

## Awards

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student who promotes and or participates in activities which unite the student body. The *Creative Student Award* is presented to the student who, through whatever medium, exhibits exceptional creativity, and the *Citizen Student Award* is presented to the student who participates in community service projects in or out of school.

Each recipient was awarded a \$50 savings bond, provided by monthly sponsors who joined the PTSO in recognizing the students. "I see athletes, dancers, scholars, and students who are just nice kids gathered this morning and I would like everyone to know that the community has invested in you because through your efforts you have given something of value to the community," said Bartolini.

Several community leaders also took time to participate in the celebration. Sen. Lemmond offered his congratulations to the young crowd and encouraged them to continue making a positive difference. "I am here to tell you that they still take attendance in the State Senate," he said. "You have to show up - attendance is a big part of success - and be faithful to your course. I can see each

of you has done that."

The students who attended the awards breakfast enthusiastically displayed admiration for their peers. Jon Habrack, winner of the school spirit award in April, drew raucous laughter from his fellow students as he declared, "I guess I won the spirit award because I like school."

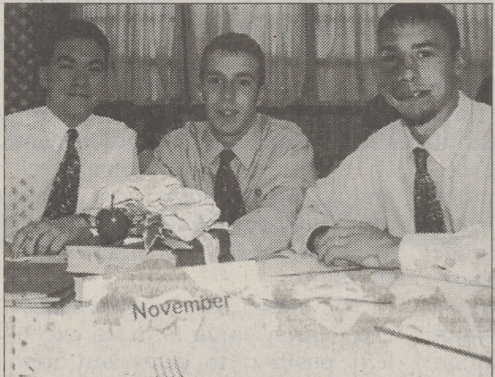
Matt Gingo related the real reason he was selected a student of the month. "I am very loud and I bugged Ms. Jones (Guidance Counselor Robyn Jones) for half a year to win something," he said.

An aspiring musician was September's recipient of the Creative Student Award. Abby Ahmad plays the guitar, writes her own music and has performed at several local cafes. "I hope to attend the Berklee School of Music and then go on to a career in musical performance," said the junior.

Advice was abundant as many of the seniors shared their post-graduation plans with classmates and the younger students prepared for the end of another school year. Sharon Bartolini had a final word of advice: "Learn who you are and strive to be the best at whatever you choose to do."



Some of the freshman winners, from left: April Piazza, Nancy Levinson, Ryan Chlubicki, Elizabeth Eby and Laura Vodzak.



Seniors who were honored, from left: Brian Miller, Justin Hoover, Marcus Sowick.

Jeannie Dreier was a Student of the Month in October.



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### Students of the Month and their Sponsors

#### September

Back Mt. Harvest Assembly  
Abby Ahmad  
Philip Pack  
Brittany Bartolini  
April Piazza

#### October

Commonwealth Telephone  
Kevin Covert  
Jeannie Dreier  
Matt Gingo  
Ryan Chlubicki

#### November

Drs. Watkins and Medura  
Jacob Burke  
Brian Miller  
Marcus Sowick  
Justin Hoover

#### December

Dallas Kiwanis  
Amanda Simpson  
Nicholas Lopuhovsky  
Shannon Gaffney  
Michael Cleary

#### January

Core States Bank  
Mark Mittrick  
Jennifer Germick  
Holly Shiber  
Matthew Jackson

#### February

Paging Express  
Emily Mallick  
Matthew Acri  
Brad Jumper  
Clair Gammage

#### March

Dallas Area Teachers  
Laura Vodzak  
Elizabeth Eby  
Nancy Levinson  
Stephanie Potisek

#### April

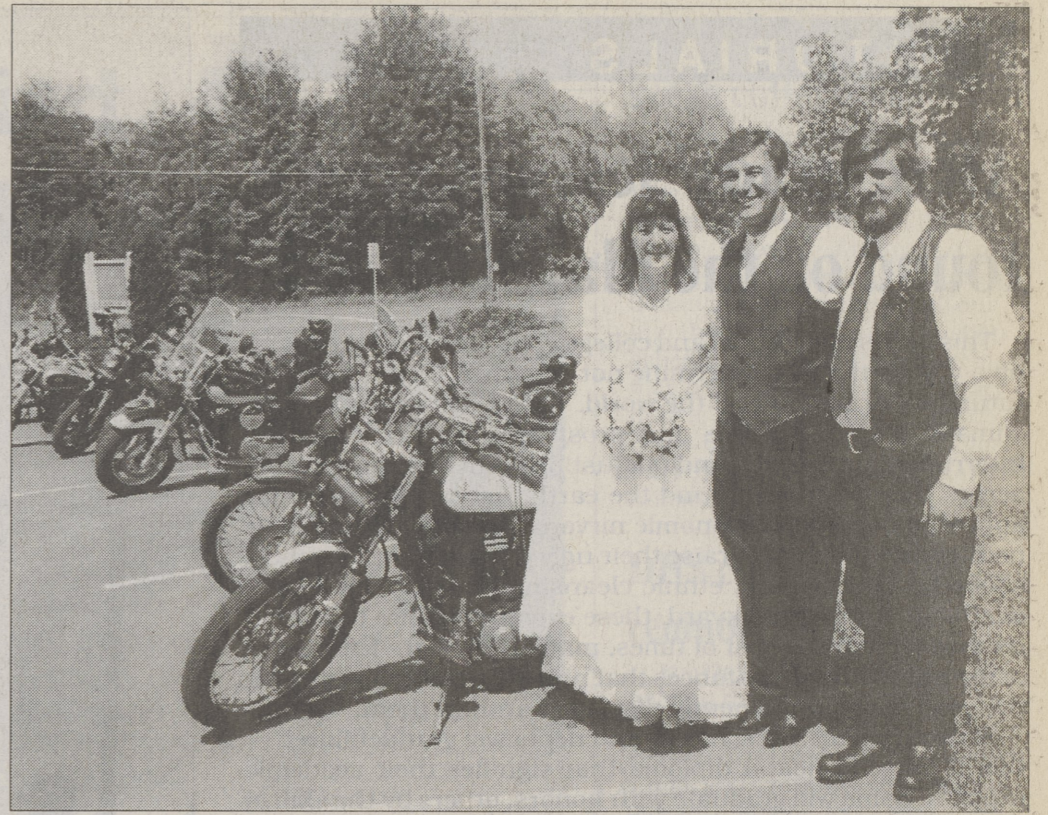
Dallas Rotary  
Eugene Koshinski  
Tara Holly  
Jonathan Habrack  
Lacey Popson

#### May

Dallas Womens Club  
Morgan McOwen  
Aaron Stredny  
Shawn Mullen  
Aileah Kvashay

## The bride rode a Harley

When Joseph Roman of Mountaintop met Donna Bower of Harveys Lake at Bike Week in Daytona, Florida she didn't even have a motorcycle. The couple was married this last Saturday at Dallas Baptist Church by pastor Pat Colladay and their bike family now includes a Harley-Davidson FXR and Donna's 1975 Harley sportster. Donna grew up at Harveys Lake and works for Lee Isaac of Lehman at Columbia Porch and Shade. After pensive, sweaty moments on the part of both bride and groom, the ceremony was complete and the relieved couple came out of the church to be regaled by rubber bands thrown by members of the Wyoming Valley Motorcycle Club. Donna put on her black riding boots, both put on their helmets and prepared to head for the reception. Says Donna, "It's our lives, we love it." She wrapped the trailing wedding gown safely around her waist, the couple boomed around the parking area to the delight and cheers of the crowd, then took off to a benefit bike race in Wilkes-Barre and their reception at the Slocum Volunteer Fire Hall. It was a marriage made in bikers' heaven.



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In top photo, Donna Bower and Joseph Roman flanked Pastor Pat Colladay outside Dalls Baptist Church after the ceremony. Above, Donna's niece, Jennifer Simms, of Harveys Lake, prepared for flower girl duty. Joseph Roman coaxed his daughter, Joleen, to hop aboard a bike for the ride to the reception, above right photo.



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