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Reservations still open for Lemmond award event

It's not too late to make a reservation for the Charles D. Lemmond Jr. Community Spirit Award reception.

The reception, which will honor David and Judy Rimple as recipients of the first-ever award established by The Dallas Post, will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18 at Lemmond Theater on the campus of Misericordia University.

The awards reception is free and open to the public; however, reservations are necessary and will be made on a first-come/first-served basis.

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The award is named after the former senator who passed away in 2012 and is designed to recognize a resident of the Back Mountain for his or her leadership and advancement of community spirit.

The award honors those who endeavor to improve the lives of Back Mountain residents through outstanding community service, public service or philanthropy and embody Senator Lemmond's commitment to doing the right thing, in the right way, for the right reason.

The Rimples started the development of the Back Mountain Trail on the old Lehigh Valley Railroad bed. The trail, being developed for over a decade, connects Luzerne Borough with Dallas Township.

A free will donation will be taken at the awards reception to benefit the Back Mountain Trail.



Lake-Lehman's AJ Antonitis shows his emotions about graduating.

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POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE

Members of the Class of 2013 from both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools received their diplomas during commencement exercises on Friday, June 7. Lake-Lehman celebrated its 55th annual commencement while Dallas held its 52nd annual commencement.

Stories and more photos inside.



Dallas High School co-valedictorian Megan Fleming gives her commencement address.

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DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board OKs budget that hikes taxes

By SUSAN DENNEY
Dallas Post Correspondent

Dallas School Board officially raised taxes at its June meeting. The final budget of \$33,599,574 represents no changes from the May proposed budget. The 2% tax rise represents the index allowed by the state of Pennsylvania and adds an additional \$38 to an average tax bill of \$800.

The district did not apply for any exceptions to raise taxes over the index.

Board member Maureen Matiska, who also voted against the proposed final budget in May, was the only board member to vote against the budget. She said after the meeting that the budget does not meet her approval because it does not put money aside for the elementary school.

The board voted to refund its bond debt, a move that, according to district business manager Grant Palfrey, will save the district over \$448,000.

Cyber school will now be the only option for summer school in the Dallas School District. High school teacher Jennifer Lamoreaux and Vice Principal Brian Bradshaw outlined the new summer school program.

Lamoreaux said summer school will not be used for acceleration but will be offered to students who have lost credit in one or more classes.

According to Bradshaw, packets have been sent to students recommended by counselors for remediation. The cost of the program will be \$100 for one-half credit and \$200 for a full credit. Arrangements for lending laptops can be made for those students who do not have a home computer.

Lamoreaux and Bradshaw also gave a presentation to the Dallas School Board about the district's first year of cyber school. They said the district saved \$108,000 in fees which would have gone to charter schools and the program also experienced student success and increased graduation rates.

Lamoreaux told the board that four students who had planned to drop out were able to graduate with their class this year because of the cyber program.

In all, eight seniors used the cyber school this year to help them earn enough credits to graduate. The program provided services to 17 students full-time and 29 students part-time.

The board voted to continue to partner with the Seneca Valley School District for cyber school programs, approving a three-year contract from 2013-14 to 2015-2016.

The cyber school program will expand next year in the district and Dallas teachers will

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Paige Selenski's playing days aren't over yet

Former DHS field hockey player graduated from University of Virginia and earned spot on 30-player United States Women's National Squad

By TOM ROBINSON
For The Dallas Post

Paige Selenski has been to the world's premier event in amateur athletics.

The Dallas High School graduate returned from the London 2012 Olympic Games to complete one of the most successful field hockey careers in Atlantic Coast Conference history.

Selenski is done with her time at the University of Virginia, but there is no reason to think her playing days are over.

Last month, Selenski both graduated from Virginia and earned a spot on the latest

30-player United States Women's National Squad.

"I'm just going to take it slow right now," said Selenski, who made the team through the Women's National Championships at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va. "Right now, my heart is still in field hockey and playing the game."

It's a bit early in the process to determine whether Selenski, who will be 23 later this month, has another Olympics appearance in her future. She is motivated by another major international event.

"Four years is a long time," Selenski said. "I think for most hockey players, the World Cup kind of splits it up."

"There are two years between the Olympics and the World Cup. Everybody I play with wants to play in a World Cup, as well."

That gives Selenski a target

on the playing field for 2014 at a time in her life when she is also preparing for the next step elsewhere.

"That's something I've been trying to figure out for a while," said Selenski, a speedy forward who finished her career at Virginia as the eighth-leading scorer in NCAA Division I history, a four-time All-American and the 2012 ACC Player of the Year after redshirting in 2011 to concentrate on national team play. "Just graduating from a great university obviously opens up a lot of opportunities."

Selenski, who earned a degree in English, said other life decisions will have to be made as they come up. For now, she is looking forward to moving back to Pennsylvania with the national team when USA Field Hockey moves its headquarters to Lancaster this summer.

Last summer ended with



Paige Selenski and her U.S. Olympic field hockey teammates go up against Argentina in the 2012 London Games.

Selenski scoring a goal in the Olympics. She had the only score for the United States in a 2-1 loss to Belgium in the final game, which determined 11th and 12th place in the 12-team field.

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Paige Selenski plays in a game in Virginia Beach prior to the 2012 Olympic Games.

