

Student art exhibit is open to public Thanksgiving week

The 36th Annual Student Art Exhibit will be held during Thanksgiving Week at Sue Hand's Imagery, 35 Main St., Dallas.

Artworks on display include impressionistic and realistic works in all fine art drawing and painting media. Landscapes, seascapes, still lifes, portraits and figures, animals and floral compositions will be exhibited.

Students range in age from 5 to over 85.

Award-winning artist and teacher Sue Hand will be present during the exhibit to welcome visitors and answer questions about the artwork. She invites visitors to watch while she draws and paints on her own current projects.

The public is invited to view the exhibit from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov. 23; from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25 and from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26.

For more information, call 675-5094.

Some of the students who will exhibit their art work during the 36th Annual Student Art Exhibit at Sue Hand's Imagery are, from left, Kelsey Smith, Kyle Gargloski, Gwyn Cruz, Sarah Gurzynski and Kyle Gurzynski.



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After making extensive cuts and increasing program fees last year, Reino said the board had its hands tied in preparation for the 2012 fiscal year.

The major decision came down to increasing taxes or cutting personnel, and he said the latter would hurt the township more than help its financial situation.

"Nobody wants to do this," said Box. "This is extremely painful. I can say that in my 20 years of history with the township, the financial situation here is the worst I've ever seen."

Reino also said the tax increases still won't cover the cost of "badly needed" paving projects in the township.

"This is a bare-bones in-

crease," he said.

In other news, the board...

- Approved the \$2 million capital improvement program. Sebastian said it's a township "wish list," scheduling the replacement of items over the next five years. If the township does not have the funds to complete those tasks, items cannot be purchased or repaired.

- Appointed Don Wilkinson Agency to collect the local service tax at a rate of 1.485 percent.

- Increased the state Department of Transportation's share of the East Center Street bridge project from \$1,294,400 to \$1,326,400.

- Approved sponsorship of The Rock Rec Center's grant application to construct multi-purpose recreational fields in the township.

- The next supervisors' meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 in the municipal building.

Legion essay contest begins

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 is conducting its annual essay contest.

This year's topic is "Should America's Electoral Process Be Changed?" Since the current Pennsylvania House and Senate are discussing a change in this process for Pennsylvania, it is an issue being addressed.

Any student enrolled in grades 9-12 in a public, private or parochial school, or who is home-schooled is eligible to participate. All essays must be no less than 500 words or more than 1,000 words.

Prize money is awarded and the first-place winner will be awarded a \$3,500 Scholarship by the Pennsylvania State American Legion.

Information can be obtained at the various schools or by contacting Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488.

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er and state Rep. Karen Bo-back.

Resident Jane Tolomello said opposing the proposed law on a local level is not enough.

"You have to remember that this petition is going to be growing and it's in municipalities not only in this area but all throughout Pennsylvania," she said.

This year the township has dealt with two natural gas companies, Chief Gathering LLC and Williams Field Services LLC, to ensure local zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances applied to the companies' plans for natural gas development in the township.

Tolomello said if this legislation passes, all of that work would go to waste at the taxpayers' expense.

Walter said if board members receive a copy of the petition, they will consider signing it.

Supervisor Frank Wagner also took a moment to congratulate resident Liz Martin for winning a seat on the board in this year's general election.

"You got a long road to travel," he said to Martin. "...It's a tough road to go."

He also wanted to thank Howell, who will step down in January, for his more than 50 years of service on the board and sound financial planning that has always left the township budget "in the black."

"I think it's something to really be proud of," Walter said.

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Barre," she said.

She said the population within the Dallas and Lake-Lehman school districts' territories now rivals that of Wilkes-Barre, and the number and type of businesses in the region could benefit from this synergistic type of organization.

"We'll also offer a way for businesses to be recognized and to

recognize the key people in those businesses," she said. "You know, people do great things in the Back Mountain and when you're recognized for that, it encourages more people to do great things, and a chamber of commerce is a vehicle for doing that."

Banta said the chamber will work alongside other local busi-

ness groups, such as the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, rather than compete with them.

"We're not interested in being a bedroom community," she said. "We need to have a thriving business community of our own."

Banta said the chamber aims to expand its membership to home-based businesses and non-profit agencies, which is atypical of business organizations.

"We believe part of the mission is to preserve this great place we live in," said Banta.

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Fundraising scheme victims

Galicki announced those who were affected by the PSAT fundraising scheme headed by former guidance counselor John Wolensky may apply for reimbursement until the end of this year.

Wolensky pocketed money from a fundraiser conducted from 1997 to 2008 in which students were overcharged as much as \$15 for a practice SAT test. He also took money from student meal accounts and football helmet funds.

Wolensky pleaded guilty to a theft charge in February 2009 and was sentenced to two years probation. He admitted to taking \$24,683 and was ordered to pay restitution to the district for the misappropriated funds, but a report released last year from the state auditor general's office contended Wolensky may have taken more than double that amount.

The money Wolensky paid back to the district was placed in an escrow account, and any

unclaimed funds will be used to aid students who cannot afford to pay for certain tests.

To make a claim, visit the Dallas School District website at www.dallassd.com.

Ted Jackson Jr. resigns

The board unanimously accepted the resignation of Ted Jackson Jr. as head boys basketball coach.

Board President Bruce Goeringer said Jackson handed in his resignation on Saturday. As a basketball coach, he earned a stipend of \$6,235. The season was set to start at the end of last week.

Jackson also serves as assistant football coach under his father, Ted Jackson Sr. Jackson Jr. was suspended a week before the Oct. 22 game against Pocono Mountain East for "unsportsmanlike conduct penalties" in prior games.

Galicki couldn't comment on whether Jackson Jr. will stay on as assistant football coach. Goeringer and Galicki declined to comment on whether the

suspension was related to the resignation or if Jackson Jr. was forced to resign.

The basketball coaching position will be advertised and filed as soon as possible. Junior high, freshman and junior varsity coaches will lead practices until then.

Jackson Jr. was the boys' basketball coach for seven seasons.

In other news, the board...

- Discussed athletic field completion with Bob Nesbit of Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates on the new high school portion of the campus. Most fields will not be complete until next fall.

- Heard a presentation on two student attendees of the National Young Leaders Forum on Medicine in Philadelphia. The board contributed to the two students' trips last year, which examined what it takes to be a medical doctor.

- Honored the leaving members of the board Russell Bigus, Dennis Gochoel and Gary Mathers, and acknowledged new board members Colleen Slocum, Larry Schuler and Fred Parry.

- Approved the following maintenance department transfers: Molly Cobleigh to housekeeper at a rate of \$12.33 per



Barbara Mikielski, left, of Lehman, Rose Weaver, center, of Swoyersville, and Mary Dysleski, of Kingston Twp., admire holiday baskets.

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Crafts, usually sold well at the summer festival but scheduled attendance at other shows earlier in the year helped the company turn out its greatest profit in six years.

"We've been going to more and bigger shows," she said.

Winter is grateful for the community's support and the weather's cooperation that made the Homespun Holidays event a success.

"It could have been worse," she said. "We could have had it last weekend in the snow storm."



Diane Smiles, of Wyoming, likes the homemade Christmas ornaments she found at the holiday fair.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

HAY	CUSS	MEOW
AGO	AGUE	OREO
NAY	THEME	PARK
GROAN	IMP	
TAWA	SEDAN	
BALLPARK	TACO	
AHA	SLING	NEO
BASK	DEER	PARK
ABHOR	SWAT	
WAS	CADET	
SOUTHPARK	USA	
AUTO	EVIL	APT
CREW	CEDE	LYE

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Super Crossword — Answers

BIPOD	KAYAK	CAP	SEW
ARARAT	CELEERY	OWE	ANA
CARD	CABINET	FOLDER	MRI
HEE	HULTA	STIGAS	STOOL
MATA	PIASTOR	ORIAL	
OMAR	SHEILA	EBONY	
VICTIM	ARDOR	LAP	RNA
ENG	QUARANT	TIEBA	ORIAN
REG	STAPH	VIE	RAPID
TOM	TAE	OKRA	MISERY
PELE	RADIANT	AMEN	
BELAJR	HEMP	HAD	STEM
OPTUM	ANA	TERRA	ARE
BOSS	BIKE	BLAZER	MIX
NRA			
OSH	KID	ALONE	DIAGON
FRENZ	HONEST	PELT	
AREIA	CARPET	HOST	
EPHEMERAL	MAGI	OLA	
THY	MAITRE	SAWLETT	
TIM	EVA	UNEVEN	EGGIST
AIDE	DEL	MENSA	ELISES

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