

St. Paul's

Science on display at Dallas Middle School

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addition to the church itself. "Everything will increase for us but the biggest difference is in the facilities for Sunday School. Here, the classes are tucked into whatever space we could find," said Rev. Grube.

The original designs called for a full wing with offices and two community rooms but that has been postponed for now. "Due to the sheer expense involved, we weren't able to do it at this time," Pastor Grube said.

However, the church, like many of the churches in the Back Mountain, is demonstrating the importance of their outreach programs.

"Seven classrooms were specially designed to meet federal and state requirements for the Head Start program. We will be the new Dallas location for Head Start which will allow that program to double in the Back Mountain," said Pastor Grube.

Head Start is a federally funded education program predomi-

"My biggest concern is in taking leave of this place with care. There are 75 years worth of memories here . . ."

Rev. Charles Grube
St. Paul's Lutheran

nately targeted at preschool age children to prepare at-risk children to enter kindergarten. The Head Start program is currently located at Lehman Jackson Elementary School and has two half-day sessions that are completely filled. The second location would allow for the same or perhaps an increased number of children to attend a full-day program.

"There is a real growing sense of community in the Back Mountain," said Pastor Grube. "Area pastors and community leaders have been very supportive and this move is not just a St. Paul's thing for us. I hope our new building is a community endeavor."



Diana Glicini, 1st place, Behavioral Science Experiment: To measure how your emotions can affect heart rate. **Result:** The heart rate of individuals increased by 9% as they watched a movie clip from *Alien*. **Student's comment on winning:** "I was so surprised and happy to win."



Mike Hazleton, 1st place, Physical Science Experiment: To measure the effect of light intensity based on the length of the wire from the power source to the light bulb. **Result:** No difference in the light. **Student's comment on winning:** "It felt good to win."

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DALLAS - Last week, 180 curious students and three dedicated science teachers turned the gymnasium at Dallas Middle School into a land of imagination, exploration and wonder. It was the 4th annual Science Fair and the students had put a great deal of thought and work into their projects. Their experiments were conducted with creativity, and their displays were colorful and well laid out.

"It's a rite of passage for eighth graders," said science teacher, Dan Flynn. "We also had 15 entries from extremely gifted 6th grade science students."

Flynn and two other science teachers, Christie Potera and Robyn Moore, had provided the leadership and guidance for the students to develop a wide variety of experiments. The projects were



Dan Thimot, 2nd place, Behavioral Science Experiment: To measure the effects of light, food and water changes on goldfish. **Result:** Changing the water had the most effect, improving their activity. **Student's comment on winning:** "I was amazed that I won."



Krystal Derhammer, 2nd place, Physical Science Experiment: To test how the differences in the amounts of Epsom salt and temperature affect plant growth. **Result:** Plants grew best in 23 grams of Epsom salt and at 102 degrees Fahrenheit. **Student's comment on winning:** "I was very proud of myself, and my best friend is proud of me too."



Sarah Vozzak, 1st place, Life Science Experiment: To measure the effect of wavelengths of light on the growth of marigolds. **Result:** No effect. **Student's comment on winning:** "I was very happy to win."

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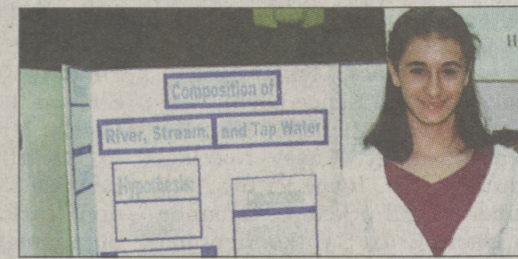
Dan Flynn
Science teacher

conducted in three categories: behavioral science, life science and physical science. First, second and third place awards were presented in each area.

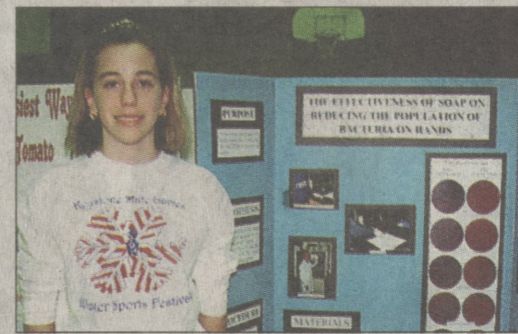
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Samantha O'Brien, 3rd place, Behavioral Science Experiment: To measure the effects of sight on the taste of food using 4 colors of pudding. **Result:** There were favorites and least favorites. In reality, (surprise) they were all vanilla. **Student's comment on winning:** "All of my hard work paid off."



Samantha Decker, 3rd place, Physical Science Experiment: To test the composition of river, stream and tap water. **Result:** The river water was not acidic, but the stream and tap waters were. **Student's comment on winning:** "I feel really good."



Ashley Wolanski, 2nd place, Life Science Experiment: To measure the effectiveness of soap to reduce the population of bacteria on your hands. **Result:** The new "no water" solutions work better than soap and water. **Student's comment on winning:** "I feel really good, and my good friend got first place too."

Flynn. "A lot of work went into these projects." It was clear to a visitor that the kids had learned a lot and were very proud of their own accomplishments and those of their friends and fellow students.

her whole self into whatever she does."

Over the years, Davis has had many opportunities to work with people. She was a certified pharmacy technician at the Trucksville Pharmacy. At the present time, she is a nurse's aide at the Mercy Center, and has recently entered the practical nurse's program at the Wilkes-Barre Vocational Technical School. She has taught EMT classes and has been a volunteer CPR instructor for the American Heart Association.

Why does Davis want to be the mayor of Dallas? "This is a great community and I love my neighbors," she said. "Former mayor Paul LaBar and I were on the same ambulance crew, and I watched how he responded to people with an open-door policy. I would like to be a leader in keeping that tradition going. I'm also concerned about our youth. Dallas needs to come up with some ideas for positive and creative things for our young people to do."

Davis didn't know until recently that she is the first woman to run for this position. "It doesn't matter," she said. "It's not an issue in this day and age. It's more important what you have in your heart. I'm a patient person who is willing to listen and weigh all sides. I'll want to hear ideas from the public about potential resources we can use to make things better."

The primary is May 6. "Why should people vote for Maggie Davis?" will be asked.

"I'll work hard for them," she said, "because I care deeply about them and this community. People who know me have given me good feedback about running for the office. They know that I have good intentions and will be an advocate for them. I'm just an ordinary citizen who wants to make a difference."

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In a related ruling, Ben Gorey, Kingston Township zoning officer, served legal notice on February 14 that Nextel's application for conditional use of the R-1 (Residential) zoned property did meet the requirements of the Township Zoning Ordinance as amended by Ordinance No.2000-3 regulating the placement of communications towers, antennae and facilities adopted on

April 12, 2000. The Preliminary Opinion of the Zoning Officer states that the premises can be improved for conditional use as proposed for wireless telecommunications facilities if the company complies with all Kingston Township zoning ordinances.

"The request for this ruling came in very late in the process," said Gorey. "Ordinarily it occurs earlier because if it is denied,

they can go right to the courts to appeal my decision instead of spending all the time on the local hearings. It really doesn't have any effect at this point because the Board of Supervisors denied the request," he said.

The next step is now up to Nextel Partners. Their options include looking for a new site or appealing the decision of the Board of Supervisors in court.

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