

New books at library

The Back Mountain Memorial Library, 96 Huntsville Road, Dallas, announces the addition of the following books to their collection:

FICTION

"The Family Tree" by Carole Cadwalladr; "At Risk" by Stella Rimington; "Bling" by Erica Kennedy; "Fire Along the Sky" by Sara Donati; "The Rivals" by Joan Johnston; "Reunion" by Nora Roberts; "Unveiling" by Suzanne M. Wolfe; "Demon Rumm" by Sandra Brown.

NONFICTION

"Ghost Ship" by Brian Hicks

SCIENCE FICTION

"Polaris" by Jack Mcdevitt

STORY COLLECTION

"The Delaney Christmas Carol" by Kay Hooper, Iris Johansen & Fayrene Preston

YOUNG ADULT

"Travel Team" by Mike Lupica; "Gifts" by Ursula K. Le Guin; "Golem's Eye" by Jonathan Stroud; "Messenger" by Lois Lowry; "Teen Spirit: one world, many paths" by Paul B. Raushenbush; "The Teacher's Funeral" by Richard Peck; "Miss Smithers" by Susan Juby; "The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray" by Chris Wooding; "Kira-Kira" by Cynthia Kadohata; "How I Live Now" by Meg Rosoff.

DVDs

"Whimsical Songs and Melodies"; "Cowboy and Campfire Songs"; "Songs of Patriotic Pride"; "Disney Treasures: behind the scenes at the Walt Disney Studio."

SPECIAL DONATIONS

"Essentials of Healthful Cooking" by Mary Abbott Hess donated by Paul and Eleanor Nicholson & Davey.

Lions welcome members

The Dallas Lions are looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact any club member or they can contact Frank Rollman at 675-4485.



Richard Gumbravich and Bernard Walter hoist the bronze medal won by the 2003 Merlot made in Dallas by their group of amateur winemakers.

Local home winemakers bring home a medal on their first try

The first time was a charm for a local group of amateur winemakers. Competing against hundreds of wines, their first-time entry in the sixth annual Corrados Wine Makers' Competition was awarded a bronze medal.

The 2003 Merlot competed in the largest category of varietals submitted at this year's contest.

"This is the first time we ever entered any competition," said Richard Gumbravich, the prime mover in the local group. "We didn't realize how big it was," until they attended the award ceremonies earlier this month, and saw that there were more than 500 entries.

The bottle's label features a colorful picture of the brick gate at Gumbravich's house on Country Club Road, where the wine is made. The grapes came from California, obtained through local brokers who

combine orders to come up with trailer-truck loads. "There's a lot of trailers that come in," he said, testament to the popularity of local wine-making.

In all, 32 people gathered in December to help bottle this year's batch of wine. They included Alistair McNee, Gumbravich's son-in-law, Rev. Roger Griffith and Attorney Bernard Walter. Unlike bottles that come from the store, their wine is not made to be aged more than a few months, and no sulfites or other preservatives found in commercial wines are added.

There's another difference; commercial wineries try to make their products' taste and color consistent from year to year. They do that by blending various grapes — even juice to add sweetness. That doesn't happen in Dallas, where the award-winning wine was made

from 100 percent Merlot grapes.

"When you buy grapes and make wine, it never turns out the same," Gumbravich said, even if the grapes come from the same vendor. So they experiment with different batches, knowing no two will come out the same.

Gumbravich said his crew doesn't take their hobby too seriously. "This a fun thing — we're not trying to make the greatest wine. We just enjoy the experience with friends and family." But they still hold wine tastings among one another, to discern qualities they like in the store-bought models.

The judges at the Corrados competition, who come from the American Wine Institute, conduct blind tasting under a strict protocol, selecting the top 200 from each class of wine, then making a final selection from the qualifying entries.

Land Trust slates annual dinner

The North Branch Land Trust is soliciting sponsors and supporters for its annual dinner, which will be held on April 28 at Genetti's Hotel in Wilkes-Barre. Tom Diez, internationally-known wildlife cinematographer, will highlight the evening with a spectacular presentation on Pennsylvania wildlife. The 2005 Stewardship Award honoree is Stan Sowa.

Don Jacobs of WNEP-TV's Pennsylvania Outdoor Life will emcee the event. Don and Stan used to work together on the program.

The Land Trust is accepting

advertisements in the dinner program and attendees.

The 2004 dinner raised nearly \$10,000, money used to work with landowners and the public to protect wildlife habitat, preserve farmland and rural character, reserve open space for recreation and to promote responsible development.

More information on the event can be found at the NBLT website at www.nblt.org. For more information on this event or the NBLT in general, please Linda Thoma at 696 5545 or email thoma@nblt.org.

Legion Pig Roast is Feb. 5

Daddow-Isaac Post 672 American Legion will hold its 45th annual Pig Roast on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Post home in Dallas. Food will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. and there will be dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The donation is \$7 per person and tickets can be picked up at the Post home. For information, call the Post home at 675-6542 or Clarence Michael at 675-0488.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Dr. David Spring, with a dental practice in Dallas, was honored by the Pennsylvania Academy of General Dentistry at its annual meeting as one of 12 Pennsylvania dentists having achieved Mastership in the Academy. In order to achieve that status, Dr. Spring earned 600 approved continuing dental education credits, of which 400 hours are hands-on courses. Dr. Spring graduated from Temple University School of Dentistry. He is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, American Dental Association, Pennsylvania Dental Association, Luzerne County Dental Society and the Dallas Lions Club.

SENIOR MENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of Jan. 24-29. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Beef braciole, whipped potatoes, Roman vegetable medley, chilled peaches.

TUESDAY: Spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad with Italian dressing, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY: Bar-B-Q ribette, butternut squash, corn, vanilla cookie.

THURSDAY: Quarter-pound hot dog, baked beans, tater tots, ice cream.

FRIDAY: Roast turkey & Swiss on whole wheat pita, creamy potato soup, brownie.

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Meadows Auxiliary thanks Slocum

The Meadows Nursing Center Auxiliary, Dallas, presented a certificate of appreciation to The Slocum Insurance Agency, Dallas, for sponsoring a decorated holiday tree in the Meadows' name at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake, since 1998. Patrons had the opportunity to vote for their favorite tree by making a monetary donation, and all proceeds from the Meadows Auxiliary tree will benefit the residents at the center. Thirty trees were featured at the "Parade of Trees" this year. Grotto has organized the annual event since 1996 as a community service.

From left: Bartt Slocum, Slocum Insurance; Robert Law, Meadows Auxiliary President; Brett Slocum, Slocum Insurance; Marilyn Gregorski, Meadows Volunteer Coordinator; James Alaimo, Meadows Administrator, and Armand Mascioli, Grotto Pizza.

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