

Young quilters discover the joy of giving

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DALLAS - It is truly more blessed to give than to receive. This is the lesson 10 Back Mountain fifth graders learned November 7 when they delivered handmade lap quilts to residents of Mountainside Manor in Dallas.

For the past five weeks, the students worked on the quilts during their Discovery Club classes that meet every Wednesday night at the Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas. With instruction from Tammy Fuhr, the director of the church's "Hugs in Action" quilting group, each member of the class learned how to sew and tie lap quilts. This was the first experience for Don and Betsy Rittenhouse, the fifth grade Discovery Club teachers, completing such a project.

"The kids did all the work themselves. They all learned how to use a sewing machine," said Mrs. Rittenhouse. "I wasn't sure how the boys would respond to this project, but they enjoyed it, too."

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Caroline Hildebrandt, 96
Mountainside Manor resident

After five weeks of hard work, the finished quilts were beautiful. "We were all amazed at how well they could sew. The quilts turned out even nicer than we expected," said Mrs. Rittenhouse.

When it came time to deliver the quilts, the kids were a little



Charles Pauldo held the quilt given by Hannah Bestwick.



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Fifth graders from Wednesday Night Discovery Club at Fellowship Free Evangelical Church in Dallas made quilts for residents of Mountainside Manor. In top photo, from left, first row: Hanna Bestwick, Sandy Hinds, Amanda Wolfe, Cara Olson, Karla Nave. Second row: Frank Kus, Lee Culver, Andrew Payne, Josh Perry. Third row: Don and Betsy Rittenhouse. At right, Andrew Payne presented his quilt to Caroline Hildebrandt.



nervous. "They were apprehensive about going to give out the quilts," said Mrs. Rittenhouse. "But as soon as we came back, they asked if they could visit again. I think they discovered the joy of giving," she said. Hannah Bestwick, a fifth grader from Dallas Elementary, participated in the project. "It was great to see the joy we brought the residents," said Hannah. "The quilts were fun to make,

and I'm so glad the people liked them," added Karla Nave, a fifth grader from Dallas who is homeschooled. The reaction from the residents of the home was overwhelming. Several residents gave the children candy. Another resident requested a song, and the children responded with an unrehearsed "Jesus loves me." Andrew Payne, a fifth grader from Hunlock Creek, gave his

quilt to 96-year-old Caroline Hildebrandt. "I have never received a nicer present. It makes me want to cry," she said. "You have no idea how much I appreciate this. I just wish I could give you something in return." Mrs. Hildebrandt did not realize that she had given the children something to treasure. Seeing her big smile as she received her quilt was the greatest reward of all.

Intersection

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November 12, on Bunker Hill Road. The driver lost control of his vehicle while traveling at a high rate of speed. He hit mailboxes and the car rolled over at least once, according to police. Two of the teenagers were flown to the Community Medical Center in Scranton. The third teenager was taken to General Hospital in Wilkes-Barre and later released.

"I can only go back four and a half years in placing accidents at different areas. At the Dug Road/Bunker Hill Road area there's probably 22 accidents. I'd say about 20 percent of those 22 over the last four years probably occurred at that intersection," said James J. Balavage, Kingston Township police chief.

Paul Sabol, chairman of the board of supervisors, said they will look into the problem and write a letter to PennDOT regarding the situation at the Dug Road and Bunker Hill Road intersection.

In other business, the supervisors approved the purchase of a 2002 unmarked Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle for \$22,691. On October 21, Charles Rauschkolb, police officer, was trying to catch up with a motorcycle in the 2001 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle. Rauschkolb was unable to make a sharp turn on Green Rd. and hit a tree with the car.

The new car will replace the damaged vehicle. The township accepted a settlement from Erie Insurance in the amount of \$15,504 on the salvage of the car.

"I have suggested guard rails, perhaps stop signs or some kind of flashing lights."

Susan Kravitsky
Dug Road

Rauschkolb remains on workman's compensation from the accident.

The supervisors approved the first reading of the 2002 township budget. Tax rates, including the absence of a local property tax, have not changed. The budget is now open for public inspection at the Kingston Township Municipal Building, 180 E. Center St., Shavertown.

Kathy Sebastian has been named acting township manager. She was assistant township manager to Jeff Box, who has left for another job.

The supervisors also approved the first reading of the amendment to the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance. The amendment prohibits parking at all time on both sides of Spring Street between Ferguson Avenue and Brook Street.

A public hearing on the rezoning application of the Westmoreland School property made by Scott Ciravelo is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Kingston Township Board of Supervisors will be Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

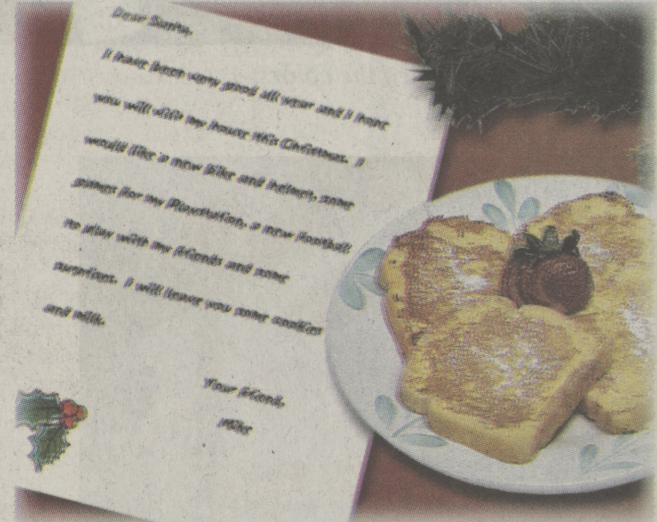


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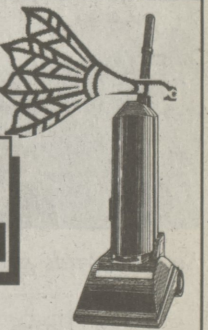
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