

**CIVIC BRIEFS**

**Christmas tree collection program**

Kingston Township is holding its annual Christmas tree collection program from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 15-26. There is no collection on Jan. 20-21. Residents are asked to have the trees placed at the curbside of the road. The township public works department will be mulching all trees collected, and residents are asked to remove plastic bags before placing trees at the curbside. Residents may also drop off trees at the composting site, located behind the public works facility at 225 East Center Street in Shavertown.

The pine mulch will be available for pickup from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the composting site. The mulch may be used by township residents and there is no charge.

For more information, call the township administrative office at 696-3809.

**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.

**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 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.

**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.

**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.

**Essay contest deadline is today**

The deadline is approaching for high school students to enter the Dallas American Legion's annual essay contest and oratorical contest. All entries for the essay contest must be received today by Commander Clarence J. Michael, who may be reached at 675-0488.

The essay contest is being held in conjunction with the 72nd annual contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania American Legion. The contest is open to all students who reside in the Back Mountain and this year's topic is "How Can We Support Our Troops?"

There are monetary awards at the local and district levels.

Scholarship awards are presented to the three finalists in the final round of the state contest.

The first place winner will receive a \$3,500 scholarship, a plaque, and a trip to the American Legion convention in July 2007 to read the winning essay to the assembled delegates.

The second place winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place

winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and a plaque.

The American Legion is also sponsoring an oratorical contest. The theme for year's contest is "We The People."

The contest will consist of an 8-10-minute, memorized oration on some phase of the United States Constitution and a 3-5-minute extempore oration on one of four topics assigned by the national headquarters.

The first place winner will receive a \$7,500 scholarship, plaque, and a paid trip to the Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention to present the winning oration.

The winner will also represent Pennsylvania in national and regional contests and receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from the national organization.

The second place winner will receive a \$5,000 scholarship and a plaque, while the third place winner receives a \$4,000 scholarship and a plaque.

For more information, call Michael at 675-0488.

**FLAVOR**

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"To be honest, it turned out even better than we thought it would."

Leah Conklin and her group took advantage of some personal experiences in representing Mexico. Conklin had previously visited the country and the mother of classmate Gabby Dragon has experience with Mexican food as a caterer.

The menu of Conklin, Dragon classmates Kayla Fine, Jaime Wesley and Kim Konicki included enchiladas, appetizers with meat and raisins, and wedding cookies. The group also made pumpkin soup, which was a big hit with many guests - especially Weyman.

"I never would have thought I would like something like that soup," she said. "But I've made it at home since the dinner."

During its skit, the group told the story of The Legend of Poinsettia, a poor Mexican girl who brings leaves as a gift to the Christ child and the leaves blossom into beautiful poinsettias.

"We really enjoyed it," Conklin said. "It was fun getting together and cooking with your friends. We each pitched in around \$50, but it was worth it."

The group representing Japan was also a big hit, with many guests commenting about the kimonos worn by students Sarah Seashock, Kallie Root and Amanda Waligun.

"We were really happy with the response," Seashock said. "They liked our food, our decorations and our outfits."

Much like the Mexican group, the Japan representatives took advantage of personal experiences during the project. One of Waligun's aunts lived in Japan for most of her life and she provided the group with authentic kimonos and decorations. For the menu, the group made vegetarian sushi rolls, spring rolls, Japanese sesame chicken, rice balls and miso soup.

Seashock said the project allowed the students to learn about



Students representing Italy made a feast for the International Dinner at Lake-Lehman. From left are Andrew Payne, Toni Miller, Kelsie Amy, Rachel Litchman and T.J. Stepanski.

different cultures in a way other than a classroom setting.

"It was more of a hands-on project," she said. "You really learn a

lot about the countries. It was a lot of fun to do something different. We had a great time together and we learned a lot."



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