

Pastor

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program in New York.

Scheuermann said his immediate goals include getting his family settled and to get out and meet the congregation. "We are going to visit neighbors and church families who have dropped off," he explained. "I'm looking forward to knowing the congregation."

He plans to revamp some ministries that have been pastorless since Payne moved two months ago and fine tune some other programs. But, Scheuermann assures he is not the type to come into a community and change everything for the sake of change.

"I want to establish my own relationship, my own level of trust with the congregation."

Rev. Dennis Scheuermann
Outlet Free Methodist Church

The new pastor invites the community to attend Outlet Free Methodist. Services are 10:30 a.m. on Sunday with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Youth group meets at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings.



Queens for the day

Dallas and Lake-Lehman high schools crowned Homecoming Queens Saturday. In left photo, Segan Millington, Dallas Queen, with her mother Kathy and dad, Mark. Jen Celusniak, right, was named Lake-Lehman Queen. She rode off the field in a spiffy convertible.



Parents

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schools are always calling us. I joined the PTISO in order to keep a feeling of connection. We want to help in an official capacity," explained Millington.

Barolini, the new PTISO president, said people have to get involved if they want to see their ideas achieved. "I have certain things I want to see accomplished. The only way to do that is to get involved," she said.

Since its formation three years ago, the PTISO's biggest program, along with the guidance department, is the Student of the Month Award ceremony, held monthly. The program honors four students each month who are nominated by their peers, teachers, parents and community members. PTISO members solicit community businesses to sponsor \$50 savings bonds for each winner.

"The Student of the Month would not exist without the PTISO," said Jones. "These awards honor many students who otherwise would not be recognized."

Two other big events are Career Day and the Education Fair. PTISO members solicit community members to come and speak to students about different careers and help organize the many college representatives that come to the school.

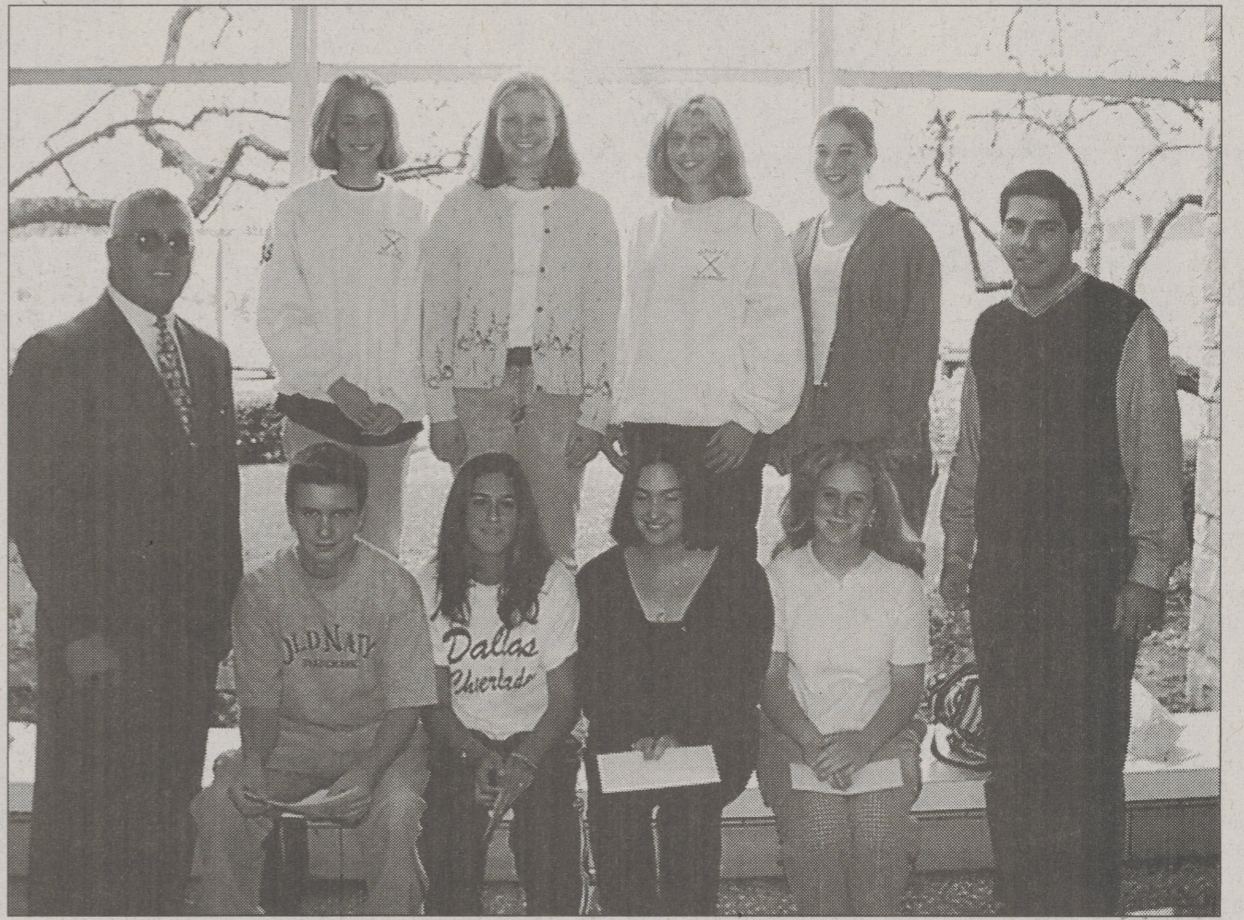
Jones said the guidance office appreciates the PTISO's dedication because they do much of the legwork the guidance office does not have time for. "We could never do Career Day on our own. It takes months and an enormous amount of time," said Jones. "We really have a team approach now."

Other PTISO sponsored events include student involvement in the Riverside Rumble, dinners for the homeless with VISION, food for the SPCA and coat drives. A coat drive is going on this week through Friday.

One of the goals of the PTISO is to give students the opportunity to help others. With the coat and food drives, the students learn what it's like to help strangers.

"We could never do Career Day on our own."

Robyn Jones
Guidance counselor



Kicking off the first Student of the Month Awards at Dallas High School, the senior class officers presented four pleasantly surprised students with awards. The Back Mountain Harvest Assembly sponsored \$50 bonds for each student. **Phillip Pack** won the **Citizen Award**. He is on the honor roll, student council, FBLA, youth group and science club. **Brittany Bartolini** won the **Spirit Award**. She participates in field hockey, tennis, cheerleading, chorus, student council, junior steering and is on the honor roll. **Abby Ahmad** won the **Creative Award**. She is on the honor roll and participates in chorus, student council, junior steering, and plays guitar and sings at coffee houses. **April Piazza** won the **Achievement Award**. She participates in volleyball, softball, chorus, student council and is on the honor roll. From left, standing, Frank Galicki, principal; senior officers, Courtney Kryston, Lacey Popson, Stephanie Potisek, Sarah Scott and Rob Coscia, BMT Harvest Assembly. Sitting, Pack, Bartolini, Ahmad and Piazza.

"The kids get to realize the personal perks you get from being in a charitable event. Kids can select from a list of events. It's an important part of education to give to others," said Bartolini.

Jones said these events not only enrich a student's character, but their transcript too. "These events give our students an edge. Colleges look at community service and citizenship as heavily as extra curricular activities," explained Jones.

The PTISO holds bake sales throughout the year to sustain its "shoestring" budget. A sale will be held Nov. 18 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. The next open PTISO meeting also is on Nov. 18, and members urge parents to get involved.

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Carnival to be held Oct. 30 at church

A carnival featuring illusionist "Tony the Great" on Friday, Oct. 30, 6 to 8 p.m. at Fellowship Evangelical Free Church, Hildebrandt Road, Dallas (near the Dallas schools).

Carnival games and tons of candy. Come in costume (please choose the good guys and gals). New this year: Parent's Cafe serving dessert and conversation. For Kindergarten through 5th graders. Pre-registration requested (maximum 250 children).

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