

Dallas Legion essay contest awards breakfast Saturday

The Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 will hold a breakfast Saturday, Feb. 14 to honor the winners of its annual essay contest.

The theme of this year's contest is "What is Patriotism?" Students in grades 9-12 who live within the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts were invited to participate.

The local first-place winner will receive a \$300 savings bond and will advance to district competition. The second-place winner will receive a \$250 savings bond and other participants will receive \$100

bonds. The district winner advances to the state competition, where the winner receives a \$3,500 scholarship and trophy.

All members of the Dallas American Legion are invited to attend the breakfast, which will start at 9 a.m. at the Post home, Rt. 415, Dallas.

The contest chairperson is Clarence J. Michael, who was assisted by Fred Templin and teachers Gail Honeywell, Lake-Lehman, and Kathy Kupstas, Dallas.

For more information, call Clarence Michael at 675-0488.

Memorial, honor books donated

The following memorial and honor books have been donated recently to the Back Mountain Memorial Library:

In Memory of Eleanor Wallo, "Stranger in the Woods" by Carl R. Sams, presented by Brad and Connie Fleeger.

In Memory of Eleanor Wallo, "Winter World" by Bernd Heinrich, presented by Terry and John Headman.

In Memory of Eleanor Wallo, "The New Work of Dogs" by Jon Katz, presented by Larry, Irene, Jill and Adam Shaw.

In Memory of Laura E. Martin, "I'm a Manatee" by John Lithgow, presented by Dean and Tammy Rattigan.

In Memory of Debra Dodson, "The World Atlas of Wine" by Hugh Johnson, presented by Carole Kuhar.

In Memory of David Posatko, "Go Forth and Go Good: memorable Notre Dame commencement addresses" edited by Wildon D. Miscamble, presented by Bruce and Beth Rosenthal.

In Memory of Irene Urick, "The Lady Chosen" by Stephanie Laurens (large print), presented by Ethel Watlock.

In Memory of Irene Urick, "Lost Boy Lost Girl" by Peter Straub (large print), presented by Matt, Dolores and Denise Cooper.

In Memory of Irene Urick, "The Greek Villa" by Judith Gould (large print), presented by Ethel and Al Mathews.

In Memory of Irene Urick, "The Sparkling One" by Susan Mallery (large print), presented by Ben and Debbie Maskalis and Family.

In Memory of Irene Urick, "Blacklist" by Sara Paretsky (large print), presented by Mike and Betsy Dombroski and Family.

In Memory of Irene Urick, "Little Indiscretions" by Carmen Posadas (large print), presented by Carol and Ed Wallo.

In Memory of Alice Larson, "Chopin's Funeral" by Benita Eisler, presented by Mark J. Billet and Walter J. Throne.

In Memory of David Cochran, "Earth From Above" by Yann Arthus-Bertrand, presented by The Urick Family.

In Memory of Maria Elizabeth Tarantine, "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom, presented by Mary Jean Tarantine.

In Memory of Joseph Gregory, "The Illustrated Theory of Everything" by Stephen W. Hawking, presented by Karen Fry.

In Memory of Edward and Alice Wodaski, "Sea of Glory" by Nat Philbrick (large print), presented by Lillian Soha.

In Memory of Zeus, the Dog, "The Complete Adventures of Big Dog and Little Dog" by Dav Pilkey, presented by The Fulton Family.

In Memory of Zeus, the Dog, "Lewis and Clark and Me: a dog's tale" by Laurie Myers, presented by The Fulton Family.

HONOR BOOKS

In Honor of The Fox and Michael Families, "P. Allen Smith's Garden Home" by P. Allen Smith, presented by Clarence J. Michael.

In Honor of Evelyn Hope Murphy-Welconish, "Einstein Never Used Flash Cards" by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, presented by Shawn and John Murphy.



From left: Hildy Morgan, Dietrich Theater Manager; Jodi Armstrong, Dietrich Board of Directors; Bill Scranton of the Willary Foundation; and Margie Young, Dietrich Program Director, at the Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock.

Dietrich receives Willary Foundation grant

The Wyoming County Cultural Center/Dietrich Theater is the recipient of a generous grant from the Willary Foundation. This grant will make it possible to install a curtain in the Evans Theater that can be pulled in front of the movie screen to enhance dramatic presentations in the large theater.

Programs such as After School Players will be presented another year: middle and high school students will again help create their own play, rehearse it, learning the theater arts, and finally produce it for a live audience in the theater. In

addition, the work of a local playwright will be presented during the year with the help of the Willary Foundation.

Finally, the Everhart Museum staff will bring art and cultural explorations to children in after school and summer programs.

"We are thrilled to receive this significant donation to enable us to continue to bring outstanding events and programs to our community. We are most grateful to the Willary Foundation and its generosity," said Hildy Morgan, Theater Manager.

The Willary Foundation is a

family foundation dedicated to developing ideas and projects that are interesting, creative and imaginative and which benefit communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Willary seeks to foster both individuals and groups with unique, innovative or unusual ideas and efforts.

The Wyoming County Cultural Center/Dietrich Theater is a non-profit movie theater with a mission to bring art and cultural programs to Tunkhannock and the surrounding area. More information can be found at www.dietrichtheater.com or call 836-1022.

Wine tasting at Tunkhannock Public Library

Friends of the Tunkhannock Public Library will host a Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the library, 220 West Tioga St. Tickets are \$25 per person and all proceeds will benefit the library. There will be wines to sample, non-alcoholic drinks, hors d'oeuvres and desserts from area restaurants, and lots of door prizes. Those interested in purchasing tickets should call the library at 836-1677 or stop in. The number of tickets available is limited.

Wine Consultant Steve Pollock from the Wine and Spirits Store in Clarks Summit will be at the event to give instructions in how to best appreciate fine wines. He will present six different types for tasting. He will

explain how to look at the color, sniff the bouquet, and savor the complex flavors in each of them. He will make suggestions about how to choose the right wine to serve with food.

This is one of five planned fund raisers for this year. Sponsoring events such as this one to raise extra money has become essential to libraries all

over Pennsylvania as they deal with drastic cuts in state funding.

"We look to the community to come out and support this, our newest fund-raiser, and promise to provide them with an enjoyable evening," says Joan Chapdelaine, a member of the Board of Trustees who is co-chairing the event.

Christmas Bird Count finds rarities

Cold but clear weather greeted birders who ventured out for the Dallas Area Christmas Bird Count, held December 20. Sixteen birders working in eight teams found a total of 8,058 individual birds divided among 69 species, the second highest species total in the count's history.

Some birders began their day in the wee hours searching for owls. Bird counters heard or saw four owl species, including 15 great horned owls, a high number for that species, and 10 screech owls, as well as the less common barred and short-eared owls. The two tundra swans and two snow buntings seen represented rarities for the Dallas count. However, the rarest species seen, and the highlight of the event, was the merlin that was found in Plains. This species had never been seen before in the Dallas Christmas Count's 44-year history.

Other uncommon species seen included pied-billed grebe, red-shouldered hawk, northern harrier (a relatively high number of five), horned lark, hermit thrush, northern shrike, and pine siskin.

The 4,049 Canada Geese, many of which were migrating in large flocks, represented the highest single species total. High numbers of hooded mergansers (51), herring gulls (96), and American goldfinches (432) were recorded, as well as good numbers of northern mockingbirds (5) and red-breasted nuthatches (6).

Low-cost dental care at LCCC

The Luzerne County Community College Dental Health Clinic at the College's campus in Nanticoke provides low cost preventive dental hygiene services including teeth cleaning, dental x-rays, and fluoride treatments. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 740-0446 or (800)377-LCCC, ext. 446.



Decorating contest winners

The Kingston Township Board of Supervisors recently presented prizes for the 2003 Holiday House Decorating Contest.

The winners present for the award were:

From left, first row: Kelly and Alyssa Monahan, first place winners.

Second row: Christine Monahan, first place winner.

Third row: David Jenkins, Supervisor, J. Carl Goodwin, Supervisor, Paul Sabol, Supervisor, George Monahan, first place winner, Chris Yankovich, Chairman, Jeffrey Box, Vice Chairman, and Eddie O'Neill, Township Manager.

Second place winner Mary Ann Strohl was absent.

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