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ended but these youngsters can still look forward to seeing the fruits of their labor. Six benches have been purchased with the nearly \$2,200 raised. The remaining funds have been used to purchase a commemorative plaque, flower boxes, flowers and may provide banners and trash bins as well. "We already have the benches, the flower boxes and plants," said Puchalsky. "Plus we designed a sign which will recognize the students who volunteered their time to the Main Street Project.'

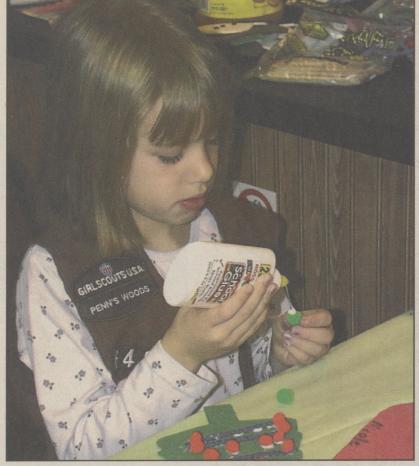
Beth Ann Puchalsky, Tara's mother, said she and borough officials are still scouring catalogs and brochures for affordable waste baskets which would help eliminate litter along Main Street. "You would not believe how much these things cost and it's not like they are all that aesthetically pleasing," she said.

This is Tara Puchalsky's first venture as a community activist and it's something she may continue. "I feel really happy because I was surprised how many people cared enough to get involved," she said. "It made me feel good to know we were doing something important.'

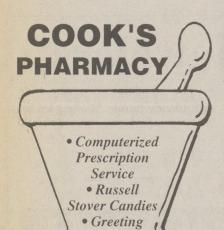
Milton Lutsey, Dallas Borough Manager, agrees that the project is a positive thing for the town. "Everybody says Dallas is the heart of the Back Mountain; I prefer to think of it as the hub, but it's nice to see young people are concerned about our community," he said.

Even more important than the improvements planned for Main Street, these students, some of whom already have moved on to high school, have gained a sense of their place in the world. "I guess when you take on a project like this it is a chance to feel like you can be a part of something bigger than yourself," said Puchalsky.

A ceremony celebrating the efforts of the Dallas students will be held Friday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. on the post office grounds. The plaque noting their accomplishments will be unveiled.







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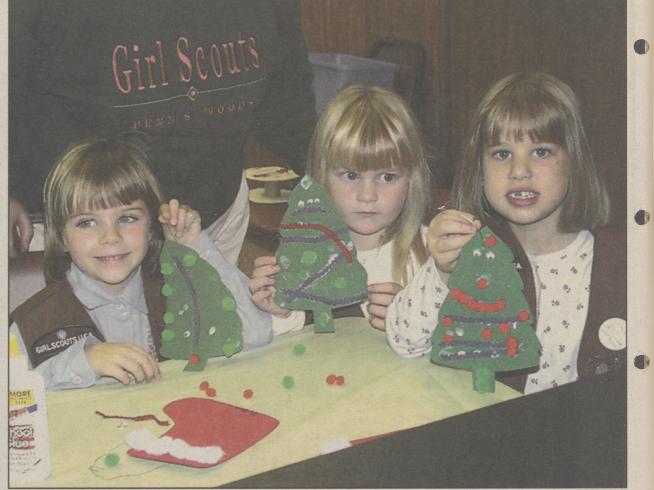
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Scouts dedicate tree to Mayor LaBar

Jill Martin and Chris Mulhern, co-leaders of Brownie Troop 624, arranged a tree decorating project last week at the Dallas Borough building on Main St. With the help of Junior Troop 624, the girls made decorations and placed them on a live tree in front of the building. The decorated tree was dedicated to Paul LaBar, the former mayor of Dallas who died earlier this year, and who was always on hand to support the girls when they worked on this project.

Busy Brownies (above), from left, Kelsey Mulhern, Bryann Cave and Nicole Sobocinski with their handmade decorations.

Nicole Sobocinski (above, left) carefully applied glue to her creation. Ashley Hunter (left) was justly proud of this shining star.

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