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## SOME OLD SHOE SPIRIT



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Dallas cheerleader Emily Polachek fired up the crowd on the Dallas side of Mountaineer Stadium during the 56th annual Old Shoe football game, played Nov. 6. Dallas won for the fourth consecutive year. Story, more photos in sports.

## Library's plea gets sympathy, not cash

Township finances are in much better shape, but supervisors are still wary.

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

KINGSTON TWP. — Jill Kryston, president of the Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library, made her pitch to the supervisors at their Nov. 10 meeting, where the 2005 township budget was adopted.

She asked them to consider raising a budgeted \$500 dona-

tion. She pointed out that the township once gave more than \$4,000, and township residents represent the second-largest group of borrowers. She said that state support, already cut below prior year levels, could be affected by low rates of support from local municipalities.

It would be unfair to say her plea fell on deaf ears, but it did not shake loose more money. Before he voted for the budget, Supervisor Jeffrey Box chided the board for its tightfisted approach.

"We came up short when it comes to funding for the Back Mountain library," he said, expressing embarrassment that the township's contribution was lower than other municipalities with far less resources. He had suggested a \$1,000 contribution from a budget that is in surplus for the first time in three years.

But while expressing sympathy, chairman Chris Yankovich held firm to a conviction that the township had to be careful with its spending.

"We've struggled through the

past three years with money in this township," he said. "We need to address the problems in house," to pay for equipment and services for the community.

In the end, the budget passed 3-2, with Yankovich and Paul Sabol voting against it.

The meeting drew an audience of only three, not counting the usual reporters and township officials — a stark contrast to last year's sessions that attracted standing-room-only crowds.

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## Library dedicated to beloved teacher

Teresa Rutkowski, who taught reading at Gate of Heaven School for 20 years, died in January.

By M.B. GILLIGAN Post Correspondent

More than 100 people attended the library rededication service at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas on Monday evening. The completely refurbished library was dedicated in memory of the late Teresa Rutkowski, a reading teacher at the school for 20 years.

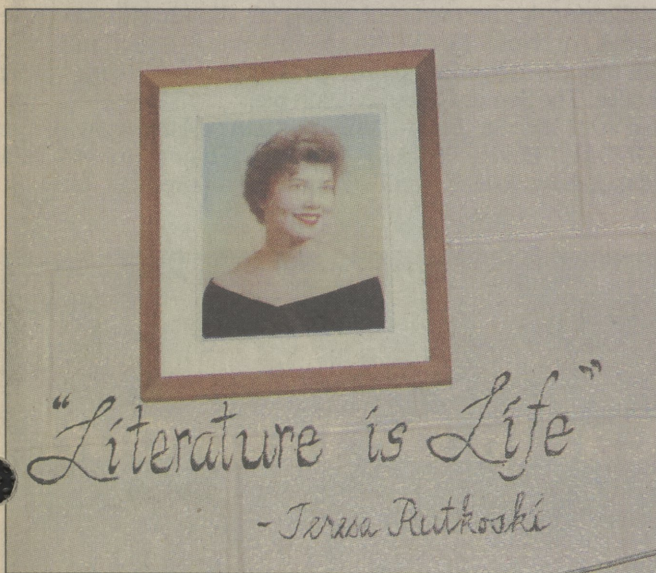
"Terry was a great teacher and the children loved her," said Debbie Wysocki, who has been an English teacher at the school since 1983. "She

was my best friend here at the school."

The event began with an evening prayer service presided over by Monsignor Peter Crynes of St. Therese's parish in Shavertown. Guests were then ushered up to the second floor where the library was blessed. There, Mary C. Tigue, principal of Gate of Heaven, explained everything that was involved in the refurbishing.

"We have new shelves, counter tops, a whiteboard and a new ceiling," she said. "The walls were painted and the murals and calligraphy were done by Stephen and Merissa Garrison."

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The late Teresa Rutkowski is pictured above her favorite quote, "Literature is Life."

## Students' project combines purpose and pleasure

By PAUL LAZAR For The Post

Ben Thomas and Jeff Decker aren't working on your average, run-of-the-mill senior project at Dallas High School. They're doing it at the high school — and for the high school.

Thomas and Decker, both juniors, were looking for something

a little different for their projects, wanting to tie in fun with a purpose. The two found common ground, putting flag football, a game enjoyed by both students and their friends, and the Luzerne Foundation of Wilkes-Barre together to have some gridiron fun and to raise money for a local cause.

"We have a bunch of friends

that like sports and last year there was the 'Hoops for Hopes' basketball tournament that did very well," said Decker. "We thought that football would do well too."

The students' goal is to raise \$2,000 in order for their school, not themselves, to become a member of the Luzerne Foundation's Millennium Circle,

a branch of the foundation that donates money to organizations in the area, such as the Back Mountain Library and the Jewish Community Center, which recently received a \$15,000 grant for its autism program.

If and when the goal is met, a member of the Dallas High

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### JACKSON TOWNSHIP SEWERS

## System fix can't come too soon for builders, buyers

By RONALD BARTIZEK Post Staff

JACKSON TWP. — This is a story about how the most mundane aspects of daily life — in this case public sewers — affect individuals, businesses and communities.

Brian and Karen Miller should be planning a January 2005 move into their new home, just in time to welcome a new member into their family.

John Pieczynski's family business wants to develop the Heritage Hills Estates subdivision where the Millers bought a lot last year. But both are stymied until the Jackson Township General Municipal Authority, the Dallas Area Municipal Authority and the state Department of Environmental Protection agree on a plan that will end overflows from a sewer pumping station at the base of Hillside Road.

After two meetings this week, there may be a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, in this case a sewer pipe that runs under Route 309.

At the Nov. 8 meeting of the Jackson Township authority, which oversees the sanitary sewer system, Brent Berger, an engineer with Quad Three Group, outlined a plan that would add needed capacity, and begin the process of lifting a moratorium on new connections.

After the meeting, the authority board held an executive session to review Berger's proposal. Chairman George Morgan Jr., said after that meeting, "the board feels an agreement with DAMA (the Dallas Area Municipal Authority) is imminent," and that the township would draft a letter that could be presented to DAMA at its meeting Thursday.

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The developers of the Marina Pointe townhouses have asked to dredge a deeper channel behind the buildings, then to build boat slips.

## Hearing set on lake dredging proposal

The Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a hearing to take public comments on a plan to dredge a portion of Harvey's Lake behind the Marina Pointe townhouses.

The plan calls for creating a 60-foot-wide channel — about twice what it is now — with a uniform depth of 8 feet. The channel would be about 300 feet long.

Armand Mascioli, a partner in the townhouse development, has said up to 30 new boat slips would be built behind the buildings once the dredging is completed.

Opponents of dredging believe deepening the channel will destroy an area that is important to wildlife, and will make it easier for new sediment to get into the lake.

But Russell James, a consultant to Mascioli, says the opposite is true, that increasing the depth will allow sediment to settle below the current, where it will stay put and not be washed into the main part of the lake.

Because it affects wetlands, the work must gain approval from DEP, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Fish Commission.

The hearing will take place Monday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. at the offices of the Harveys Lake General Municipal Authority, nearly across Rt. 415 from the townhouses.

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