

# Student trip a real eye opener

by John Gilligan

The wheels on the bus went round and round, and round again for more than seven hours when 37 students and six chaperones from Dallas High School recently went to Massachusetts on the American Literature Field Studies trip.

For longer than she'd care to admit, Mrs. Eleanor Buda, an English teacher at the high school, has taken the ALFS club to Cape Cod and Nantucket.

"Becoming truly educated is what happens to a person beyond the formal classroom," said Buda. "An educated person may acquire some basic skills in school, but does not demonstrate his educated personality in school, but everywhere beyond school. So it is time for us to establish educational opportunities for young people outside the physical structures of school buildings. That way we can make our efforts in school practical and productive in American and global society," she added.

The trips originated years ago when her American Literature class expressed an interest in visiting the places they read about in works such as Herman Melville's "Moby Dick."

"We sometimes refer to our bus as a classroom on wheels; we mean that in the sense of learning taking place actively, progressively," said Buda. "Our education is in motion, and we take ourselves to places previously unknown to make abstract ideas from the pages of books come alive to enrich our existence forever."

Every year the group visits historic sites such as Plimoth Plantation. At this living museum role players assume the lives of the original settlers.



**Pictured on the ferry boat in Nantucket Island are, kneeling in front, Nichole Griglock and Ryan Pettit. First row from left to right: Joey Kupstas, Laura Vodzak, Erica Swatko, Michael Yenason, Michael Yurchak, Danny Piccillo, Sarah Klug, Amy Pack, Kristen Harvey, George Sprague, Krystle Matthews. Second row: Whitney McOwen, Elizabeth Wengrzynek, Karm Conte, John Gilligan, Adam Nolan Morgan, Katie Dale, Krystal Lemelin, Stephanie Miller. Third row: Matt Mark, Jill Youngblood, Jessa Piitts, John Garringer, Todd Buckley, Hari Khalsa, Michelle Moore, Jacob Burke, Ken Nardi, and Lauren Nafus. Absent from photo are Amie Schoonover, Justin Sayre, Shane Snyder, Stephanie Yeung, Dave Bump, David May and, chaperones, Georgia Jenkins, Laura O'Malley, R.N., Gary Mathers, Eleanor T. Buda, Harry McKeown, and Thomas Jenkins.**

"I felt the replication of the plantation at Plymouth was the most educational part of the trip," said Adam Morgan. "Not only did we learn facts about the place, the people and the time period, but we got a good idea of what it was like to actually live there and interact with the people. The role players' accents were very believable, and they always made sure not to talk about things that happened after their time."

Students also visited the Pilgrim Monument in Provincetown. After climbing over 100 ramps, they were treated to a panoramic view of the cape. From the monument, they left on a 4x4 tour of the dunes and the site of the actual first landing. Many artists maintain cottages in the dunes. They moved there for the peace and solitude and the government granted

them squatter's rights.

Students boarded the aptly named M/V Whalewatcher at Macmillan Wharf and went to sea on a whale watch. After a few hours at sea, they encountered several finback whales.

They also traveled by ferry to Nantucket Island. "Nantucket is a quiet, peaceful island, with breathtaking views," according to Mike Yurchak.

Nantucket was at one time the whaling capital of the world. Nantucket whalers went as far as the South Pacific in search of sperm whales and the group visited exhibits at the Whaling Museum attesting to this. On Nantucket they also saw one of the areas oldest churches, from whose steeple they saw most of the island.

Nantucket's historic section also possesses that rare and endangered treasure, a pharmacy

soda fountain, where students experienced the joys of a vanilla coke.

The bus ride home was broken up by a stop at Mystic Seaport. This is a museum of America's maritime history. Its exhibits are seaworthy sailing vessels including the Captain Morgan, the last remaining wooden sailing vessel and the very one Herman Melville shipped on before writing "Moby Dick."

Finally returning to NEPA, the voyagers were physically tired, glad to see their families, but sad that it was over. Great friendships are formed when traveling. These remain, but some of the comradeship can only be attained when you are out there.

Editor's Note: John Gilligan was one of the 37 students on the 2001 American Literature Field Studies trip.

# Trucksville to get new pumper truck



POST PHOTO/HEATHER B. JONES

**Welcoming the newest police officer to Kingston Township, from left: Jeffrey K. Box, township manager; William L. Tippett, supervisor; Officer Ben Bigus; District Justice James Tupper; Shirley A. Moyer, supervisor; Herbert Hill, supervisor; and Randall Glidden, supervisor.**

By HEATHER B. JONES  
Post Staff

**KINGSTON TWP.** - Kingston Township Supervisors had a number of questions during their regular meeting on July 11 regarding the purchase of a new pumper truck by Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company.

Questions concerned an action item on the agenda regarding an agreement required by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations for the purchase of the new vehicle. The township, which is under no financial liability for the new truck, has to complete IRS paperwork to validate the fire company's and township's tax exempt status.

The new pumper truck will cost \$283,000, and the fire company is paying \$56,000 of the cost from its truck fund, said Chris Yankovich, treasure for Trucksville Fire Company. He said the remaining balance will be paid for through low interest loans. As part of the loan application, the fire company needs to file the IRS paperwork.

The supervisors moved to pre-

pare the paperwork, and the new pumper truck is scheduled to be delivered in October.

The board of supervisors also approved the installation of three new fire hydrants at an annual rental fee cost of \$190. The hydrants were requested by the Shavertown Volunteer Fire Company to be installed in the proximity of Pioneer Ave. and Evergreen St.; Pioneer Ave. and Holcomb Rd.; and Pioneer Ave. and Mt. Airy Rd.

As water lines are updated and main changes are made, the fire company has been trying to update hydrants, said Gary Beisel, fire chief. He said the reason for requesting the three hydrants on Pioneer Ave. is to increase coverage because there are not a lot of hydrants in that area.

Beisel said he was told by United Water Company that once the township approved the hydrants, installation could be finished by the end of August.

Also at the meeting, District Justice James Tupper swore in the newest member of the Kingston Township Police, Officer Ben Bigus.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded at the Luzerne County Courthouse the week of July 6-July 12, 2001.

Arthur G. Devoe to William Spurlin et ux, 44 Orchard West, Dallas Borough, \$92,500. Jennifer H. Banks to Karen Blaum, Lots 119, 119A Sec. F, Dallas Borough, \$121,000. John R. Tomedi et ux to Harold F. Koehler et ux, Lot 5 Maples Plot, Dallas Twp., \$279,900. Jean M. Schramm to Kyle M. Llewellyn Sr., Lot 100 Elmcrest, Dallas Twp., \$137,500. Gary K. Kirk

et ux to James M. Gilbert et ux, Lot 25, 26, Dallas Twp., \$116,000. Mary Laux Sebolka estate to Wendy Wagner et al, 1.02 acre parcel 3, Dallas Twp., \$35,000. George Manzoni et ux to Patricia J. Lawley, Lots 17, 19 Bellevue Plot, Dallas Twp., \$123,900. Gregory Lavere Stiles et ux to Todd Paczewski et ux, 1.65 acres, Jackson Twp., \$185,000. James P. Gallagher et ux to John T. Urban et al, Lot #5 1.0 acre, Kingston Twp., \$27,000. Ronald J. Williamson et ux to Jeremy M. Fink, et al, Lot 49 Meadowcrest Drive, Kignston Twp.,

\$135,000. Joseph F. Tomon et ux to Richard G. Berlew et ux, Lot 14, 15 Hillcrest View, Kingston Twp., \$73,000. John G. Bucha et ux to Mark E. Stair, see deed, Kingston Twp., \$202,000. Joseph R. Schmid et ux to Keith Porasky et ux, Lot 110 Midway Manor, Kingston Twp., \$125,000. Krystal E. Vincent to Joseph P. Gilroy Jr., 436 Orchard West, Dallas Borough, \$40,000. Stephen M. Kosierowski et ux to John J. Perillo Jr. et ux, 354 Upper Demunds Road, Dallas Twp.,

\$118,000. Catherine M. Dobson estate to Gerald Olejnik et al, Lot 9 Lakeway Manor, Dallas Twp., \$87,000. Hazel B. Casterline to Gloria J. White, Lot 18 Fox Hollow, Dallas Twp., \$158,000. Jacqueline M. Biscontini to John R. Andrews et ux, Lot 138E Orchard View Ter, Dallas Twp., \$190,000. Gordon M. Fader et ux to Michael J. Vesek Jr. et ux, 152, 53 Goss Manor, Dallas Twp., \$115,100. Michael J. Conahan et ux to Mary e. Campomizzi, 79 Hildonia Ave.,

Dallas Twp., \$155,000. Paul Quagliaroli et ux to Leona Mikolaichik, Lot 8 Bluff Pointe, Dallas Twp., \$71,500. Jin, Haoran/Li, Xiaolin to Mark A. Butsavage et ux, 0.49 acres, Dallas Twp., \$154,500. Peter Fritsky et ux to Fred J. Kintner et ux, Lots 15, 16 Goss Manor, Dallas Twp., \$19,000. Stanley A. Rudginski Jr. to Joseph O'Hara et ux, 2 parcels, Dallas Twp., \$20,000. Larry A. Kasper et ux to Michael J.

Tereska et ux, 2 parcels, Harveys Lake Bor., \$103,000. Rolling Meadows Development to Luzerne County Housing Authority, 0.58 acre, Jackson Twp., \$87,500. Frank Scott et ux to Jeffrey T. Dowling et ux, 3.49 acres Lot 2, Jackson Twp., \$21,000. Gerald R. Fisher et al to Janice Lombard, Lot 2 Fern Ridge, Kingston Twp., \$35,000. Gary D. Northstein et ux to Richard M. Evans et ux, Lot 113 Midway Manor, Kingston twp., \$165,000.

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