

Dallas Borough tax office hours

The 2005 Luzerne County and Dallas Borough real estate tax bills were mailed on Feb. 15. The tax rebate period runs through April 15, 2005. Dallas Borough Tax Collector Mark Van Etten will have office hours during the rebate period at the Dallas Borough Building on Saturday March 5, March 19, April 2 and April 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Wednesday, April 6 and April 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. Collection times are also available by appointment.

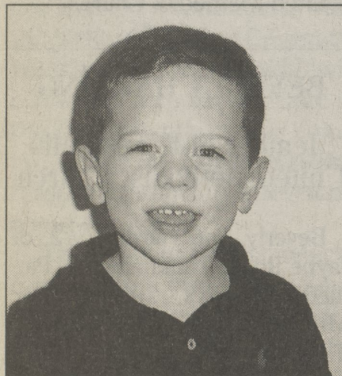
If mailing payments, send to:

Mark W. Van Etten
Dallas Borough Tax
Collector
PO Box 447
Dallas, PA 18612

Residents who need to contact VanEtten can do so by calling 675-1878 or by e-mail at DallasBoroughTax@aol.com.

Blood drive in honor of Doris W. Sherwood

Geisinger Medical Groups-Wyoming County will sponsor a blood drive Thursday, March 3, at the Triton Hose Company in memory of Doris W. Sherwood. Blood donations will be taken from 1 to 6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Call 836-2121 for more information. Triton Hose Company is located at 116 West Tioga Street, Tunkhannock.



3 years old

Lucas A. McGeehan, son of Bob and Bonnie McGeehan, Shavertown, turns 3 today, Feb. 27. Luke is the grandson of Robert and Dolores McGeehan, Plains Twp. and the late Robert and Judith Adams. He is the great-grandson of Thomas and Evelyn McGeehan, Mountain Top, and Dolores Evans, Plains Twp. Luke has a sister, Mallory, 8 months old.

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Logan Young, Nicole Zehner, Alyssa Zehner and Nick Zaboski with Kayla Bear.

Teddy Bear Express stops in Trucksville

Once Upon A Time Daycare, Dug Rd., Trucksville, is participating in the Teddy Bear Express project. The idea is to send a teddy bear or bears around the United States and Canada. The bears travel among family child care homes, day care centers, and schools to visit the children. The children will follow the bears on a map to track their trips, as a geography lesson.

Teddy Bear Express takes place twice a year, in September and February. The bears spend one full week at each facility, bringing with them a photo album, journal, souvenirs, and a treat for

the next day care on his/her route. The children bring in items from home such as toys, books and stickers to send on the trip.

Once Upon A Time Daycare is a host to Kayla Bear, which will next visit Chula Vista, California. They also will have Darlington Bear visit. Darlington Bear will be starting out at Tulsa, Oklahoma and visiting places like Connecticut, Ohio, Virginia, then an Air Force Base in New Mexico before arriving here in late March.

The children are looking forward to seeing what Kayla brings back in May.

Back Mountain Memorial Library has new books

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

EXPRESS LOAN (1 WEEK)
"Prince of Fire" by Daniel Silva.

FICTION
"The Prodigal" by Beverly Lewis; "Death of a Bore" by M.C. Beaton; "Ireland" by Frank Delaney; "Wait Until Midnight" by Amanda Quick; "Blue Dahlia" by Nora Roberts;

"Death is Forever" by Elizabeth Lowell.

NONFICTION
"Overdosed America" by John Abramson; "Judgment Days" by Nick Kotz; "Peace is the Way" by Deepak Chopra; "Mother-Daughter Wisdom" by Christiane Northrup; "Tales" by H.P. Lovecraft; "Character Under Attack" by Carl Sommer.

MYSTERY
"Death in a Strange Country" by Donna Leon.

STORY COLLECTION
"Collected Stories" by Carol Shields.

REFERENCE

"Poet's Market 2005"; "Current Biography 2004".

YOUNG ADULT

"The Truth About Forever" by Sarah Dessen; "Sonny's House of Spies" by George Ella Lyon; "Tending to Grace" by Kimberly Newton Fusco; "Girls in Pants" by Ann Brashares.

BOOKS ON CD

"The Broker" by John Grisham; "The Lives of the Kings and Queens of England" edited by Antonia Fraser.

Junior League fundraiser brings top chefs to County Courthouse

Almost everyone who enters the Luzerne County Courthouse tilts their head back for a peek at the regal surroundings. Now there is a chance to get a good long look while feasting on specialties from the area's top chefs.

"An Evening Around the World," a Junior League of Wilkes-Barre fundraiser, will be held at the Courthouse Sunday, April 10 at 5 p.m. The elegant evening will be an unusual chance to savor the beauty of the building at a leisurely pace, strolling from one restaurant's station to another.

Many of the Junior League's approximately 200 members live in the Back Mountain, including President Cheryl O'Hara, President-elect Heidi Schukraft and Recording Secretary Renee Boland. The many Back Mountain residents who served as president in recent years include Bernadette Martin, Linda Mancinelli, Maureen Bufalino and Kelly Spencer Borthwick.

Diners will sample appetizers, entrees and desserts from approximately 15 restaurants, including Brutico's, of Old Forge; Damenti's, of Mountain Top; Gelpia's Restaurant & Manhattan Lounge, of Kingston; Grico's, of Exeter; and Vino Dolce, of Hanover Township. Various ethnic

cuisines will be featured. Several chefs will do cooking demonstrations in the rotunda. A wine expert will explain the pairings of food and wine. Guests will leave with recipes from the restaurants. There will also be a Chinese auction and raffle.

The cornerstone for the Classical Revival style Courthouse was laid in 1906 at the height of the region's prosperity. Mosaics and murals tell the story of the county's history. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its architectural value.

The event will raise money for Junior League projects, mainly its new Backpack Project. Starting this summer the Junior League will donate backpacks full of notebooks, paper, crayons, pencils and other school supplies to schools in Luzerne County, which will give them to underprivileged children. The league hopes to expand the Backpack Project each year. The money will also help prepare a Teen Resource Directory, a guidebook of agencies that serve teens.

Admission, by reservation only, is \$50 per person. The deadline for reservations is April 1. Call the League office at 288-4818 for an invitation.

Lake-Lehman senior wins Dallas Legion essay contest

Elizabeth Bovee, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School, won first place in the local competition of the American Legion Essay Contest, sponsored by the Daddow-Isaacs Post 672, Dallas. She wins a \$300 savings bond and will advance to the district level of competition.

Dallas High School freshmen Christopher Jayne and Rosemary Shaver won second and third place respectively, and a \$250 and \$100 bond.

This year's theme was "America — Sweet Land of Liberty." The contest was open to public, private and home-schooled students in the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts.

The winners and their parents were guests at an awards breakfast, held Feb. 19 at the Post. Clarence J. Michael was chairman of the contest, which was judged by John Oliver, Bob Dolbear and Kep Gottschalk.

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