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Remembering those who fought for freedom

DHS Leadership in Civics group unveils military honor wall during July 3 ceremony.

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The Dallas High School Student Leadership in Civics group unveiled its most recent project - a military honor wall - at a dedication ceremony on July 3 at the high school.

The honor wall features two plaques with name plates - one for Dallas-area military personnel who have earned the Purple Heart and one for families of service men and women who have received the Gold Star.

The area, located near the school's front office, also features a plaque of the United States seal and plaques featuring the emblems of each faction of the U.S. Military - Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

Club president Marcus Wagner, 18, of Shavertown, said the project is the first of its kind for the club. The group organizes the school's annual Veterans Day program and volunteers with local veterans throughout the year.

The project was created in conjunction with the Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group. Former Student Leadership in Civics Vice President Aaron Weir said he worked as a liaison between the men's group, the civics club and the school board to make the project a reality.

"The spot we chose for the wall was the most centrally-located area where it stands out the best," said Weir.

Funding for the project was provided by the Back Mountain Men's Ecumenical Group through the First Lt. Michael Cleary Memorial Fund associated with the Luzerne Foundation.

Retired U.S. Air Force Col. John Brougher said the group could find only one person from the Dallas area who met the criteria for the wall so far - First Lt. Michael Cleary.

Cleary, a 1999 graduate of Dallas High School, was killed in action in December 2005 while serving in Iraq.

Brougher said several other names have been discovered since the criteria has been expanded to include military personnel since World War II, but he



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Retired U.S. Air Force Col. John Brougher, right, of Dallas, describes the conceptual design of the Wall of Honor as former Dallas Student Leadership in Civics Club Vice President Aaron Weir looks on at a ceremony to honor Dallas graduates who received the Purple Heart and/or Gold Star.



Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Rev. Dr. William Lewis, of Dallas, describes the symbolism and branches of service shown by the Wall of Honor.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the U.S. military honor wall at Dallas High School or to be included on the wall, contact the Student Leadership in Civics club by e-mailing slc@dallasd.com or by calling the high school at 570-675-5201.

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Dallas School District Superintendent Frank Galicki, right, and Rev. Dr. William Lewis, of Dallas, unveil the Wall of Honor at Dallas High School.

Last chance for bidding



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Setting up the Nearly Olde booth for the 66th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Auction are Madie Grant, left, Catherine Falzone, center, and Mary Lou Grant.

66th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction comes to an end tonight.

The 66th Annual Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction comes to an end tonight when local artist Sue Hand's painting of the auction grounds goes across the auction block. In years past, Hand's painting has garnered thousands of dollars for the library. There's still time to grab an auction item as bidding starts at 6 p.m. and plenty of time to stroll the grounds, eating your way from one end to the other, all the while finding bargains in the Plant Booth, the Odds and Ends Booth and in the Book Booth.



Volunteer Becky Kosierowski, of Wyoming, helps set up a children's toy corner in the Odds and Ends booth and has some fun in the process signaling the beginning of the annual four-day Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.



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Ellen Crispell, of Dallas, buys Amish specialties from Sarah Yoder, Turbottsville, at a previous Back Mountain Memorial Library Farmers' Market.

Farmers' market starts July 14

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After the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction, there are still opportunities to meet and mingle with old and new faces at the library.

The Back Mountain Memorial Library Farmers' Market opens at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 14 and organizer Bill Grant said it's astounding to see friends and neighbors reconnect at this annual event.

"It's a community event," said Grant, who's been running the market for the last three years. "Most of the vendors are from the Back Mountain or the general area, and most people see friends and neighbors while

they're here. It's also a social event." Vendors pay to rent spaces at the market, which benefits the library.

Vendors this year range from old standbys like Diamond's Farms and Brace's Orchard to a few new faces like an ice shaving stand and a woman who sells "fancy cupcakes."

"We have a few spaces this year called flex spaces where some vendors can't be there

the whole 13 weeks but can only be there three or four or five weeks," said Grant.

The flex spaces will keep

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