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2 teens seriously hurt in rollover accident

KINGSTON TWP. - Three teenagers suffered injuries in a one-car accident November 12 in Kingston Township. At approximately 3:20 p.m. driver Jason Kelleher, 16, Harveys Lake, lost control of the 1990 Honda CRX as he traveled southbound on Bunker Hill Road. According to police, the car slid clockwise off the road and struck a

mailbox post. The car rolled over at least once and slid into the front yard of Charles Bray's house at 303 Bunker Hill Road. "I just heard a crash," said Bray, who has lived on Bunker Hill Road for almost 40 years. "Ordinarily there's not this much trouble, thank goodness." Kelleher and a passenger, Thomas

Connelly, 16, Wyoming, were ejected from the vehicle. Both were flown to CMC in Scranton by medical helicopter. Kelleher is listed in stable condition and Connelly was still being treated in the Intensive Care Unit Wednesday morning. A third passenger, Keith Gilligan, 15, Wyoming, was walking around when police arrived at the accident

scene. Gilligan was taken to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for treatment and released. Police said excessive speed caused the accident and the investigation is ongoing. They believe neither Kelleher nor Connelly was wearing a seat belt. They were unsure if Gilligan was wearing a belt.



Police and emergency personnel investigated the accident Tuesday.

Legionnaires pay tribute on Veterans' Day

Post 672 holds service at '11-11-11'

By Sandy Peoples
Post Correspondent

DALLAS - The sights and sounds of Veterans' Day filled the air as many people gathered for the annual ceremony at the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 in Dallas. At the 11th month, the 11th day, the 11th hour and the 11th minute, Post Adjutant Tom Reese opened the ceremony to honor all who have served and are serving in our armed forces at home and abroad.

The new post commander, William Kupstas, gave the keynote speech. Kupstas, a medic who served during the Vietnam war, is the first commander to serve from that era.

"Here we are," he said, "just 60 days after September 11. The President has urged us to get back to our normal way of life, and we must. We must carry on the traditions of our country. We must honor the contributions and sacrifices our military and its Veterans' have made for us in war time and peace time. This is not an ordinary Veterans' Day. The events of September 11 have hit close to our hearts. Our country mourns, and we pray for our loved ones who are on active duty. We must stand behind them because they are putting themselves in harm's way for our sake. We pray for their safety and our victory."

Kupstas read from Micah, chapter 7, verse 8: "Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I

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Flag wavers

Katelyn Talmidge and Joshua Weaver enjoyed singing "This Land is Your Land," while waving American flags at the Veterans' Day ceremony held last week at Wycallis Elementary School. More photos on pages 4 and 5.

Schools salute veterans with song, diplomas

By M.B. GILLIGAN
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DALLAS - Veterans' Day celebrations were held throughout the Dallas School District in the past week.

Students in Miss Edsell's third, fourth, and fifth grade Gifted Support classes planned the events for the Wycallis Elementary School. Students picked topics and wrote speeches to inform the student body about things like the history of the song "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and the flag of the United States of America. Members of Cub Scout Troop 155 of Trucksville presented the flag at the beginning of the program and also took part in a demon-

"I saw three little boys salute us and that is so inspiring in this day and age."

Clarence Michael
American Legion Post 672

stration of the proper way to fold a flag. Students invited area veterans to attend the ceremony and several members of the American Legion Post in Dallas and school custodian Charles Young were honored guests. Brian Reese, a first grade student at Wycallis,

proudly greeted his grandfather, Tom Reese, from the American Legion. "My young neighbor, Abby Mulhern, invited me," said Arthur Bird, an Air Force veteran who was a staff sergeant and flight engineer during the Korean War.

The guests and students sang many patriotic songs together and "Yankee Doodle" had everyone tapping their feet. The entire student body then marched out of the gymnasium in absolute silence after principal Kathleen McCarthy requested this gesture as a gift to those men and women who are currently serving our country.

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School district website now more 'user-friendly'

Home page is a resource for parents, students and the community

By HEATHER B. JONES
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DALLAS - Information about Dallas School District schools, curriculum and athletics is now easier than ever to access, thanks to a redesign of www.dallassd.com.

Laura Matechak, education technologist for the district, unveiled the new look of the district's website at the November 12 school board meeting. The appearance of the site hasn't changed drastically, but its organization has. "The website is to be a communica-

tion device between teachers, parents and the community," Matechak said.

A user-friendly website was Matechak's goal when she started with the district in August. Information about school administration, athletics, the library and each school in the district is at visitors' finger tips at www.dallassd.com.

"If you have a new family coming to the area and they don't know what time school starts, it's on our website," Matechak said.

In reorganizing the website, Matechak made it easier for visitors to find sports schedules, events at the individual schools and books in the library.

"There are some parents that frequently use the internet," said Matechak. Future ideas for the website are to use the bulletin board as a place to post timely information such as school

delays and closing.

"Parents seem to find it very helpful," Matechak said.

As the district's education technologist, she also works with teachers to integrate technology into the education process. As a continually changing piece of media, Matechak sees many opportunities in using the district's website.

Teachers use the website to post students' homework assignments. The school district's curriculum is also on the home page for parents to see what their children are and will be learning. The links from the website also offer parents a number of other internet resources which may be helpful to their child's education.

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Gate of Heaven to celebrate 50 years of faith, service

First there was a school, then a sanctuary where cafeteria was planned

By SANDY PEOPLES
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DALLAS - On November 18, at 11:30 a.m., many Gate of Heaven Church faithful will gather at an anniversary mass to commemorate and celebrate the last half century during which this parish provided the community with a place to worship and a place to learn. Bishop James Timlin of the Diocese of Scranton will be the celebrant and Msgr. Steve McGough will be the homilist. McGough was the longest serving assistant at the church.

The building of the Gate of Heaven school began with the breaking of ground on November 12, 1950. The project's completion was entrusted to Rev. Francis A. Kane, the administrator from 1951 to 1970. Only 12 months later, Bishop William Hafey of Scranton presided at the official dedication and ribbon cutting on November 18, 1951.

The church provides a place to worship and a place to celebrate the most important and poignant moments of life. "Our records reveal more than 3,700 such moments were celebrated by our church family," said Fran Wallo, church secretary for more than 34 years. "There were 1,975 baptisms,

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Food Bank drop points

The Back Mountain Food Bank has established drop-off points throughout the area.

The food bank plans to assemble Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for 120 local families, 38 more than last year. Non-perishable items may be dropped off at any of these locations. Cash donations may be sent to the Back Mountain Food Bank, c/o Trucksville United Methodist Church, 40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville PA 18708. For information, call the church office at 696-3897.

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- The Treasure Chest**
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- St. Francis Cabrini Church**
585 Mt. Olivet Rd., Wyoming.
- Trucksville United Methodist Church**
Church Rd., Trucksville.

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