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Students quadruple food collection

Students at Dallas Senior High School outdid themselves by collecting four times the amount of food collected last year for the Back Mountain Food Bank.

"The students' willingness to give to others was great. We had students go out into the neighborhoods and collect food. There was total involvement from every grade," said Sandy Sprau, who helped organize the drive.

This year there was a contest between homerooms in each grade. The winning homerooms receive a homecooked breakfast by Frank Galicki, principal and Paul Reinert, asst. principal.

Sprau said the school kept a daily total to increase the spirit of competition. Homerooms that brought in highly need items like coffee, tea and tuna received extra points.

The senior class collected the most food and won a pizza party from Pizza Hut.



Dan Laurenzi helps Erika Knappman load goods into the truck. Knappman is a member of the senior class that won a pizza party from Pizza Hut. Additional photos on page 8.

Legion Post will mark exact time, day of Pear Harbor attack

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - A 20-yearold Quentin "Cap" Walters got to sleep in a little late Dec. 7, 1941, because he had been on night watch. He got up just before 8 a.m. and was standing next to his bunker which was three fourths of the way down the U.S.S. Raleigh, a Navy cruiser anchored in Pearl Harbor, Oahu. He heard a loud bang and the ship lurched to the side. As he lost his balance he heard his shipmates start to yell. He wondered what all the commotion was about. Seconds later there were more blasts. Walters heard explosions very close to his ship. As chief radioman, he ran to the radio shack in the front of the ship amid the blaring alarm, the hustle of other men and a sky blackened by planes. When he reached the radio he learned what was happening. "The Japs are bombing Pearl Harbor, no drill," the faceless voice said urgently. It was 7:58 a.m. on the "day that will live in infamy. Franklin D. Roosevelt was president. The attack on Pearl Harbor in Oahu, Hawaii, destroyed or severely damaged eight battleships, three light cruisers and 188 planes. There were 3,435 American casualities. History books record it as the single worst loss of life in American military

attacked without warning. Under commander Nagumo's orders, 353 Japanese planes and supporting sub-

anchored in the harbor. The bulk

of American planes parked on the

ground were destroyed in the first

two minutes. The fleets moored

in the harbor were bombed for

The Daddow-Isaacs American

Legion Post 672 will hold a "Pearl

Harbor Remembered" breakfast

on Sun. Dec. 7 at the Post home at

7:58 a.m. There will be an invoca-

tion and a minute of silence for

those who lost their lives. Three

men who were at Pearl Harbor

during the attack will be present

at the breakfast. They are Walters

of Dallas, Frank Ball of Wilkes-

Barre and Walter Jablonski of

Luzerne. Also, Senator Charles

B. Lemmond will deliver a short

Walters, now 77, said the re-

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Changing of guard in Dallas district

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER Post Staff

DALLAS - Three new members and one incumbent were sworn on to the Dallas School Board Monday night. Maureen Banks, Karen Kyle,

Frank Natitus and Tony Barbose pledged to serve the district for four years. This will be Banks' second term.



Kyle said her first day as a New board presider school board

member went well. "It was quick and easy," she said with a smile.

During the short meeting, the board elected John Litz as its new president. Ernest Ashbridge, the former president of two years received four votes and Litz received five.

"As this year comes to a close, I'd like to thank the board and community for allowing me to serve as president for the last two years," Ashbridge told the board and small audience. "I see good things happening in the future for Dallas.

Litz said his term as president will not change the board radically. "We have a new building program and new renovations to occupy our time. There is a full agenda for the board," he said. Ellen Nagy was voted vice-president of the board. She and Banks were nominated and Nagy won by one vote.

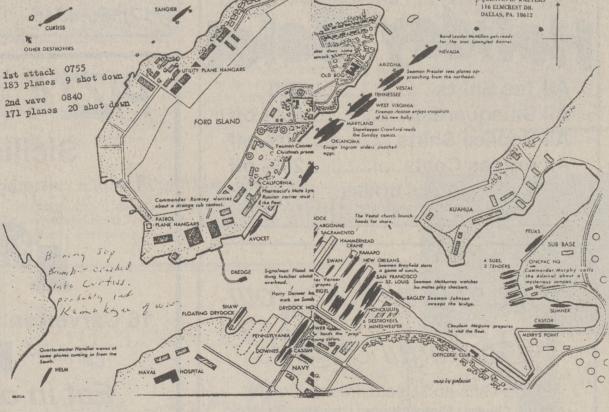
Pastors work together for their faith

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER Post Staff

BACK MOUNTAIN - Ministers from different denominations have been coming together for nearly 20 years to bring the Christian community in the Back Mountain closer together. Instead of alienating one another because of differences written into their doctrine, ministers involved with the Back Mountain Ministerium (BMM) concentrate on their similarities as Christians.

"It's an Ecumenical group of pastors who wish to be together for communication and support," explained Rev. Charles Naugle,

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COURTESY OF QUENTIN WALTERS

The map shows the location of U.S. Navy ships just before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941. Walters was on the USS Raleigh, at top center of map. The Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 will commemmorate the attack with a program Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7:58 a.m., the exact time of the attack.



Members of the Back Mountain Ministerium gather for a Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown. The Ministerium meets every month to address issues within the community. First row, from left, Rev. Janet Clark, Shavertown United Methodist; Cheryl Cavalari, Northeast Regional Ministry and higher education at Penn State; Rev. Richard Santella, Lehman United Methodist; second row, Rev. Peter Crynes, St. Therese's Catholic Church; Rev. Charles Grube, St. Paul's Lutheran; Rev. Charles Naugle, Trucksville United Methodist; Rev. Bill Kennard, Alderson United Methodist and Rev. Thomas Flynn, St. Therese's.

marine units moved under a weather front and got within 230 miles of Oahu early Dec. 7. The chief targets were eight battleships among the 92 **QUENTIN WALTERS**

naval vessels

nearly two hours.

address.

Ashbridge, Thom Russ and John George were chosen to be representatives to West-Side Vocational Techni-

cal School. Kyle was voted assistant secretary and liaison to Westmoreland Elementary. Of her many new appointments, Kyle said, "It's nice to have support. You have



KAREN Z. KYLE

to get your feet wet somewhere.'

Dr. Gil Griffiths, superintendent, said he looks forward to working with the new board. "This is an opportunity for change. It's a new set of personalities. I know they have a strong commitment to the students otherwise they wouldn't have run," he said.

The new members will be given an orientation to help them learn about new projects in the works, said Griffiths. "The new members bring a positive presence. The

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