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AMERICAN LEGION DONATES BOOKS TO LIBRARY



Dallas American Legion Daddow-Isaac Post 672 recently donated five books about POW/ MIAs to the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The Legion has donated 43 books since the practice was initiated by former Commander Kep Gottshalk in 1995. A certificate was presented to library director Martha Butler for her cooperation in this project. The books donated for this year are "Captive Warrior" by Sam Johnson; "Soldiers and Slaves" by Roger Cohen; "Oh, God, Where Are You?" by Abie Abramson; "And the Wind Blew Cold" by Richard M. Bassett; and "Prisoners of War in American Conflicts" by Harry P. Riconda. Attending the book presentation, from left, are John Emil Sr., Ed Buckley, Butler, Commander Clarence J. Michael, Tom Reese and Gottshalk.

ELMCREST HOMEOWNERS DONATE TO LIBRARY



The Elmcrest Homeowners' Association recently held its annual holiday dinner and auction at Apple Tree Terrace in Newberry Estate. More than 50 residents attended the event, according to association president Mary Lou Cavanaugh and vice president Katie Postupak. New and homemade items such as baked goods, quilts, fleece blankets, and decorations were auctioned and part of the proceeds were presented to library director Martha Butler and children's librarian Janet Bauman of the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The money will be used to purchase materials for the library's Children's Room. Presenting the check to the library representatives are children of association officers. From left are Bauman, Nicole Cavanaugh, Carly Cavanaugh, Stephen Postupak and Butler.

American Legion pig roast set for Feb. 3

Dallas American Legion Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 will hold its 47th annual Pig Roast from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3 at the Post ome on Route 415 in Dallas. blowing the dinner, there will be dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 am. The menu consists of roast pork, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, dessert, and beverages.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and may be purchased in advance from any committee member or at the Post Home. A limited number of tickets will be sold at the door. Takeouts will be available. For more information, call Clarence Michael at 675-0488, John Emil Sr., at 675-4461 or the legion at 675-6542.

CIVIC BRIEFS

ship are being offered assistance in filing their 2006 local tax returns for the Dallas School District. A representative from Berkheimer Associates will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Feb. 8 at the township municipal building, 180 East Center Street in Shavertown. The representative will be available to answer any questions regarding local income taxes only.

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

Choral Society holding auditions

The College Misericordia Choral Society will hold auditions for openings in all performances from 7-9:30 p.m. each its annual Christmas tree collec- versary reunion July 14 at the Tuesday through Feb. 6 in the **Banks Student Life Center's** Kennedy Lounge on campus. The Choral Society is one of Northeastern Pennsylvania's premiere arts organizations. It is comprised of students and faculty of the college and members of

the community of all ages. The organization welcomes new singers with music-reading

ability and a dedication. New singers may register for an audition by attending any of the first four rehearsals, beginning Jan. 16. In the spring, the Choral Society will be performing music on the themes of peace, love, and joy, including music by Mendelssohn, Bach, Randall Thompson, and Daniel Pinkham.

For more information, call John Curtis, director of choral activities and the Fine Arts Program at College Misericordia, at 674-6739 or e-mail jcurtis@misericordia.edu.

Christmas tree collection program

tion program from 7 a.m. to 3

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 Kingston Township is holding of 1982 will hold its 25th anni-Irem Temple Country Club pavilion. Any class member who has a question or comment should contact Holly Daubert at 675-1714.

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 individu-

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. Memberships cost \$8, but larger donations are accepted.

Each year, the Auxiliary donates thousands of hours of volunteer service at the center and donates funds for special projects, activities and equip-

Taxpayer assistance offered in Kingston Twp.

Residents of Kingston Town-

p.m. through Jan. 26. There will be no collection 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 Library selling

ment. Last year, the organization provided more than \$14,000 in goods and services to the residents.

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

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chardson was absent.

Matiska says she's torn between two of the three options building a new high school near the football stadium and renovating the existing high school. Location, she says, is the biggest factor.

"The reason I like those two options is the school's proximity to the (football) field," she said. "I think it's important to have the kids going to school near the field. But everything is preliminay and I'm going to keep an open mind. I can honestly say I'm open to what is best for the students at Dallas."

With all four of its schools on the same 100-acre campus, traffic is a big concern, says Matiska.

"It's a disaster up there right now," said the board president. "One thing about (the option to build a new high school near the football field) is the access road that comes off Hildebrandt Road. If that can be used, it can take of load off the traffic (on Conyngham Road). We need to do something. I've always wanted a third lane on Conyngham Road. That way, two lanes could be coming in at the beginning of the day and two lanes would be going out at the end of the day."

All money raised by the tax increase – approximately \$500,000 next year, according to business manager Grant Palfey - will be used for the construction costs.

The increase of 9 mills would bring the total increase to 29 mills over the last two years. Last June, the board approved a 22mill increase for the 2006-07 budget. The total out-of-pocket increase to the average property owner is expected to be \$175.

If given final approval later this year, the 9-mill increase would actually exceed a new state limit on tax hikes. Under "Act 1" passed last year, if a proposed tax hike exceeds an amount calculated by the state, the board must get voter approval for the increase.

Matiska doesn't see that as a problem.

"I have a lot of faith in people of the Dallas School District," she said. "Millage increases are always difficult. My kids work hard to be able to afford to live in Dallas School District. But if we need an increase to build a new high school and to fix Dallas Elementary-I'm afraid of a strong wind-I would ask the people if they are willing to put that money toward our kids future. I would vote to put that on the ballot."

While Matiska would like to see construction get started as quickly as possible, Gochoel says it might be that easy.

We have to set deadlines," he said. "We didn't do a good job of that for the last few years. I realize there's a time (issue). You don't want to keep looking at the project and keep dragging things out. But you also you don't want to a make quick decision you'll regret in the future. That's the challenge."



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