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Sno' much fun

Last week's mild temperatures and a day off from school allowed area kids to get out for a little bike riding, even if some snow remained on the ground. Enjoying the day Thursday, from left, Mark Kertesz, Francis Shovlin, Adam Brown and Phil Saxon, near the Summit Bank office along Rt. 309.

Indoor guard squads get off to good start

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
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BACK MOUNTAIN - The Dallas and Lake-Lehman indoor color guard programs are in full swing for the 1998 Tournament Indoor Drill Association (T.I.D.A.) competitive season.

Dallas debuted its program in early February at Southern Lehigh High School, and has since appeared at two other shows, most recently this past weekend at Northampton High School, earning three consecutive first place finishes in scholastic A-class. "This is the best season we've had so far," said Heather Baldauff, Dallas guard instructor, "and it's been really exciting to see the program develop over time."

The Dallas show, which Baldauff describes as, "a non-literal interpretation of *Amazing Grace*," featuring a vocal rendition by Judy Collins, and a musical interpretation by Mark O'Connor, has been well received at the shows. "We tried to move

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deeper into creative writing, and to challenge the students' skills and understanding of the program," said Jerry Baldauff, assistant instructor.

Lehman has made two appearances so far, including the Northampton show where they won first place in open-class competition. "The show is coming along very nicely, and the kids are becoming more comfortable with the program," said John Taggart, Lehman instructor.

Lehman's presentation, a depiction of Heaven and Hell, has also been a crowd pleaser. Composer Giovanni Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* provides the accompani-

ment for the "Heaven" segment of the show, while "Hell" is represented with Boston's *Foreplay*. "This show is a bit of a departure for us, particularly due to the use of rock music," said Taggart. "It gives me a chance to expand my expertise in certain areas while adding different stylings for the kids."

Both programs began preparing for the season last November around the end of the regular marching band season. Since then the staffs organized rehearsals and began writing their shows. According to Taggart, "Now we just keep adding subtleties to bring it to life." This process will continue until the end of the season in May.

The Dallas and Lake-Lehman color guards have several more competitions scheduled in the upcoming months with the next to be held at Southern Lehigh High School on Sunday, March 8. For more information on Dallas contact 675-5201 ext. 260. For more information on Lehman contact 675-7458.

Legion to hold free health screening for veterans March 6

Dallas American Legion Post #672 will sponsor a free health screening, March 8, from 1-4 p.m., providing the following services: eligibility/enrollment, blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, insensitive foot screening, Stars & Stripes Healthcare Network, veteran identification card. The screening will be held at The Dallas American Legion, Post #672, North Memorial Highway, Dallas.

The screening will be done by the Veterans' Affairs Medical Cen-

ter of Wilkes-Barre. All veterans of the five military units are eligible. Veterans may also acquire considerable savings on prescription medication.

Experts will be available to assist you in your screening and answer questions. Any one of the following documents or numbers are required: copy of honorable discharge, service serial number or social security number.

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Correction

In the Feb. 24 issue of The Dallas Post, it was incorrectly reported that the new Kingston Township Municipal Building on Carverton Rd. cost \$7.5 million to build. The building cost \$1.9 million to build.

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D.U.I. CHARGES

Dallas resident Martin Sinnott, 53, was arrested Nov. 19 by Dallas Borough patrolman Michael Prokopchak after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 415. After failing field sobriety tests, Sinnott was taken to the Dallas Township Police Station where his blood alcohol level was .165.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Dallas resident Roger D. Boyle, 52, was arrested Dec. 21 by Lehman Township patrolman David Rinehimer after police observed him driving erratically on Rt. 118. After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital to determine his blood alcohol level. Boyle refused to take a blood test. Refusal of the blood test results in a one-year suspension of a driver's license.

He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Related charges of careless driving and failing to keep right were dismissed. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

BURGLARY

Larksville resident Chester F. Ketcham, 30, was arrested Feb. 2 by Lake Township patrolman John Fuches after David W. Ketcham, Chester's brother, told police that he and Chester burglarized four homes in the township on Jan. 12.

The value of the items the two brothers took from the homes totaled \$2,031. Chester Ketcham is charged with four counts of burglary and two counts of conspiracy to burglary. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

MARIJUANA SELLING

Both Wyoming resident Chris Boraski and Trucksville resident, William Booth, 36, were charged Dec. 23 by PA State patrolman Richard Geffken for selling marijuana. Geffken was introduced to Booth at Booth's residence on Elizabeth St. Geffken and Booth discussed the purchase of marijuana and Booth said he could get anything he wanted. Geffken said he was interested in purchasing some marijuana.

Booth told the officer to drive them to Boraski's residence after a brief stop at Desi's bar in Dallas. At Boraski's residence at 477 Mt. Olivet Rd., Booth told the officer that he would need the money up front. Geffken handed Booth \$60. Geffken honked his car horn and Boraski came out of his home and into the car where he handed Booth three bags of marijuana. Booth handed Boraski \$90 before Boraski exited the car. Geffken then dropped Booth off at Desi's bar.

Both Boraski and Booth are charged with conspiring to manufacture, deliver and possess; intent to possess controlled substance; two counts of manufacture, deliver and possession with intent to manufacture or deliver.

They waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE

Wyoming resident Darin J. Dixon, 21, was arrested Dec. 15 by PA State patrolman John Urban after police were notified that Dixon took his mother's GMC truck without permission. Dixon's mother told police that he does not have a valid driver's license and the truck is not registered, has not been inspected and has no insurance coverage.

Dixon is charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving without a license, driving an unregistered vehicle, operating vehicle without valid inspection and operating a vehicle without required financial responsibility.

RETAIL THEFT

Pittston resident Robert B. Siskovitch, 67, was arrested Feb. 18 by Dallas Borough patrolman Donald Gavigan after Siskovitch was observed taking and hiding items at Mr. Z's Foodmart in Dallas.

Siskovitch was observed hiding a pickle loaf in a Mr. Z's advertisement by Mark Ulrich, loss prevention officer. Ulrich pulled him aside when he went to checkout and found Screts Throat Lozenges, Alka Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine hidden on his person along with the pickle loaf in the advertisement.

Siskovitch had a prior arrest and conviction for retail theft in 1988. He was charged with retail theft and waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

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