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The parking lot next to Dallas Center Hardware will be the site of a Father's Day service celebrated by the Dallas Methodist Church. From left, are the Rev. Earl Roberts, pastor, Dallas Methodist Church; and store owners Michele and Gerard Geise.

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quired the back lot three years ago.

"We're Christians so anything we can do for a church or help to

that cause, we're happy to do," he said.

The Rev. Roberts says the church is working on getting a tent for the event.

He encourages people to bring lawn chairs.

The women of the congregation will hold a breakfast for the men back at the church following

the service.

"This is not a stunt," said the Rev. Roberts. "This is a witness to Christ and our faith and an invitation for people to join us. I'm very proud of my congregation for being willing to try it."

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PRATER

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As for the possibility of a member of the fourth generation of Praters becoming valedictorian, John F. Prater does not rule it out.

"I'll teach them all the study habits and everything," he said of his future children. "Whatever I learned from my dad I'll try to teach it to my son. He taught me to always do your best on tests and to really study hard and do all your homework."

A touch of Italy

Tommaso Bertocco wasn't exactly a typical senior at Dallas, but he sure was one of the more popular ones.

The 18-year-old spent the year at Dallas as a foreign exchange student. Bertocco is from Correggio, Italy, a small town in the northern part of the country.

Bertocco began his 11-month stay at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind. where he studied American culture for one month. In August, he moved in with Dante and Janine Molino, of Dallas, and their two sons, DJ, 21, and Dom, 18. Dom Molino was also a senior at Dallas this year.

"I had a lot of fun here because being a foreigner, everyone wants to meet the foreign kid," Bertocco said. "Especially the girls," he laughed.

Bertocco says he first started thinking of being a foreign exchange student when he was in

middle school. He spent two weeks in Cambridge, England and two weeks in Dublin, Ireland prior to coming to the United States as part of an 11-month program. He spent his first month with other foreign exchange students at Notre Dame University to study aspects of American life such as culture and politics.

But getting acclimated to American life did not happen overnight for Bertocco. He recalls the less than desirable reactions he received to his fashion when he came to the country.

"When I first got here and I was wearing skinny jeans, people were looking at me like, 'What are you nuts?'" Bertocco said.

Another difference was seeing classmates drive because you have to be 18 years old before you can have a driver's license in Italy. Bertocco isn't used to jumping in a car with his friends and going to several different places in one day. Instead, he rides his bicycle to all of the places he needs to go and says it's common for Italian teenagers to drive mopeds around town, although his parents wouldn't allow him to do that.

"My dad is an anesthesiologist and he used to see a lot of kids crashing and he didn't want me to," Bertocco said.

Bertocco says there were also many differences between his high school in Italy, Liceo R. Corso, and Dallas, including the length of the school day. In Italy, he would go to school from 8 a.m.

to 12:15 or 1 p.m. At Dallas, his school day did not finish until almost 3 p.m.

"Here, you can almost do everything in school," Bertocco said. "There, it's more like university where you study more on your own and you have to buy books so you can write in them."

In Italy, students must also complete a fifth year of high school, which Bertocco will do next year. In order to graduate, he will have to take a cumulative final consisting of information from his third, fourth and fifth years in high school. Bertocco also says he and his Italian classmates will not wear caps and gowns.

Bertocco will miss the people and fun relationships with teachers at Dallas the most.

"I did well so that's even more fun," he said about often getting 100s on tests at Dallas when he scored that high only once in Italy.

Bertocco will return home on June 18 to family members, who are having a huge party for him. He will "chill out" for a few weeks before studying subjects, such as Latin, that he did not have at Dallas such. He will return to his native school in September.

"I know myself better," Bertocco said of how his experience in America has changed him. "I travel alone. Sometimes you have to get out on your own."

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GATE OF HEAVEN BAZAAR RUNS JUNE 25-27



The Annual Gate of Heaven Parish Bazaar will be held from 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, June 25, and Friday, June 26, and from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, at the church, 40 Machell Ave., Dallas. The bazaar will feature games, prizes, children's activities, cash bingo, themed baskets, Aunt Sally's Boutique, The Book Nook, homemade foods and baked goods, a gourmet coffee cafe and plenty of live entertainment. Chairpersons of the event are, from left, Angie Murray, Maureen Leahigh, Fr. Kevin Mulhern, pastor; Tim Rismondo, Marilyn O'Connell, Fran Rismondo, Bette Gillespie, Phil Conrad, Gus Panagakos, Bob Allardyce and co-chair Bill Martin.

Camille Valvano is scholarship winner

Camille Valvano, of Dallas, was recently awarded the Fifth Annual PATS Northeast Pennsylvania Athletic Training 5K Run/1 Mile Walk Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.

She is the first King's College student to win the scholarship in the event's five-year history.

The scholarship is awarded to a student who has shown significant initiative and service in promoting the athletic training profession and has demonstrated academic excellence.

Valvano is a member of the Iota Tau Alpha Athletic Training Education Honor Society and a Dean's List student.

Her case study, titled "Partial Tear of the Latissimus Dorsi from the Costal Origin in a Collegiate Football Player," won the Best Undergraduate Poster at the Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Conven-



tion. King's College Associate Clinical Professor of Sports Medicine Gregory Janik, left, presents the Fifth Annual PATS Northeast Pennsylvania Athletic Training 5K Run/1 Mile Walk Scholarship to Camille Valvano, of Dallas.

Valvano will pursue a master's of science degree in athletic training at the University of South Carolina where she has received a full scholarship.

ORDINANCE

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palities to reduce energy costs through efficiency improvements contingent upon action by the Back Mountain Community Partnership.

The township's dollar value in the grant would be \$195,000. If the grant is applied for through the partnership, the township will be required to match the amount by 10 percent. If the partnership decides not to apply for

the grant and the township applies on its own, they be required to match the amount by 25 percent.

New equipment for police

Approval was granted by the supervisors for the purchase and installation of three additional video cameras and one audio connection in the police department in the amount of \$2,525.

Nuisance vehicle ordinance

The supervisors authorized township solicitor Ben Jones and township manager Kathleen Sebastian to draft amendments

to the nuisance vehicle ordinance.

Letter of credit reduction

The supervisors approved a request by Slocum Estates subdivision for a reduction of the overall amount of irrevocable letter of credit established per Borton-Lawson's recommendations in the amount of \$476,946.44. A balance of \$234,790 remains to cover the cost of incomplete work including a 10 percent contingency cost.

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BRIEFS

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Club is a United States Diving Club for experienced divers and those new to the sport of competitive diving. All insurances are provided through team membership.

Contact Coach Kimberly Kuzma at kkuzma@dallasd.com for more information.

Mountaineer Aquatic Club

Mountaineer Aquatic Club is an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) affiliated and insured team for committed

athletes of any age. MTAC is part of a competitive swimming league.

Insurances are provided through team membership. The program runs June 15 through August 7.

Contact Coach Matthew Stretanski at mstretanski@dallasd.com for more information.

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