

## King Day

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So far, eight pioneering students are in the group with Donna Trebilcox, English teacher, as their advisor. All of the students said they joined the club because they believe many of their schoolmates do not respect people who are different.

"Our school does not have a lot of different ethnic groups. I think our group can help the school understand that there are different people out there," said Sherri Kuderka, 18, of Dallas.

Apryl Traber elaborates. "Our school is very ignorant because most people have never lived outside of Dallas," said the 16-year-old, who says she has been called derogatory names because of her friendships with non-caucasians. Gillian Be, sophomore, said some classmates assumed she was gay after they found out she joined the Diversity Club. And junior Chris Riley believes the problem with people in Dallas is that they don't think there is a problem. "They don't think there is anything wrong with making fun of people."

Candi Smith agreed and added that the Diversity Club is about getting respect. "People need to know about courtesy and politeness," she explained.

The club meets every Thursday and Friday during flex period in room four. They discuss news clips, television programs and their general observations. The administration came to Mrs. Trebilcox with the idea of forming a Diversity Club and getting students into the Diversity Institute's Multicultural Camp at College Misericordia. Mrs. Trebilcox put the word out and the first eight students joined.

"They are a great bunch of kids. They are a diverse group themselves," said Mrs. Trebilcox, who believes the best way to change the world is to change yourself. "Sometimes standing up for what you believe gets a little lonely. So the group provides support and enables the students to hold up a model of behavior and show the community what they stand for," she said. "Change begins in small places. The club proved how true that sentiment is."

Felton's visit marked the first time the school held an assembly for the slain civil rights leader's birthday. "I believe Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream lives and dies in you," Mrs. Trebilcox told the packed auditorium. "It depends on respecting the dignity of all

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**Sherri Kuderka**  
Dallas senior

people despite and because of our differences." When Felton took stage, he explained King's goals. He described for the students the environment in which both he and King were raised; the segregated South. He discussed how Jim Crow laws maintained separate schools, lunch counters, restrooms and entrances.

"Usually I hesitate to come to an institution that does not recognize the holiday," said Felton, referring to Dallas which held classes Monday. "But, you are what motivates me." A loud applause rose in the auditorium after his address and the Diversity Club beamed with accomplishment.

"I thought it was incredible and moving. The clapping at the end was very genuine," said Apryl Traber. After the program, Felton was asked if he thought it more important to have students in school to discuss King on the holiday or to give them the day off when they may not even acknowledge King. "I think you could do (a program like this) anytime," said Felton, who likened the holiday to Black History Month. "Eventually these become part of the curriculum," he said. "Don't put Dr. King's holiday under more scrutiny than those other holidays. If you are an institution and normally observe national holidays, then you should observe Dr. King's birthday."

The Diversity Club was happy with their first big endeavor. Candi Smith summed up the group sentiment by stating that it would have been a great endeavor regardless of its effect.

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**Donna Trebilcox**  
Diversity Club advisor



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## Student-athletes honored by Gridiron Club

The Dallas Gridiron Club has launched a program to reward football players who excel in the classroom as well as on the field. Starting this school year, the club is presenting certificates of achievement and gift certificates to players who earn honor roll recognition and those who improve their grade point average by .5 point.

To support the program, the club sells gift certificates from Thomas' Family Market, Gerrity's, and Mr. Z's. The club's Scholar-Athlete Program Committee consists of Rick and Marlene Knappman, Nancy Ferko, Linda Tamanini and Christine Tucker.

Players who were honored for their performance during the first marking period, from left, first row; Matt Douglas, Mike Ferko, Matt Barnard, Chris Tucker, Matt Acri. Second row; Brian Vetter, John Nackley, Matt Eyet, Luke Miller, John Lorah, Kevin Yurko, Joe Saraka. Back row; Frank Galicki, principal, Rick Knappman, Paul Onzik, Matt Jackson, Gary Youngblood, Fred Krispin, Joseph Stuppino, Randy Knappman, Matt Simpson, Ted Jackson, head coach.

## DISTRICT COURT BRIEFS

Wilkes-Barre resident David F. Schutz, 33, was arrested June 6 by Dallas Township Wayman Miers after police enforced the speed limit.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to the Dallas Township Police Station for a breath test. The test did not read and police took Schutz to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he refused to give a blood alcohol test. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving without a license, exceeding the speed limit and driving with a suspended license.

Exactly a week later, Schutz was arrested by Kingston Township patrolman Charles Rauschkolb after police were called to an accident on Circle Dr. in the township.

Schutz was seen driving away from the scene of the accident by police. After police caught up with Schutz, they immediately transported him to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he refused a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in a one-year suspension of a driver's license. He was charged with driving under the influence and other charges. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

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### D.U.I. CHARGES

Harveys Lake resident Bernard Olszyk, 47, was arrested July 26 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed him driving erratically on Center Hill Rd. and Rt. 309.

After failing field sobriety tests, Olszyk took a breath test that determined his blood alcohol level to be .195. After being transported to the Luzerne County D.U.I. Processing Center he refused to take a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in a one-year suspension of a driver's license. He was charged with driving under the influence, careless driving and driving with no rear lights. Two related charges of operating without a valid inspection and exceeding the maximum speed limit were dismissed.

Shavertown resident John F. Reilly, 34, was arrested Aug. 13 by Kingston Township patrolman James J. Ibbotson after police observed him driving erratically.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where he refused

to take a blood alcohol test. Refusal of the test results in a one-year suspension of a driver's license. He was charged with driving under the influence. Related charges of disregarding a traffic signal and careless driving were dismissed.

*The following people have waived their right to a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper:*

Harveys Lake resident Susan Fronczkiewicz, 34, was arrested Sept. 25 by Dallas Borough patrolman James Martin after police observed her driving erratically on Rt. 415.

After failing field sobriety tests, Fronczkiewicz was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where her blood alcohol level was determined to be .100. She was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stop at a signal. A related charge of careless driving was dismissed.

## Couple charged for alleged pot parties with teenagers

Brian Palmateer, 25, of the Blue Jay Mobile Home Park at Harveys Lake, faces eight counts each of furnishing liquor to minors and endangering the welfare of children, and 11 counts of corruption of minors. He is charged with supplying liquor and marijuana to six minors, ranging in age from 13 to 17 at the time of the incidents, which took place between January and August, 1998. The complaints were filed by Det. Lt. Deborah Van Horn of the Luzerne County District Attorney's office. The alleged incidents took place at Palmateer's home, an apartment on North Main St. in Shavertown and at a tree fort in Dallas.

In testimony from the teenagers, the complaint describes how Palmateer repeatedly gave liquor and marijuana to them and smoked marijuana with them on several occasions.

Kimberly Palmateer, 31, faces four counts each of corruption of minors because she was alleged to be present during some of the incidents and took no steps to stop the behavior. Four counts of endangering the welfare of children were dismissed at a preliminary hearing before District Justice James Tupper.

Birchrunville resident Brian Henry, 19, was arrested Oct. 17 by Dallas Borough patrolman Donald Gavigan after police observed him driving erratically on Center Hill Rd. in Dallas.

He was taken to the Luzerne County D.U.I. Processing Center where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .143. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to stop at a stop sign. A related charge of purchasing alcohol as a minor was dismissed.

Wilkes-Barre resident James P. O'Reilly, 18, was arrested Sept. 20 by Lehman Township patrolman John Young after police were dispatched to Hunstville-Idetown Rd.

He was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital where his blood alcohol level was determined to be .128. He was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, and being a minor and operating a vehicle while under influence.

## Montessori to hold open house January 22

The Wyoming Valley Montessori School will hold an Open House at the school, 851 W. Market Street in Kingston on Jan. 22, from 9:30-11 a.m.

Parents and grandparents interested in seeing Montessori classrooms in session and learning more about Montessori educational philosophy and practice are encouraged to attend. Staff and parent guides will be available to answer questions about

the school's programs and activities for children 18 months of age through sixth grade. Current enrollment in the Toddler, Primary and Elementary Programs is over 200.

Wyoming Valley Montessori was founded in 1970 and is accredited by the Middle States Assoc. of Colleges and Schools and the American Montessori Society. For information call the school at 288-3708.

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Kingston Township residents and property owners are reminded not to place encroachments, such as fences, landscaping timbers, trees, shrubs, or any other items within the Township street right-of-way.

Property owners need to be aware that they do not own up to the edge of the roadway. Street right-of-ways vary from 33 feet to 50 feet. Residents that are unsure of the width of their street may call the Township Office for further information.

Residents are also reminded that the Township has the authority to order the removal, or to remove, the encroachments from the street or road right-of-way.

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