

Writing

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to an author, living or dead, who wrote a book that inspired the student in some way. Students are not allowed to summarize the book but rather must explain how the book changed them.

"I write feminist books for kids."

Catherine McCormick Gourley
Dallas

"The mission of the Library of Congress is literacy and this is a wonderful program because it is emphasizing the reader's response to literature," said Gourley.

Gourley has been the director for the last 10 years of the contest's 21-year span. She started working with the competition as an employee of the Weekly Reader Corporation. "When I decided to leave Weekly Reader to come back to Dallas they dropped the program," said Gourley. "The Library of Congress then asked me to continue to work on it for them."

She is now a consultant with the National Reading and Writing Promotion and the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. Gourley took the Letters About Literature contest with her to Dallas and that is where all 32,000 entries came last year.

"The Dallas Post Office has been just wonderful," said Gourley. "We expect to double those numbers this year because Target is sponsoring us but the Post Office just said, 'Bring it on.'"

Local students in grades 4 to 8 who would like to enter the competition are being invited to a workshop presented by Gourley. It will be held from 7-8 p.m., on Wednesday, November 12 at the Back Mountain Memorial Library and parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Space is limited and registration is required by calling the library at 675-1182. Students can also pick up contest information at the library or download it from the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress Web site at www.loc.gov/letters.



Fall ride

Fresh air and brilliant colors made a great day for a little riding on Machell Avenue in Dallas. Liz Lloyd, in red vest, and Allison Banks took advantage after a riding lesson.

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Trail

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from the border of the Newell Fuel Company at 108 South Memorial Highway, through an area to be deeded by Mike Garrity, up a hill through the Williams's property and out onto Lehigh Street near Division Street.

Once on Lehigh Street, users can choose whether to take Lehigh or Shaver Avenue to pick up another wooded portion of the trail at the intersection of North Main Street and Franklin Street in Shavertown.

From there, the trail winds along Toby's Creek and eventually makes its way to Lower Demunds Road, said Rimple. She said the organization is still working on getting Upper

Only three more easements are needed to make a continuous 4-mile trail

Demunds Road worked out and beyond there, "We have a pretty good take on it up to Misericordia," she said.

The Newell Fuel piece of railroad bed is still needed by the association to connect the new Lehigh street entrance to the rest of the trail that runs to Luzerne.

Russ Newell said in Septem-

ber that he was reluctant to grant an easement until further planning and insurance issues addressed.

Ultimately the goal is to have the trail run from Luzerne to Harveys Lake and for trail goes to be able to make it to Kirby Park in Kingston. However, Rimple said the association is currently focusing on the four-mile stretch in the Back Mountain.

"To Misericordia is where we're really working on getting to right now," she said.

In other Back Mountain Trail developments, two properties will be deeded over to the association.

According to Rimple, Garri-

ty has decided to deed over "a good piece of land" that adjoins Newell Fuel on its northern end, while William and Ruth Guyette have deeded what is estimated to be a one-third to one-half mile stretch of trail between the Dallas Area Municipal Authority and Trucksville. Ruth K. Smith Real Estate along Memorial Highway has also deeded over property.

Rimple said the association already had easements on the stretches, but that ownership is often preferable because it allows the association to have complete control over the property.

Developer plans something new at 309/415 split

A development company is in the process of buying three parcels of land near the intersection of Routes 415 and 309 in Dallas Borough, and preparing them for new commercial development.

Marvin Slomowitz of Mark Development said Thursday the site would be big enough for at least one fast food outlet and a bank office.

"I'm buying this on speculation," Slomowitz said. "We don't know what we have until we complete the engineering."

The properties include the former Pizza Hut, Valentine Sales and Service and a small piece of land behind the 309-415 Plaza.

Development of the site is complicated by Toby's Creek, which flows through nearly its entire length. That will require approvals from several state agencies before construction can begin.

"We hope to move streams and mountains," Slomowitz said.

Dallas Borough would also have to approve a final plan. "We are very concerned about traffic and whatever future plans are made are going to need to address that," said



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The Dallas Pizza Hut restaurant off Route 415 closed October 3. It and two other parcels of land could become a new commercial development.

Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz. But, "We don't believe if things are done properly that there'd be any difficulty in housing that type of development."

"It's really a great location," Slomowitz said. He has been approached by several fast food companies and at least one bank.

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Children invited to trick or treat at Misericordia

The Residence Life Office of College Misericordia invites area children to trick or treat in the safe and fun environment of the College on Thursday, October 30, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Children are invited to wear cos-

tumes and go through the college's residence halls, as well as the Service and Leadership Houses located on Lake Street in Dallas, and the campus-owned townhouses.

College Misericordia oper-

ates four on-campus student residences: Gildea Hall, McHale Hall, Alumni Hall and the townhouses. The Leadership and Service Houses, located off-campus on Lake Street, were opened in September.

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