor guard is performed on a basketball court to pre-taped musical selections. "The style is different, there are fewer performers than in the marching band, and being inside provides a much more intimate setting," says drill designer Dave Gambal.

When putting a show together, "a lot of effort goes into the design

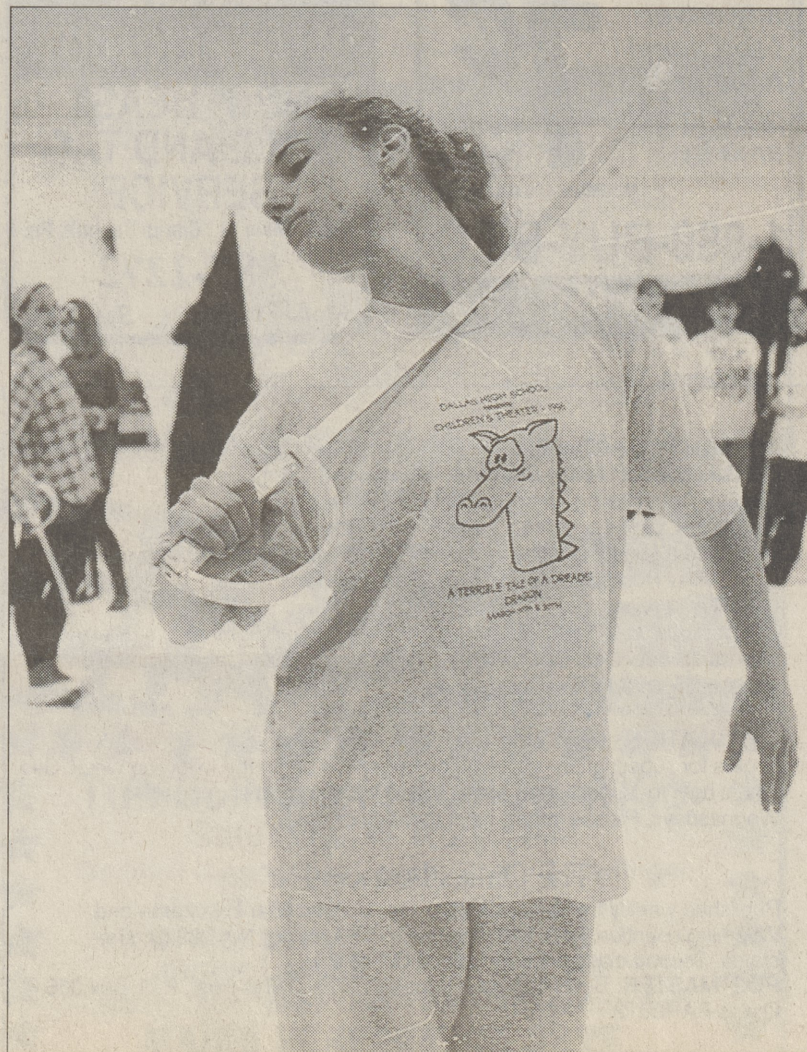
*"A lot of effort goes into the design of the show, equipment choice, the style, and how to interpret the music."*

Heather Baldauff  
Dallas High School  
Indoor Guard instructor

of the show, equipment choice, the style, and how to interpret the music," says Heather Baldauff, "as well as trying to encompass color, body, emotion and form."

The physical aspect of the program is very demanding as well. "We have the kids go through a warmup before rehearsing the routine, which includes stretching, body training using techniques found in ballet and modern dance, and we also let them work on developing technique on various pieces of equipment," says Jerry Baldauff.

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Anna Appel showed a dramatic movement during a practice session of the Dallas High School Indoor Color Guard.

## In confessing, youths tell plot to torch school

18-year-old makes bail, 3 await hearings

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**DALLAS TWP.** - While confessing to police, the three youths charged with arson and other crimes described the plot they hatched to burn down Dallas High School and perhaps kill principal Frank Galicki and assistant principal Kathleen McCarthy.

In a police complaint filed with District Justice James Tupper, Michael Adam Miller, 18, of Washington St., Dallas, described how he and two juveniles met the morning of January 6 and again January 7 in a wooded area near the school. There, they discussed how

lighting furniture in the auditorium would get them out of school for a while and one juvenile hoped that Galicki and McCarthy would be killed in the ensuing fire.

According to the complaint, Miller suggested bringing gasoline to school in a soda bottle to fuel the fire. Another plan called for setting fire to a roll of toilet paper and stuffing it into seats in the auditorium. In the end, they set fire to toilet paper in a restroom near the auditorium.

But one of the juveniles had second thoughts and put out the

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## Local Muslims begin holy month of fasting

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER  
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**WILKES-BARRE** - On January 11 Muslims worldwide began the month long fast of Ramadan, an Islamic holiday. That day, about 100 people from the local Muslim community gathered at the Islamic Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania's center in Wilkes-Barre to celebrate the start of Ramadan with a covered dish dinner which broke the fast that had begun at dawn. Approximately 50 Muslims reside in the Back Mountain.

The community came out to celebrate God, faith, one another and a variety of delicious foods. As everyone trickled in with dish in hand, they greeted one another with the traditional "Assalamu-

*"Every time you get a little hungry you remember God."*

Sally Saieih  
Dallas

alaikum" meaning "hello" in Arabic, showing the respect and good will that is inherent in the religion.

For Muslims, Ramadan is not only a time for fasting, but a time for prayer and contemplation of the Quran. Islam's revealed text. "Ramadan signifies a very important aspect of the Islamic religion - it was the start of revelations from Allah (the Arabic word for

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