

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

**Kingston Township lists hot line number**

Kingston Township has added a hot line telephone number for the convenience of its residents. The line will provide residents with office hours, tax collector hours and up-to-date information about the township. The hot line number is 696-2063.

**American Legion holding kids party**

The Dallas American Legion Post Daddow-Isaacs 672 will hold its annual children's Christmas Party from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, December 16 at the Post Home on Route 415. Children will sing carols and receive a visit from Santa Claus. Children ages 3-10 are invited to attend the party and refreshments will be served. The party committee members are chairman Jim Baloga, John Emil Sr., and commander Clarence J. Michael.

**Class of 1982 plans reunion**

The Dallas High School Class of 1982 will hold its 25th anniversary reunion July 14 at the Irem Temple Country Club pavilion. Any class member who has a question or comment should contact Holly Daubert at 675-1714.

**American Red Cross holding blood drive**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 1-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at the Irem Temple Country Club. Anyone who donated at the country club in October is eligible to donate again. The double red cell unit will be at both drives.

Blood supplies remain low and help is desperately needed. The Red Cross requests that all donors bring identification and, if applicable, a Red Cross blood card. First-time donors will

receive a card. Anyone 17 years of age, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health are eligible to donate.

A pre-scheduled appointment may be made to reduce the time needed to donate. To schedule an appointment, call 823-7164, ext. 2150.

**Library selling engraved bricks**

The Back Mountain Memorial Library is selling engraved brick pavers for the outdoor entry area at the library on Huntsville Road in Dallas. The personally engraved bricks make a wonderful holiday gift or memorial for an entire family, or for a special individual.

Bricks are available for \$100 each, which includes up to three lines of engraving. Proceeds benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library. Forms to purchase bricks are available at the library reception desk, or by calling the library at 675-1182.

**Civil War group meeting Dec. 14**

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 on Route 415 in Dallas.

The meeting is open to the public and there is a \$3 admission. Annual memberships are available at \$15 for individuals and \$22 for a couple. Yearly student memberships are available for \$8. The group meets the second Thursday of each month from September through June.

This month's guest speaker will be Jerry Carrier, education chairman of the Delaware Valley Civil War Round Table in Philadelphia. The topic of the speech will be Dan Sickles, an "American scoundrel," according to Carrier.

Although most people today don't know who Dan Sickles is,

in the 19th Century he was America's most notorious figure. According to Carrier, Sickles was a congressman, general, diplomat, friend of presidents, a womanizer, a schemer and a murderer. His actions at Gettysburg almost lost the battle. He also killed his wife's lover and got away with it. And while serving as U.S. minister to Spain, he had an affair with the Queen.

**Kingston Twp. sets decorating contest**

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission will hold a Holiday House decoration contest for all Kingston Township residents on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The judging begins at 6 p.m. There will be prizes awarded for the four winning houses. Anyone interested in entering their house or nominating a fellow resident's home should call the township municipal office at 696-3809 with the name and addresses of nominees no later than noon Tuesday, Dec. 12.

**Clothing drive to benefit veterans**

Curves for Women in Shavertown, in conjunction with the Dallas American Legion Ladies Auxiliary is holding the fourth annual Christmas Drive to collect clothing and other sundries for veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Plains Township.

The following items may be dropped off at Curves for Women, 161 Memorial Highway: T-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, sweaters, pajamas, socks, bedroom slippers, shaving cream, cologne, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, candy, and monetary donations. Curves is located next to Sheets convenience store.

Susan Stephens and Nancy Zumchak are co-chairwomen for the drive, with assistance from VA representative Marion Ku-

ningonis. For more information, including store hours, call 696-4321.

**Parking ordinance in Kingston Twp.**

The Kingston Township winter parking ordinance is in effect through March 31. Under the ordinance, residents are prohibited from parking vehicles on township streets between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Vehicles are not permitted to be parked on township streets during snowstorms, or for eight hours after the end of a storm.

The ordinance is designed to keep the township streets open and clear so that snow removal measures can be effectively undertaken by the public works department. Residents with questions about the ordinance should call township Police Chief Jim Balavage at 696-1175.

**Meadows Auxiliary seeking new members**

The Auxiliary of The Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas is holding its annual membership drive. Memberships are open to all residents of the community. Each year, the Auxiliary donates thousands of hours of volunteer service at the center and donates funds for special projects, activities and equipment.

For more information, call The Meadows Nursing Center at 675-8600.

**Food pantry in need of items**

The Back Mountain Food Pantry needs the following items - flour, sugar, salad dressing, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, ketchup and baked beans. Items may be dropped off at the food pantry, which is located at the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office.

The food pantry operates 12 months of the year. It relies on food drives and monetary gifts each month, not just during the holiday season. The pantry distributes almost 22 tons of food each year. Food items may also be dropped off at the church office. For hours, or more information, call 696-3897.

**Cider Painters holding exhibit**

The Cider Painters of America is holding its 22nd annual exhibit and sale of miniature paintings through Dec. 29 at The Waterlily, 103 E. Overbrook Road in Dallas. The exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The exhibit will feature the paintings of many local and international artists. The Cider Painters of America was founded in Dallas in 1983. The paintings may not be larger than 3 inches by 5 inches and are painted in many styles and media. For more information, call The Waterlily at 675-7778.

**Leaf collection being held in Dallas**

Dallas Borough is holding its annual fall leaf collection program. The collection will continue throughout the month of November or until the first significant snowfall. Borough officials ask residents comply with the following guidelines:

- Leaves only (no grass clippings or other yard waste) should be raked to the curbside for vacuum collection. The vacuum equipment will not function properly if residents mix yard waste with the leaves.

- Residents are asked to rake all leaves to the curbside in long thin rows approximately 3 feet wide. Placing the leaves curbside will facilitate collection. Residents are cautioned not to place any items within the road


right of way that may create potentially hazardous or unsafe conditions.

- Residents who prefer to collect leaves and place them in plastic bags may do so by placing the bags curbside for pick-up.

For more information, call the administrative office at 675-1389 or the road department at 674-5362.

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Q. Are helmets a good idea?  
A. Yes, for the same reasons that car seat belts are a good idea. But the best reason to wear a helmet is that it never falls off, so after a spill you can get up and keep on going rather than walking uphill for your hat and goggles.

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**Phil Says...**  
The hottest items on every woman's holiday shopping list are Burberry handbags. Friedman's Clothing carries a large variety of the fall '06 collection with patterns ranging from the classic Nova Check trimmed in black to the Equestrian rimmed in brown leather or suede.



When most people think of Burberry, they think of the classic check pattern, but it is more than that. The line includes solids with the check in the lining as well as solids trimmed in check.

The purses appeal to girls and women from ages 11-70. With such a large variety there is a purse in a size or style to fit every woman's needs. Some of the styles are backpacks for the younger girls, small bags for "clubbing," and diaper bags for he hip moms which could double as a small weekend or briefcase. Several of the styles come in leather or patent leather. There is something for everyone.

To compliment the purses Friedman's carries a huge array of matching accessories from wallets, coin purses, key chains and mini umbrellas.

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