



Ellen Boyer, Jenna Stanish and Stephanie Kiluk sang carols at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen last week.

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good to help someone in need."

The students set up an all-edible gingerbread display featuring a train, lake, trees and cottage, then led carols in English and German. A number of students played instruments.

German teacher Ellen Boyer said she started making gingerbread homes with her students in 1979. Originally the students displayed their edible works of art at school. Then in 1994, Boyer decided to do more with the project.

"We decided, 'We're not just going to make and display them, we're going to give them to people who could benefit from them,'" said Boyer.

Fanta Njie, who has worked at the kitchen for years, said everyone who comes through the door — especially the children — enjoys the annual treats.

The event is good for everyone involved, she said. "And for them (the students) to see how others live."

Frank, a volunteer who preferred not to give his last name, said the students provided

"It feels good to help someone in need."

Alyxandra Howard, 12 Dallas Middle School student

more than tasty treats.

"Any effort to bring something new to the lives of the people we serve is most important and much appreciated. They benefit from having something positive to occupy their minds."

By the time the students are done this year, they will have distributed seven student-made gingerbread villages.

The Friday before Christmas, Hands of Hope, Project Reach and the Meadows Nursing Home also received a visit from the class.

Boyer used to wonder whether bringing the holiday display to the soup kitchen was helpful. She no longer has any doubts. "The kids eat them and no matter how poor or unfortunate, kids deserve a little Christmas cheer."

Burning

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as if done at least 150 feet from adjoining homes.

Supervisors in Kingston Township voted earlier this month in favor of creating an open burning ban ordinance that would have three exceptions. Township solicitor Ben Jones is drawing up the document.

Under the proposed ban, outdoor cooking, fire training, and certain agricultural purposes would still be allowed. Township manager Eddie O'Neill said two public readings of the ordinance, scheduled for January and February, will have to be cleared before the changes can take effect.

Dallas Township tabled a proposed ordinance at the December meeting because the supervisors deemed it too restrictive. The ordinance, if passed as written, would have made all burning, including campfires and grilling, illegal.

The township's solicitor,

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Tom Dilazaro Air Quality Manager Department of Environmental Protection

Michael Melnick, is adding provisions that would allow certain agricultural burning, campfires and grilling.

Interest in maintaining current recycling programs is the impetus behind making changes to the open burning ordinances, said Len Kozick, Dallas Township zoning officer.

"The main reason is so we can continue to qualify to get grants for recycling — that's why everybody is changing these ordinances," said Kozick.

Kingston Township officials have also said that is their reasoning.

Tom Dilazaro, Air Quality Manager with the Department of Environmental Protection,

said some recycling grants — like 902 funds — require yard waste not be burned. Such waste is considered a recyclable.

However, he said the requirements do not apply to outdoor burning of trash. Both townships are proposing to eliminate trash burning.

"We don't recommend you burn refuse, but there's no law against it," said Dilazaro.

Frank Wagner, president of the Dallas Township Board of Supervisors, said the board is against all open burning, except for limited agricultural purposes.

"We don't want to have to say 'You can burn this or that.' We

don't want any burning whatsoever," he said.

He said special exceptions to the rule will be considered, but will require a permit.

Neighboring municipality Dallas Borough does not allow any burning of yard waste, but still allows trash burning. The borough is also the only municipality in the Back Mountain to offer curbside yard waste pickup.

"There seems to be little impetus with our elected officials to do away with trash burning," said Joe Moskovitz, borough manager and zoning officer.

Kingston Township offers leaf pickup for two weeks in November and Christmas tree pickup in January. Dallas Township offers similar services.

Both townships have yard waste recycling centers. For more information call the township offices. Kingston Township: 696-3809; Dallas Township: 675-5217.

Christmas Cantata at Dallas UMC

A Christmas Cantata was held at Dallas United Methodist Church last weekend. Participating churches were Dallas United Methodist, Trinity Presbyterian and Albright United Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre. The group performed "That's Christmas," written and arranged by Joe E. Parks. Forty people joined in the singing. Direction and music were provided by Dallas UMC organist/choir director, Cathy Palfey; Albright UMC choir director, William Blannett; and Trinity Presbyterian choir director, Chris Wilski. At left, Amber Hydec of Dallas United Methodist tuned up her flute before the performance.

Below, Jennifer Withers watched for her part in a piece by the bell choir.

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OBITUARIES

NANCY DENMON

Was elementary teacher in Tunkhannock district

Nancy L. Denmon of Beaumont, died December 19, 2003 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Luzerne, she was a daughter of the former Dorothy Gilmore and the late Raymond Gunton. She graduated from Beaumont High School. She received a bachelor's degree from the Bloomsburg State Teachers College. She worked for the Tunkhannock School District as an elementary school teacher at Roslund Elementary School. She was a member of Noxen United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the United Methodist Women and the choir and was secretary of the memorial fund. She was a member of the Retired Teachers of the PSEA.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Butts; and grandson, Kyle Denmon.

Surviving are her husband of 48 years, Ken; sons, Mark, Noxen; Rick, Beaumont; seven grandchildren; sister, Margaret Holmgren, Noxen; brother, John, Noxen; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, Beaumont Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Noxen United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Box 196A, Noxen, PA 18636.

RUTH CONSTANTINO

Member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

Ruth E. Constantino, 62, of Lake Silkworth and formerly of the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, died December 19, 2003 at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

Born March 4, 1941, in Wilkes-Barre, she was a daughter of Eleanor Thomas Kennedy of the Parsons section of Wilkes-Barre, and the late Edward J. Kennedy. She graduated from Coughlin High School. She worked at Valley Crest, Plains Township. She assisted her daughter at Kimberly's Floral, Dallas. She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carmen.

Surviving in addition to her mother, are her daughters, Kimberly Hillman, Lake Silkworth; Carmela Pudimott, Lake Silkworth; son, Ralph C., Larksville; four grandchildren; sisters, Patricia Filipowich, Mountain Top; Betty Kennedy, Parsons; brothers, Edward J. Kennedy Jr., Ashley; Raymond and Kevin Kennedy, Parsons; and nieces and nephews.

Interment, St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township.

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PAUL KOBUSKY

Volunteer fireman

Paul E. Kobusky, 40, of Dallas, died December 20, 2003 at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

Born March 9, 1963, in Plymouth, he was a son of Lena Thorne Kobusky and the late Alfred Kobusky Sr. He graduated from Wyoming Valley West High School. He was a licensed plumber. He worked as a press operator at Bertels Can Co., Hanover Township. He also worked for Dymond's Manufacturing, Wyoming. He was a member of the Goodwill Hose Co. No. 2, Plymouth and the Five County Firemen's Association.

Surviving in addition to his mother, are his wife of seven years, the former Evelyn Rowles; children, Jennifer Kobusky, John Olenik and Evelyn Peyatt; a grandson; sister, Helen Youells, Plymouth; brothers, Alfred Jr., Kingston; Matthew, Lyndwood section of Hanover Township; Ronald, John and Mark, all of Plymouth; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Interment, Bencotter Cemetery, Muhlenburg.

GEORGE SHAVER

Dallas High School graduate

George C. (Skip) Shaver of North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, died December 22, 2003 in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Born in Kingston, he was a son of George E. and Mary (Snyder) Shaver. He was a graduate of Dallas High School. He was employed by City Limousine and was a heavy-equipment operator.

Surviving in addition to his parents, are his sons, George Christopher, Dallas; Erick Charles, Wilkes-Barre; brothers, Thomas, Tunkhannock; Alan, Dallas; and five grandchildren.

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