



Eagle Scouts Neil Bellanca, left, and Sean Deats.

Two Eagle Scouts for Troop 232

Troop 232, Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas, recently honored Neil Bellanca and Sean Deats for attaining the Boy Scout of America's highest honor, the Eagle Scout rank.

Neil, the son of Elaine and Louis Bellanca, Kingston Township, began his scouting career in 1999, and has held leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader.

His Eagle project involved constructing a rest area on the Back Mountain Trail in memory of Eagle Scout Ed Kupstas, Jr. His project involved clearing and grading the site, constructing a gravel pathway lined by natural stone, two mulched picnic areas with picnic tables and the installation of a park bench. His project represented a total of 140 man-hours to complete.

Neil is junior at Bishop Hoban High School and has attained the Principal's List Honor Roll throughout his high school career, is a participant in Wilkes University's Young Scholar Program, a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and is listed in

Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is an editor for the 2005 yearbook and is a member of the ski club. He is a member of St. Therese's Church where he is a junior lector.

Sean, son of Carol and Patrick Deats, Shavertown, began his scouting career in 1999, and has held various leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader. Sean has earned more than 25 merit badges.

His Eagle project involved developing a public safety project where all the fire hydrants in Kingston Township were pressure tested, color-coded and painted utilizing a coding system recognizable to the local fire departments.

Sean is a junior at Bishop Hoban High School and had attained the Principal's List Honor Roll throughout his high school career. He is a member of Gate of Heaven Church, Irem Golf Association, Bishop Hoban's ski club, and is a member of the Back Mountain Youth Hockey Club.

Land Trust dinner features Ebay auction of Brian Blight original

Internationally renowned artist and King's College Art Director Brian Blight has donated a signed original painting to the North Branch Land Trust.

"I really believe in NBLT and what they're doing" said Blight, "I'm happy to have my work used to raise money and awareness for land protection, wetland, and wildlife conservation."

To support its land conservation efforts, NBLT has scheduled a combination of an Ebay and a live auction for Blight's piece, culminating at NBLT's Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 28.

Those attending the dinner will be given the chance to participate in the live auction, from which the highest bid will be entered into Ebay, resulting in a single winner, either from the dinner or the public at large. For tickets to this event, call 696-5545.

Dallas Borough curbside yard waste pickups

The Dallas Borough Road department will begin weekly curbside yard waste collection the week of May 9, following the conclusion of the Dallas Borough annual spring cleanup.

Residents should not place green yard waste recycling containers curbside prior to the beginning of the collection season. As in previous years the road department will collect the equivalent of two 25-gallon green recycling containers on Tuesday and Wednesday weekly throughout the season. Yard waste volumes exceeding the two 25-gallon container limit will not be collected and property owners are asked to make arrangements with private haulers or landscapers for the removal of large volumes of yard waste.

Call the Dallas Borough Road Department at 674-5362 with questions.

Public review and comment of master plan

COG meeting May 2 at Misericordia.

The public will have an opportunity to review and participate in a plan for the Back Mountain's future development at a meeting May 2.

The Back Mountain Area Council of Governments (BMACOG) will conduct the meeting on Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. in the McGowan Conference Room located on the third floor of the Bevevino Library on the campus of College Misericordia.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow public input into the multi-municipal comprehensive master plan that is currently

being produced for the BMACOG with the assistance of the Philadelphia-based professional planning consulting group Kise Straw & Kolodner. The plan is at an important juncture and public input will be vital to the success of the long-range comprehensive plan for future development in the Back Mountain.

The COG consists of Dallas Borough and Dallas, Lehman and Kingston townships.

For more information, call Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager, at 675-1389 or Eddie O'Neill, Kingston Township Manager, at 696-3809.



Curves collects comestibles

The Trucksville branch of Curves for Women recently participated in the company's annual "Food for Friends" campaign, collecting 1,300 pounds of donated food from customers and staff members. All the food was given to the Back Mountain Food Pantry, which is headquartered at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Shown with some of the donations are Curves staff members Karen Marconi, kneeling, and Joan Cornell.

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