



Lake-Lehman High School senior Richard Urban presents diagrams of a battlefield for his presentation of Gen. Caldwell in the Wheatfield to a Civil War Round Table group.

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L-L senior is Civil War buff

Richard Urban, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School and a member of the Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table (WVCWRT), recently presented a program on "Caldwell's Division in the Wheatfield" to the Round Table at the Daddow Isaacs American Legion.

Urban has been accepted by Wilkes University and was awarded a scholarship from the Civil War Institute. He attended a week-long seminar at Gettysburg College this year where many notable historians lectured.

Urban has been an active and contributing member of the WVCWRT for several



Richard Urban addresses a Civil War Round Table audience about the adventures of Gen. Caldwell in the Wheatfield.

years and is very knowledgeable on the subject.

He has authored a book titled, "The Bravest of the

Brave, Pennsylvania's Civil War Generals" and has also had a Civil War article published in a magazine.

Brutko supports Dallas Rec Center

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Brutko, who currently resides in Lebanon, is a district manager for Verizon Wireless. He and his wife, the former Kelly Lapinski, have two children, Emily Reagan, 6, and Zachary Taylor, 4.

A 1990 graduate of Dallas High School, Brutko has come to view the two years he spent as a counselor at the Dallas Rec Center as very special years, having met one of his closest friends, Chris Hardik, there.

He admits that, since his children were born, he has spent a lot of time looking back at his own life.

"Kelly and I have been very fortunate over the 10 years we've been married," said Brutko, son of Jean Brutko, of Dallas. "Verizon Wireless has been better to me than I deserve and Kelly is able to work three days a week as a physical therapist which allows both of us plenty of quality time with our children.

"We have made a very conscious effort towards teaching



Barry Brutko, second from right, a former Dallas Borough Recreation counselor, recently made a donation to the borough's recreation program which allowed for the purchase of two new soccer goals and other items. Shown with Brutko are, from left, Patricia Peiffer, Dallas Borough Council president; Russ Eyet, recreation program director; and Timothy Carroll, mayor.

our children the importance of giving back," he added. "It's a hard lesson to learn but we are making quick progress."

Citing his grandfather, Cyril Good, and his stepfather, Craig Tupper, both of Dallas, as being highly influential in his life, Brutko proudly looks back on two lemonade sales his daughter conducted this past summer. Proceeds from the first one, all of \$20, went to the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey.

Her second sale resulted in a profit of \$6.75 and she made the decision on her own to donate the money to the family's church.

"The people of Dallas Borough are very fortunate to have a place like the Rec Center," Brutko said. "It's a place that allows kids to be kids. You can form friendships that last a lifetime and, someday, the next generation will have its opportunity to give back."

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