

American Legion Award presented

Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 of Dallas presented its American Legion Award to the eighth grade boy and girl in the Dallas Middle School chosen by the faculty as being outstanding students and citizens. Students were evaluated on the criteria of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service. The award recipients for this academic year were Sarah Vozzak and Jacob Kovalchik.



Sarah is the daughter of John and Ann Vozzak of Dallas. Jacob is the son of Marc and Alison Kovalchik of Shavertown.

Students receive American Legion Award, from left: Thomas Reese, Post 672 American Legion; Jacob Kovalchik; Sarah Vozzak, and Commander L. Kepner Gottshalk, Post 672.

Budget

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cess. In 1999, we budgeted a \$34,000 excess, we ended up with a \$886,000 excess. In 2000, we budgeted zero, we ended up with \$1.8 million excess. This year we budget for a \$150,000 loss, we are going to end up with \$640,000," said DeCesaris.

Other items the board approved were to continue the 10 percent penalty on all taxes unpaid 120 days after date of issue. On July 10 the penalty will be added to the taxes by the tax collector.

In other business: Marilyn Glogowski was hired as assistant secondary principal at the salary of \$65,000, effective July 1. Sarah Sorber, Dal-

"I will vote no because we have been overcharged since 1996."

Lois Kopcha
School director

las, was also approved for hire by the board as a special education teacher at the salary of \$30,572.

The board approved the bus transportation contract for one year with Ray and Marlene Kabita, Shickshinny. The administration recommendation against extending the contract was taken into consideration by the

board, but the contract did win approval.

The board also accepted extracurricular appointments for 2001-2002. Salaries for advisors and coaches are based on the current collective bargaining agreement, which ends August 31. Adjustments will be made to reflect any changes in compensation when a new agreement has been accepted.

The next regular committee-of-the-whole meeting will be held Tuesday, July 3, at 7 p.m. The next regular meeting for general purposes will be held Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m. Meetings will be held in the music room of the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

Act 50

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district's tax system. Since April 17, the Lake-Lehman School District Act 50 Commission has been following procedures outlined by the law to find if Act 50 could benefit the district.

The law authorizes school boards to levy an earned income/net profits tax of up to 1.5 percent in exchange for the elimination of occupation, occupational privilege, per capita and other taxes as well as reducing residential property taxes. This shifts some of the tax burden to an earned income tax.

Savage said the law makes no reference for a commission member's resignation.

Therefore the issue of filling the position is placed on the board. Angelo DeCesaris, school board president, asked the com-

mission if it would like the board to appoint a new member or if it could form a recommendation with the remaining four members.

The current commission, consisting of Baloga, Joetta Hartman, Edwin Kern and William Reinert will complete the 90 day time frame and try to reach a consensus to make a recommendation to the school board.

DeCesaris asked the commission members to submit formal notification in writing to the board regarding the commission's recommendation.

Besides the current setback of Rossi's resignation, Reinert said the biggest stumbling block for the commission was trying to acquire the raw data needed to calculate the impact the change in taxes would have on the dis-

trict. Lois Kopcha, school board member, said school boards don't like Act 50 because it gives the power to the people. Property tax is a sure thing, Kopcha said.

Balavage gave his opinion of Act 50's provisions as being an unfair tax which puts the tax burden on someone who earns income.

A presentation by Pennsylvania Department of Revenue Policy Director Thomas Armstrong has been scheduled for the next board meeting. The school board and the public will be able to have questions answered regarding Act 50 at the July 17 Lake-Lehman School Board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

St. Paul's

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The new grounds and sanctuary were financed by a three-year capital funds campaign, the sale of the Shavertown property, a \$1 million loan, numerous fund raisers and a matching grant from a private foundation.

During the children's sermon on Sunday, Pastor Grube told the children, "It's okay to cry as you say good bye to your church home. There is a lot of history here and a lot of memories for generations of families who have worshipped here for so many years. The move for some is real grief. Every memorable event in our family life takes place in the church. We all have happy and sad recollections of the events that really matter such as baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals. But next week, we will celebrate our new gorgeous building with a service of thanksgiving."

Familiar prayers were said and familiar hymns were sung. After communion, the congregation was invited to take part in the walk to their new house of worship.

The procession began with the symbols of worship being carried out of the church by representative members of the congregation followed by the ministers, the choirs and all the members and friends in attendance. The Cross was carried by Tom Ash, Vice President of the Congregation Council. The Light of Christ was carried by Evelyn Eck and Fred Templin, the Bible by Lauren Kelly, the Baptism Shell by Andrew Schukraft and family, the Paten by Barbara Samson, the Chalice by Walter Gosart, and the Altar Missal by Jonathan Mancke. Tom Ash, Evelyn Eck, Fred Templin and Barbara Samson all are descendants of charter members. Pastor Harold R. Baer, Jr., Pastor Emeritus, also took part in the service.

The relay got under way as members of the church, escorted by local police, carried the Light of Christ flame on foot from sta-

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Bob Nicely

tion to station until they reached the driveway of the new sanctuary. The process took about 90 minutes as each of the 25 individuals or groups walked about one or two-tenths of a mile.

Bob Nicely and his wife, Kuni, were two of the relay participants. "I have been a member of

be looking down today and are happy that we have outgrown the physical limitations of the church they built."

Jonathan Mancke and his father Ray carried the flame for part of the journey, but were the only members who walked the entire journey.

When the Light of Christ flame arrived at the new building, the members of the church lined the driveway and the flame was passed, one to another, until it reached the front door of the new sanctuary. "The service and the processional were all part of an intentional plan," said Pastor Grube, "to enable people to prepare emotionally for leaving the old building and to embrace the new one."

The moving trucks will arrive this week to pick up and deliver



Banners marked the beginning and end of use for the old St. Paul's building in Shavertown.

this church since I was a child," said Bob Nicely. "It's a little sad, but we needed more room to expand."

Further down the road, Samantha, Olivia and Marjorie Marquart carried the flame, and later Tom and Linda Ash received it from Kathie Hospodar. "This is a big change for us," Tom Ash said. "I think those who have gone before us have to

the rest of the church's belongings as they must be out of the building by June 30. It will be torn down soon, leaving no trace of its existence, except in the hearts and minds of those who worshipped there.

Next week, all church services will be in the new building. It will be formally dedicated on September 16.

Refreshments available at fireworks

The Luzerne Fair Committee will be selling refreshment before and during the fireworks to be held at the fairgrounds, sponsored by Unimart Corporation, on July 3. There will be some benches and picnic tables provided for the public use. The public is also encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. There will be ample parking in the fairground parking lots A and B.



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