

## Spirit

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the MDA Goodwill Ambassador for Northeastern PA this year.

"This year I was old enough to answer the phones and I was there during the last shift. It was very busy with the phones ringing constantly," said Brian.

Brian has been involved in many other activities with MDA. "I held a car wash at my home to raise money. I have participated in several fund-raisers throughout the year with the Firefighters Association and other associations who were raising money for MDA," he explained.

Brian is now eligible for the Pennsylvania youth volunteer of the year awards, which will take place in February. The two state honorees, one at the middle school level and one from high school, each receive \$1,000, a silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C. with one parent or guardian. Runners-up at the state level receive bronze medallions and certificates of Excellence.

State winners travel to Washington, D.C. in May to compete for an additional \$5,000 award, gold medallions and crystal trophies for their sponsoring organization.

"These school honorees practice a lesson we hope all students, as well as adults, will emulate - that volunteering within the com-



**Brian Ziller, Volunteer of the Year**, is flanked by, from left: Guidance counselor Mike Shevock; Certificate of Merit winner Tiffany Gergel; Anthony Martinelli, Dallas Middle School principal, and Raelene Olszewski, guidance counselor.

munity is an essential part of one's life," said Thomas F. Koerner, executive director of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Eighth grade student Tiffany Gergel was awarded a Certificate of Merit at the recent awards program.

"I worked at the Veteran's Administration Hospital for 99 hours over the summer. I was a tour guide for the dedication ceremony for the new ambulatory care addition," said Tiffany. "I also worked as an office assistant providing clerical support to the Medical

Care Cost Recovery Section."

Tiffany has worked at the VA for the last two summers. "My aunt, Linda Sheperis-Stahl, told me about the volunteer program. She works there and helped me to get involved," Gergel said.

"These young people exemplify what Dallas Middle School is all about. They are great leaders in all aspects of school life," said Anthony Martinelli, the principal. "They have distinguished themselves through their volunteer service. Our school community is very proud of their efforts."

## Library news



**Carol King**

**Holiday dates** Today, December 20, a Holiday Open House is being held at the library from 1-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and partake of refreshments.

The library and the book store will both be closed for the holidays on Saturday, Dec. 23; Christmas Day; Saturday, Dec. 30; and New Year's Day.

**Registration for winter story hours** Marilyn Rudolph, Children's Librarian, announces that registration for the next series of story hours will take place from January 2-6, 2001. Call during that week for information about the schedule for the different age groups, and to register your child or children. Early registration is advised, since the groups fill up quickly.

## H-L garbage pickup

Harveys Lake Borough announces there will be no garbage or recycling pickup on Monday, Dec. 25. All garbage and recycling will be done instead on Tuesday, Dec. 26. Please note also that the Harveys Lake Borough Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

## Library holiday hours

**Librarian's report** Martha Butler and Janet Bauman, Children's Room Assistant, attended a workshop at the Osterhout Library on November 8th. The workshop was entitled "Children and the Internet". Three speakers from across the state shared projects they had done involving children and the internet.

**Statistics** for the month of November include the following: total circulation, 6,751; books added, 400; new borrowers, 65; active borrowers, 13,372.

**New display** Janet Banks' collection of teddy bears is on display for the coming month. Many of the bears were gifts from foster children; others were given to her by Cub Scouts and by friends of her children. Janet has been a child advocate for 25 years and a foster mother for 10 years. In that time she has raised 17 children besides her own. She speaks highly of the support system afforded foster parents in the area.

Teddy bears have more than a casual significance in her life. She

has used them as "keys to conversation" with young adults referred to her for foster care, giving them an opening to talk first about bears and then about themselves.

Janet lives in Dallas with her husband and 8 sons, including three foster children. Her mother came to live with them about a year ago. Janet has been active in 4H and Cub Scouting. She and her husband breed quarter horses; 3 dogs and 4 cats are also members of the household.

**From all of the library staff, best wishes for a holiday filled with the love of family and friends and the warmth of happy memories!** Martha, Marilyn, Millie, Margaret, Anna, Debbie, Janet, Cynthia, Edie, Nicole, Leann, and Dan.

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Matthew R. Fornicola et al to Bradley E. Bryant, Jr., see deed, Dallas Borough, \$406,000.

Gerald R. Fisher et al to Gary F. Gerlach, Lot 37A Lakeway Manor, Dallas Borough, \$12,000.

James H. Ryan, Sr. to James H. Ryan Sr. et al, Lot 84 North-View, Harveys Lake Borough,

\$500.

Dorothy A. Gabel estate to Brian Katyl, 2.2856 acres, Jackson Twp., \$8,000.

Roland A. Wyandt et ux to Michael R. Amy, Carverton Rd. 5.193 acres, Kingston Twp., \$205,000.

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Mark F. Dirsat et ux, Lot 12 Cedar Lane, Kingston Twp., \$229,900.

Marion E. Sands, per atty. to Jerome Kane et ux, 1.962 acres, Kingston Twp., \$40,000.

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