

Students honor memory of a fallen classmate

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
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DALLAS - The sophomore class at Dallas High School recently held a memorial service for their dear friend and classmate Seth Linsinbigler, who passed away 15 months ago due to a brain tumor. The Sophomore Steering Committee organized "A Life...A Celebration..." to honor Seth. "Our class wanted closure. Nothing was ever done in school. We just wanted to honor him," said Norah Krakosky, committee president. Seth was diagnosed with a brain tumor Nov. 3 1993, while in sixth grade. He stayed active and was determined to live as normal a life as possible under the circumstances. He played trombone all through middle school and into high school. He lost his three-year battle with the disease on Dec. 23, 1996.

The memorial was held May 27. Approximately 60 people, mostly students, gathered in the school's auditorium to hear poems, songs and tributes to Seth.

Tyler Morgan welcomed the large group and introduced Casey Wagner, Seth's neighbor and good friend who read the poem she wrote after his death.

Michael Pawlik, band teacher, expressed his feelings about Seth, who he said taught him determination and hope. Pawlik struggled through his words, holding back tears.

Members of the girls' chorus sang songs, including one that Abby Ahmad, sophomore, wrote for her friend. The song is entitled "Thoughts of You."

Between verses, sniffles could be heard throughout the auditorium and most of the chorus cried freely as they sang.

Rev. William Kennerd from Alderson United Methodist, the Linsinbiglers' church, likened Seth to the American Red Maple the class planted in his memory. "Every tree is unique. While they do have much in common, they are one of a kind," said Rev. Kennerd. "Like the tree, Seth had much in common with you, but he was unique... (and) vulnerable like a tree. He received from his friends and family and he gave to all of them."

Everyone silently filed outside and formed a perfect circle around the dedicated Maple tree. A plaque, which was donated by Bartikowsky's Jewelers, stands before the tree and reads: *Do not stand by my grave and weep;*

*I am not there, I do not sleep;
I am 1000 winds that blow,
I am a diamond glint on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain;
When you awake in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circling flight;
I am the soft star shine at night;
Do not stand by my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.*

Krakosky said the inscription was an anonymous poem his mother had put on thank you cards after Seth's funeral. "We felt it to be very appropriate because we feel he's still with us," she said.

When Krakosky was asked why she thought Seth affected so many people in such a positive way, the words spilled out easily. "Seth was the ideal person. He was so kind, friendly and extremely courageous. He never lacked in participation, even when he was so sick. He didn't want us to worry about him," she said, with a smile



Abby Ahmad read a poem during a memorial ceremony for Seth Linsinbigler. At right, Dallas High School sophomores gathered around a memorial tree that was planted in Seth's memory.

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on her face.

Renee Rondinella, Seth's aunt, thought the memorial was thoughtful. "The students were so wonderful and did a great job of planning this whole thing. I was very impressed with this group of young people because they thought to do this all on their own," she said.



Township wants better traffic control for triathlon

By JESSICA APPOLO
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JACKSON TWP. - Monday night's Jackson township meeting concentrated on upcoming scheduled events. The biggest discussion involved the Wilkes-Barre triathlon.

The annual triathlon is scheduled for August 9 this year. Last year, although a map of the triathlon course was made available, there was some confusion regarding alternate routes for traffic. Several citizens suggested that the township and triathlon staff work together to design a map of alternative routes for traffic. Some staff members who worked the triathlon course recalled trying to re-route several

out-of-towners, which caused additional traffic delays.

John J. Wilkes announced that the Luzerne County Communications Center will be on line with the county as of June 17. Wilkes is hopeful that the transition will go smoothly and without any problems.

Jackson Township will be handling arrangements to hire people to gather and confirm information for the U.S. Census Bureau in the year 2000 Census. People are needed to help update information within the township and anyone interested should see the secretary during business hours.

Last month's spaghetti dinner to aid the recreation commission was such a success, plans for another dinner are in the making.

Gate of Heaven to hold Cusick Memorial Bazaar

Rev. John Lambert and the parishioners of Gate of Heaven Church in Dallas, will be hosting the Father William Cusick Memorial Bazaar on Fri., June 19, from 6-11 p.m.; Sat., June 20 from 6-11 p.m. and on Sun. June 21, from 3-9 p.m.

The three day event will feature a variety of ethnic food, games, entertainment and family fun.

Bazaar highlights include Children's Games, Arts & Craft Booth, Bake Sale, Baskets Galore Booth, Plant Stand, Fire Truck Rides and Dunk Tank. Bingo will be bigger and better this year, awarding prizes every night of the Bazaar. This year's Bazaar will also feature on-going entertainment including Irish Step Dancers, Country Line Dancing, "Elvis and Me!", the Back

Mountain Dance Studio, Gate of Heaven's own Sister Act, Men to Boyz, and the Sweet Charity Players who will be performing excerpts from the Broadway musical Godspell.

Gate of Heaven will also be hosting a Father's Day Dinner on Sun., June 21 from 12:30-3 p.m. with a choice of either a Ham with raisin sauce or Pot Roast dinner. Also, the Grand Prize in this year's raffle is a \$2,500 travel certificate for the destination of your choice or \$2,000 in cash. Second prize is \$1,000 in cash and third prize is \$500 in cash. All activities will be held on church grounds, rain or shine at 40 Machell Avenue. If you need more information, please call the Gate of Heaven parish office at 675-2121.

Scott Walters enlists in the U.S. Navy

Scott S. Walters, a 1994 Lake-Lehman graduate, received his BS degree in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. On the dean's list every semester, he was accepted into Honors College and a member of the Golden Key Honor Society. He is an active member of the Cornerstone Campus Ministry.



SCOTT S. WALTERS

Scott was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. He attended NROTC at Carnegie Mellon University. As a midshipman, he was a squad leader, PT coordinator, logistics officer, and battalion executive officer. His awards include: Commanding Officer's

Meritorious Award, Commanding Officer's Special Achievement Ribbon, Naval Institute Award, Military Order of World Wars Award, ROTC Award of Merit and Aviation Club Ribbon.

Scott's summer assignments were onboard USS Thomas S. Gates in Panama/Puerto Rico and onboard USS John F. Kennedy in Spain/Italy.

Scott will report to Pensacola, FL to attend flight school to become a navy pilot.

Scott is the son of Nancy and Gary Walters of Shavertown. His sister, Susie, a 1998 Lake-Lehman graduate, will attend the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

He is the grandson of Harry West and the late Jane M. West, formerly of Plymouth. He is also the grandson of Quentin "Cap" and Bette Walters of Dallas.

Lake-Lehman Taxpayers to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Lake-Lehman School District Tax Payers Association, will be held, Thurs., June 4, in the Lehman Township Municipal Building located on Old Route #115 and will start at 7:30 p.m.

St. Paul's to hold supper June 13

A family style roast beef supper will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Shavertown on Sat., June 13. Takeouts, 4:30 p.m. serving 5-7 p.m. Adults \$6.50, child \$3. Tickets call 675-3859 or at the door.

Harveys Lake Legion to hold flea market

Harveys Lake American Legion will sponsor an indoor flea market on Sat., June 6, at the post home from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tables may be reserved by calling 675-0104 or 639-5500. Refreshments will be available.

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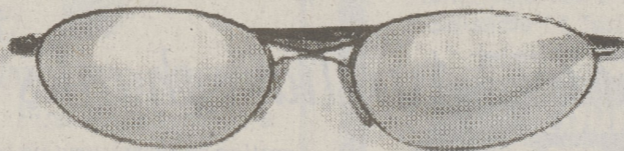
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