

CIVIC BRIEFS

Dallas residents offered tax assistance

A representative from Berkheimer Associates will be available from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, March 5 at the Dallas Borough municipal building to offer residents of the borough assistance in filing their 2006 local municipal and Dallas School District tax returns. The building is located at 25 Main Street. The representative will be available to answer questions pertaining to local earned income taxes only. For more information, call the borough administrative office at 675-1389.

Odd Fellows to hold breakfast

The Oneida Lodge 371 Independent Order of Odd Fellows will hold an old-fashioned breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday March 10 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Route 118 in Dallas Township. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. The public is welcome and the building is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 675-1006.

Lions Club sets Nite at Races

The Harveys Lake Lions Club will hold its annual Nite at the Races on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Harveys Lake American Legion. The doors open at 7 p.m. and post time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or from any club member. For more information, call Tom Shina at 639-5551.

Alzheimer's group sets monthly meeting

The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas. The facility is located at 55 W. Center Hill Road. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Zen meditation class being held Feb. 27

An introduction to Zen meditation class will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27 at the Mercy Center on the campus of College Misericordia. The class includes an explanation of Zen meditation and a short practice and time for questions. Pre-registration is required and may be made by calling Sr. Barbara Craig at 675-1872 or Gail Shemo at

696-1238. A free will offering will be taken.

Author luncheon to be held April 26

The Friends of the Back Mountain Memorial Library will hold its annual Luncheon With a Special Author on Thursday, April 26 at Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate in Dallas. This year's guest author will be Barbara Goldstein Kline, author of "White House Nannies." Additional details, including time and ticket information, will appear in a future edition of The Dallas Post.

Health fair being held March 22

CURA Hospitality will host a health fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 22 in the lobby of the Meadows Nursing Center, 55 W. Center Hill Road in Dallas. There will be various health booths, brochures, samples, blood pressure screenings, and other services. There is no admission charge. A nutritious lunch will be available for purchase.

The Meadows is offering health-related businesses space at the health fair for no charge. Businesses interested must respond no later than Feb. 8 by calling Rebecca Barna at 675-8600, ext. 189.

Class reunion set for July

The Wyoming Valley West Class of 1977 will hold its 30th anniversary reunion Friday, July 6 at Appletree Terrace, Newberry Estate in Dallas. Many of the class members reside in the Back Mountain. For more information, contact Dallas resident Katie Scouton Youells at ktyou@aol.com; Les Nicholas at NickJoJo@epix.net or Doug Roberts at Dougli- ves@hotmail.com.

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

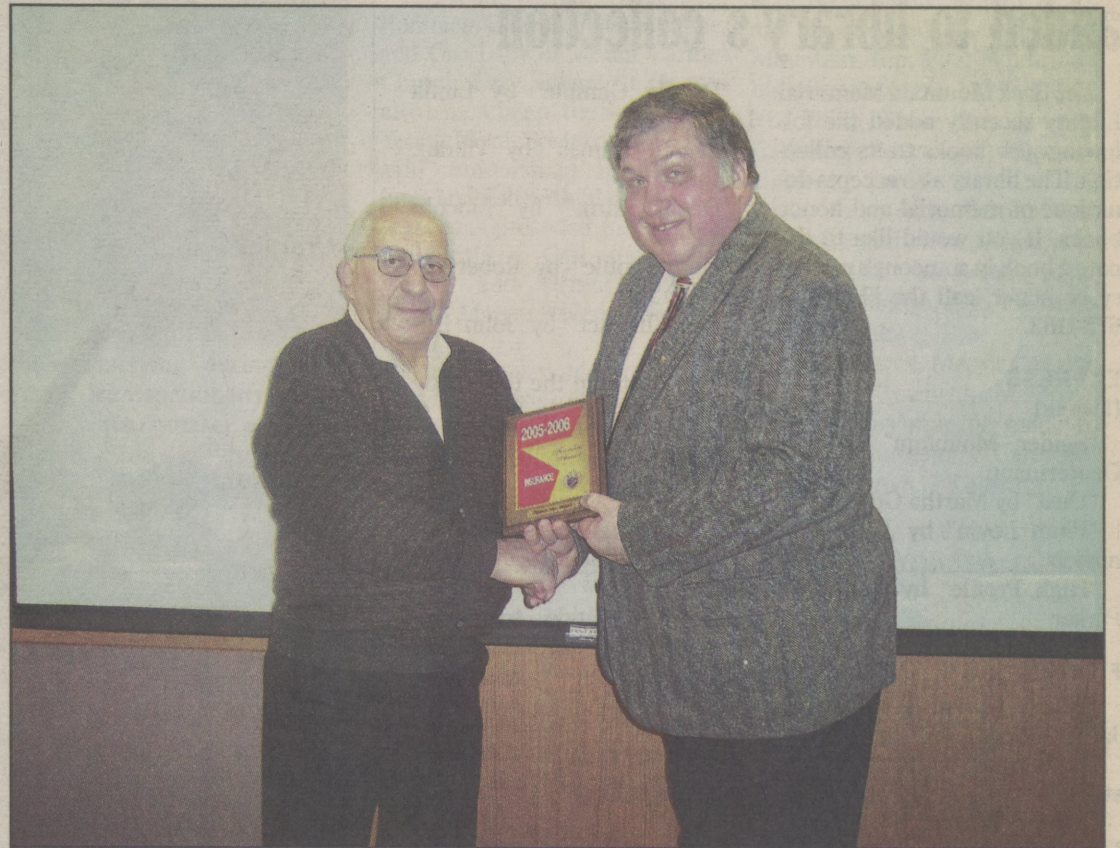
Each year, the Auxiliary donates thousands of hours of volunteer service at the center and donates funds for special projects, activities and equipment. Last year, the organization provided more than \$14,000 in goods and services to the residents.

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

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.

DALLAS K OF C RECEIVES AWARD



The Dallas Council of the Knights of Columbus received the Founders Award for exceeding levels of new insurance growth set forth by the Knights of Columbus Supreme in New Haven, Conn. The insurance program was established by the Knights of Columbus as a way to promote financial family security after the demise of the principal financial provider. Dallas Grand Knight Jack Cacoza, left, receives the award from insurance agent Glen Yanik.

Dallas continues look into insurance options

DALLAS TWP. - The Dallas School Board will continue "vigorously researching" health insurance options, ignoring a Feb. 15 deadline set by the Northeast Pennsylvania School Districts Trust for a final decision about staying in the trust or getting out. The school board voted last week to send a letter to the trust saying it has the right to wait until June 30.

The trust was formed in 1999 by 13 local districts to lower health insurance costs. Last year, 10 districts sent written notification to the trust that they were considering withdrawing. The trust requires such notice one year before a district withdraws.

But trust executive director Andrew Marko sent letters asking those 10 districts to decide by Dec. 31. That deadline was

extended to Feb. 15, with some trust board members suggesting that, if no answer came by then, the trust should assume the district will withdraw.

Six other school districts in Luzerne County decided to stay in, but as of Monday afternoon, four had not responded to Marko's letters: Dallas, Pittston Area, Northwest Area and Greater Nanticoke Area.

The Dallas School Board voted to send a letter to Marko, essentially saying it would ignore the Feb. 15 deadline. The letter said the district would notify the trust "as soon as is reasonably possible of our intent to remain or withdraw."

On Tuesday, Marko said the Feb. 15 deadline was not absolute, but had been chosen because school boards, by state law, must approve a preliminary budget by then. Since that

budget would include health insurance costs, it seemed reasonable to assume districts would decide by then whether they were staying in the trust.

In fact, the trust had calculated next year's insurance premiums early enough for districts to include those numbers in their preliminary budgets, Marko said.

While the trust rules give the four districts until June 30 to decide whether they are staying, Marko said the longer they wait, the harder it is for the trust to do its job, mostly because the trust works with other insurance vendors who want to know how many people are being covered.

Still, he added, the trust can wait until June if necessary, and "my overall sense is that they will let us know before then."



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