

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Schuler will lead Dallas School Board

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After the swearing-in of school board members on Dec. 2, Larry Schuler was elected as president of the Dallas School Board at the board's Dec. 2 reorganization meeting.

Magistrate James Tupper swore in Sherri Newell, Charles Preece and Karen Kyle as members of the board. Jeff Thomas was absent and will be sworn in next Monday night.

The board also elected Catherine Wega as vice-president, Nancy Merihew as

secretary and Sherri Newell as assistant secretary.

Colleen Slocum was elected as representative to the West Side Area Vocational-Technical board.

First and second Mondays were selected as the board's meeting times. July will have only one meeting on July 14

and September meetings will be held on Sept. 8 and Sept. 15 to avoid a conflict with Labor Day.

Sherri Newell was appointed representative to the Parent Advisory Council and Charles Preece was named representative to the Back Mountain Library

Board.

At the end of the meeting, Schuler expressed appreciation for his new position, saying, "Sometimes we have difficult times. We are very respectful of other people's opinions and ideas expressed here. We all agree to disagree at times." But

he added that "the boys and girls of the Dallas School district are our number one priority."

Newell was recently elected to the board after being appointed to fill Dr. Richard Coslett's term a few months ago. After the meeting, she was asked why

she sought a position on the board.

"I have children in the school district," adding that she had served on numerous boards in the community. She said her experience with the school board gave her insight. "Now I understand how decisions are made."

## Boback announces outreach hours

Rep. Karen Boback has announced her legislative and veterans outreach hours for the month of December.

U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta hosts a monthly casework day at Boback's district offices in Dallas, located at the Twin Stacks Center, 1108 Twin Stacks Drive, and Tunkhannock, 608 Hunter Highway, Suite 110.

Patrick Rogan, a case-worker for Barletta, will be available from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, Dec. 9 at Boback's Dallas office and then from 1 to 3 p.m. at her Tunkhannock office. He will help constituents having problems with federal agencies and programs, and constituents are encouraged to bring documents they have received from federal agencies related to their issues.

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Mobile Veterans Center will visit the Dallas Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. Appointments for the mobile center can be made by contacting 570-344-2676.

Some of the services provided at the center for veterans and their dependents include individual, group, family and bereavement counseling, medical referrals, assistance in applying for Veterans Affairs benefits, employment counseling, guidance and referrals, and alcohol and drug assessments.

Boback will host her veterans' assistance hours at her Dallas district office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

In observance of Christmas and the New Year holiday, Boback's district offices will close at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Dec. 26. The offices will close at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and remain closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

## Experience Christmas 1863 at Swetland Homestead

Christmas Candlelight Tours of the historic Swetland Homestead, 885 Wyoming Ave., Wyoming will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. today, Dec. 8.

Costumed interpreters, including members of the 143rd PA Volunteer Infantry, will recreate a Civil War Christmas, welcoming guests to the home at Christmas time, 1863.

Experience Christmas of 150 years ago as you tour the kitchen where food is being prepared in the open hearth, the dining room decked out for a feast, the parlor where the tree is being decorated while the women try not to

talk about the war and the upstairs bedroom where it is still a child's Christmas.

Guests will learn about the events, Christmas traditions and decorations of the time and enjoy refreshments and Christmas music at this special event sponsored by Michael Valenti's Restaurant.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Children under 5 years of age are admitted free and members of the Luzerne County Historical Society receive \$1 off admission. For additional information or to arrange a group tour, contact the Historical Society at 570 823-6244, ext. 3.



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Spril nafus, of Tunkhannock and Mackenzie Salmonsens, of Kingston, decorate the Christmas tree at the Swetland Homestead.

## Paving in Dallas Borough

United Water Pennsylvania is in the process of completing or has recently completed water main installation projects on Franklin Street and Pinecrest Avenue in Dallas Borough.

Dallas Borough Road Department plans to complete overlay pavement on Franklin Street and Pinecrest Avenue in the spring of 2014 in order to adhere to the recommended post-construction waiting period and in light of the unavoidable cold weather limitations.

Once a borough road has been resurfaced, the borough

will not approve any utility pave cuts (other than for emergencies under the roadway) for a period of up to five years.

Should residents be considering the installation of water, gas or other utility repairs or improvements, they are advised that any and all utility cuts to the roadway will be required to be completed prior to the street resurfacing project and then prohibited for the five-year moratorium noted above.

Questions or comments should be directed to the Dallas Borough Office at 570-675-1389.



Submitted photos

## Meadows sponsors Christmas tree at Annual Grotto event

The Meadows Manor, a personal care residence in Dallas, is sponsoring a Christmas tree at the Annual Grotto Pizza Parade of Trees, Harvey's Lake. For every dollar donated, a vote goes to a tree on display. The "Angel" tree is in memory of Jackie Mazur, who passed away in 2010 due to complications from

a cord blood transplant for AML. Donations will go to the Four Diamonds Fund which helps patients treated at Hershey Children's Hospital and their families. The Parade of Trees continues until Dec. 31.

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