

LETTERS

Lake-Lehman board fails to lead, educate on tax reform

Editor:
I read with interest the results of the Lake-Lehman Taxpayers Assoc. attempt to gain the support of the school board in forming a committee to study the possible benefits and Applications of Act 50, the Homestead Act.
With even more interest and head shaking, I examined some of the comments of board members as to why this "citizens committee" had no merit. Board president Moderno Rossi stated "It's too complicated, most people don't really know what it's about," and, "we didn't feel it would be beneficial at this time. None of the other districts have brought it up."
Sad commentary isn't it? Here we have the leader of our elected board, saying in effect, "No one

else had led, so we have no one to follow."
Even more disheartening than that is the fact that, given the offer of those within the community, some of them possible with expertise in the areas of law and taxes, some probably with experience in other related areas, willing to donate time and effort in an attempt to gain knowledge and educate both the voters and the school board. The board declined, missing an opportunity for both more informed voters and leaders in this complex area, in other words, missing a chance to educate.
I ask, isn't that the purpose of our school systems?

Kirk Dinger
Dallas

Dallas Middle School math team scores big

By KYLIE SHAFFERKOETTER
Post Staff

DALLAS - Six fresh-faced students have just made history. They are the first team ever from Dallas Middle School to place second in the MATHCOUNTS Competition sponsored by the Luzerne Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. This is the highest placement the school has achieved in MATHCOUNTS.

Michael Swartwood, 12, of Franklin Township nabbed second place individually while his teammate Matt Katyl, 14, of Dallas placed seventh individually. Swartwood will attend the state championship on March 26 and 27 in Harrisburg.

The Dallas team went head-to-head against 11 other schools and was beaten to first place by Crestwood Middle School. This is the sixth year Dallas has participated and prior to February 6 the school had never placed on the high side.

MATHCOUNTS advisor Kathy Dolan was pleasantly surprised by the team's accomplishment. "We're absolutely thrilled. The goal is always to go and enjoy and not to worry about placing," said Dolan, who mentioned that the team has definite "math talent."

Principal Anthony Martinelli expressed his excitement by saying, "We are very proud about the success that our MATHCOUNTS team has accomplished. Their success is due to their dedication



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Holding their hard earned trophies, seated, from left, Michael Swartwood, David Glicini and Stephanie Yeung. Standing, Mrs. Kathy Dolan, Doug Zaruta, Matt Katyl and Jon Morgan.

and hard work. Mrs. Dolan and the team met over the course of the year at 7 a.m. for practice sessions. Now that is dedication." Swartwood, the son of Tom and

Irene Swartwood, was happy to win. He found the head-to-head aspect of the competition, which entailed difficult questions with a 45 second time limit without a

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Dallas Middle School

calculator, a bit trying. But he persevered. Now he is concentrating on studying for the state competition with his older brother Tom, who a member of last year's Dallas High Schools math team that won first place nationally.

Katyl, who is the son of William and Cynthia Katyl, was on the team last year. "I did much better than I did before. It was fun because I like doing math problems," said Katyl, who admitted he was bit nervous competing.

Stephanie Yeung, 13, the only female on the team, was an alternate. As an alternate she participated in all but one of the competitions. "It was different and interesting to try different problems. It was amazing to see (us win second)," said the daughter of Sue and Bruce Yeung. She plans to study space science and astronomy when she is older.

David Glicini, 13, said it was "really neat" to be on the team. Seventh grader Doug Zaruta of Shavertown, who was the second alternate, appreciated the tough competition and said he will definitely try out for the team next year.



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Bridal Trinkets moves to Shavertown

After 3 1/2 years in Dallas, Bridal Trinkets Etc. has moved to a new store at 29 W. Center St., Shavertown, behind Burger King. The owner, Mary Bartos, has nine years experience in the wedding business. Bridal Trinkets offers a wide selection of wedding and special occasion jewelry, wedding accessories, headpieces, engravable gifts and craft items and favors.
Bartos said she will soon open a consignment shop for elegant evening wear and accessories, on the second floor of the building. For more information and store hours, call 675-3105.

GS cookies on sale starting Sunday

Girl Scouts will be kicking off direct cookie sales at the Wyoming Valley Mall all day this Saturday and Sunday and will continue to hold booth sales after school, evenings and weekends at locations throughout the area.

Customers can choose from the eight delicious cookie varieties: the ever popular Thin Mint, Shortbread, Carmel Delights, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemon Pastry Creams, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Five World Cinnamons and the new iced Oatmeal Upside Down Cookie.

Cookies are \$3 a box. Funds earned by the girls stay locally and are used to provide Girl Scout programs and activities for the over 6,500 Girl Scouts of Penn's

Woods Girl Scout Council. Girls will be delivering cookies to customers who placed orders in January throughout the month of March.

The following is a list of Girl Scout Cookie Booth Sales:

Feb. 28, Back Mt. Wrestling Tournament, Dallas Middle School.

March 6, BiLo, Dallas; St. Therese's Church, Shavertown; Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake; Thomas' Market, Shavertown.

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March 13, BiLo, Dallas, Thomas' Market, Shavertown.

Art show to exhibit BMT artists

The Berwick Hospital's Art Gallery will display an exhibit of 41 artworks by 18 artists from Northeastern PA during the month of February.

Entitled "Working In a Series" the drawings and paintings have been created in watercolor, colored pencil, pastel and mixed media. Each artist is displaying two or three works in themes which include flags, figures, florals, gardens, seascapes, landscapes, Disney World and the Chesapeake Bay.

Exhibiting artists include: Charlotte Arbogast, Dallas; Diane Chollak, Harveys Lake; Sue Hand, Dallas; Michell Lord, Hunlock Creek; Janice O'Brien, Harveys Lake; Lynn Sands, Trucksville; Emily Siegal, Harveys Lake and Lora Womer, Hunlock Creek.

Pack 155 plans rummage sale in April

Cub Scout pack 155 of Trucksville is planning a rummage and bake sale to raise funds for the pack. The event will be called "Twice Loved" and will be run by the boys and volunteers. It is scheduled for Sat., April 24 and will be held in the Trucksville United Methodist Church Education Building on Church Road in Trucksville. The sale will last from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be plenty of goodies to eat as well as a bunch of bargains to buy.

A Wedding to Remember

Elegant tux makes dashing, lasting impression

By Mary Martin Niepold
Copley News Service

Contrary to popular myth, a wedding is the day for two people to be at the center of attention. For the groom, this means that the way he looks should say as much about himself as to complement his new wife. This ceremony is about a couple, after all.

"When it comes to what he will wear; the first thing a groom should do is consult the bride-to-be," notes New York fashion stylist, Edie Beeson Smith. "Either the bride will shop with him or he can check in with her along the way. It's good for the relationship anyway."

"It is her gown and his tuxedo that make this a special day," says Bob Bennett, president of Men's Apparel Group, whose tuxedo labels include After Six, Oscar de la Renta and Raffinati.

Right now, chances are good that many brides are draping themselves in gowns of pure romance taken off the turn-of-the-century pages of Edwardian elegance. Elegance was the byword nearly 100 years ago, and recent blockbuster movies like "Titanic" have impressed the delicacy and femi-

ninity of these styles on everything from lace and long sleeves on wedding gowns to filigree and gem encrusted jewelry on ears, necks and wrists.

Grooms-to-be, take note. What's good for her is definitely good for him.

According to Edward S. Kaminow, president of Lord West Formalwear, whose labels include Perry Ellis, "Some of the new formalwear designs we are showing today are prime examples of the Edwardian influence."

For example: the brand-new cutaway, two-button coat from Perry Ellis in either charcoal gray or black. "It is tailored with peak lapels and velvet collar. Either jacket, worn with striped trousers, creates a dashing look for daytime formal weddings," says Kaminow. Complementary accessories would include luxe tapestry or brocade vests and four-in-hand ties.

Bennett confirms the upgrade

of formal looks for grooms this season: "The important new trends for spring 1999 are the longer silhouette, a higher button stance and the three- and four-button jackets with three being the most popular."

A classic tuxedo is never wrong, whether single-breasted or double-breasted, with shawl collar or peak-lapel collar, and tuxedos work for formal weddings, day or evening. The stroller, a close cousin, is a walking coat that is cut slightly longer than a suit jacket, but requires gray striped trousers. Think of it as somewhere between tails and tux - a good choice for a daytime formal wedding.

Ultraformal weddings are probably the closest in feeling to the Edwardian notion of elegance. A gray cutaway (for day) or black tails (for evening) taper from the front waist to a wide back tail and are the creme de la creme of formal looks.

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