

Head Start

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las High School are coming here to work on their school completion projects," said Tina Guiliani.

The PA Department of Education now requires that students do a Completion Project in order to graduate from high school. These projects can range from rebuilding a car engine to putting on a charity event. Three Dallas teachers have also initiated community service projects for their students to meet completion project requirements.

"We were given a list of subjects by our advisors; Jay Pope, John McCarthy and Maureen Whalen. There are a lot to choose from," said Mel Morris. He and six other Dallas juniors recently spent a day at the Lake-Noxen Head Start Center.

"I really like kids and like playing with them," explained Bryan Whalen. "I brought a book, The Bear in the Big Blue House, that I'm going to read to them today."

"I'm just interested in little kids. I'll probably go into child development," said Jen Eastman. "I think that my research paper will be about dyslexia because I can see how that can be a big problem."

A total of 30 students from Dallas High School have signed up to spend a day at Head Start during the year. "We only have to come here once but I'm really enjoying this," explained Charles Everhart. "I think that I might like to come back again."

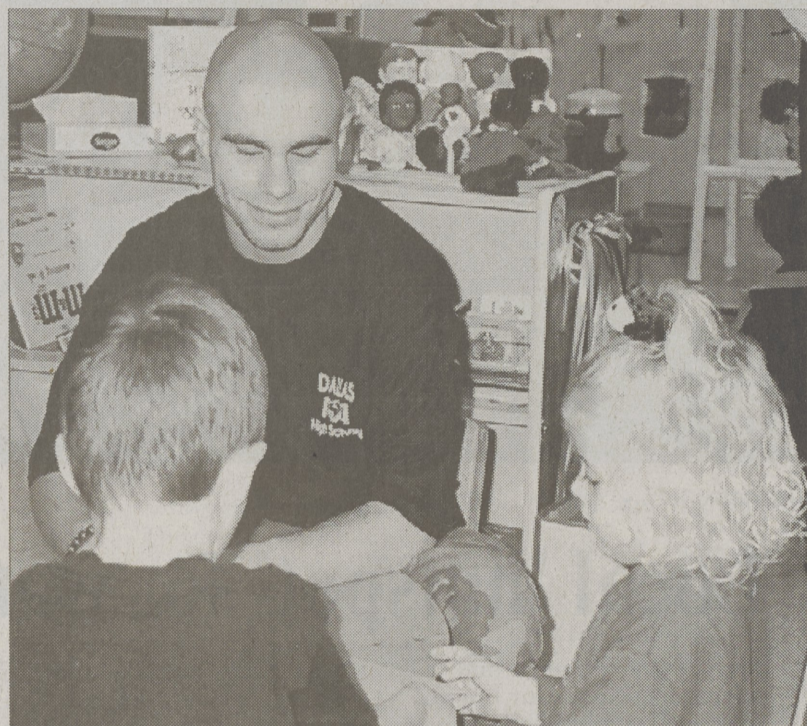
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Junior Chris Yale added, "I'd like to help kids less fortunate than I am. I think I'll do my research paper on nutrition."

Head Start is more than just school preparation for youngsters, though. The program is really to provide support for the whole family.

"I work with them on problems like housing, heating fuel and health issues. We also make sure that they're doing okay for the holidays," explained Debbie Maskalis, the center's Family Worker. "I'm here with the children a lot but my main focus is the whole family and I spend most of my time on home visits."

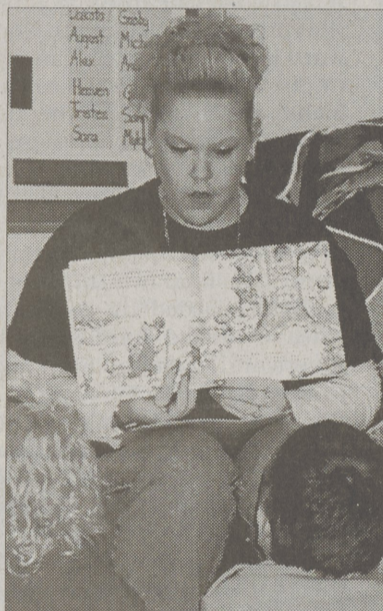


Helping at Head Start, from top: Stephanie Jury, left, worked with Janet Bash; Jason Smith read to a small group of children; Jen Eastman held up a book to make a point. Dallas High School juniors visited the Lake-Noxen Head Start to fulfill their graduation projects.

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Volunteers are always an integral part of any nonprofit agency. Parents are strongly encouraged to get involved and many volunteer at the center throughout the year.

"Head Start is just a great program," summed up Tina Guiliani.



'Bobby' Baird to receive Jazz award

The Pennsylvania Jazz Society, with headquarters in Easton, PA, has selected Robert "Bobby" Baird of Trucksville, to receive the Society's Musician Jazzer Award for the year 2000. The Pennsylvania Jazz Society is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and presentation of traditional and mainstream jazz music. The Society is a founding member of the American Federation of Jazz Societies.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding musician who over the years has made serious contributions to the world of music.

Robert "Bobby" Baird has been playing the trumpet for over 60 years. One of his earliest jobs was bugler at Boy Scout Camp Achela for three summers, where he also earned his Eagle Scout Award.

Baird is a 1947 graduate of Kingston High School where he was a three time Pennsylvania State Champion Trumpeter in forensic contests sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh. He attended Syracuse University, where he was a member of the Symphonic and Marching Bands, and represented Syracuse in the first New York State All-Collegiate Band.

From 1948 to 1952 he was trumpet soloist and the youngest member of the United States Navy Band of Washington, D.C., where

he toured the 48 states, Canada, and Mexico and was a featured soloist on the coast-to-coast radio broadcast, "The Navy Hour." He appeared as soloist with the Navy Band at concerts at the United States Capitol and the White House. He played for the inauguration of President Harry S. Truman and appeared with such performers as Ed Sullivan, Esther Williams, Jack Teagarden, Robert Alda, Peggy Lee, Rosemary Clooney, and developed a lifelong friendship with singer Julius La Rosa of Arthur Godfrey fame.

On returning to Wyoming Valley, he was a member of the Wilkes Barre Philharmonic, the Scranton Philharmonic, the Wyoming Valley Oratorio Society Orchestra, the Stegmaier Gold Medal Band, and many other groups. He worked with Skitch Henderson and trumpet great Doc Severinson. He was awarded the American Legion Medal for "Outstanding Service in the Field of Music," by the State Commander of the American Legion.

The Bobby Baird Dixieland Jazz Band was formed in 1952, and has been going strong ever since. Baird's band played for the inaugural party of Pennsylvania Governor Milton Shapp and also worked private parties for such notables as Governor William Scranton and Congressman Dan Flood. In 1968, Baird's band was

featured at the 54th Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland Conference of Musician's locals.

During the 1980's, the Baird Dixieland Jazz Band presented an annual concert for five years, sponsored by the Dallas Rotary Club, at the Darte Center on the campus of Wilkes University and raised \$25,000 for Dallas Rotary charities. Baird is a past president of that organization and also the recipient of the Paul Harris Award, the highest award given in Rotary. In 1974 Baird received the District Governor's Award for chairing a committee that brought live music to the public schools.

Baird is a long-time member of the Trucksville United Methodist Church choir. The band did a benefit concert and raised over \$5,000 for the church's building fund. Baird is a member of the Irem Temple Brass Band and an original member of the Irem Temple Jazz Band, a 50 year plus member of the American Federation of Musician's Local #140, the International Trumpet Guild, and a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Navy Band Alumni Association.

For 20 years Baird was sales manager and part owner of WNAK radio, in Nanticoke. Now, at age 70, Baird is still active in music circles, but spends most of his time fishing at his summer place on Hay Bay in Ontario, Canada.

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BIRTHS

MERCY FENNELL, Brian and Michelle, Shavertown, a daughter, Oct. 27.

NESBITT CHAMBERLAIN, Todd and Melissa, Trucksville, a daughter, Oct. 21.

FARRELL, John and Lorraine,

Harveys Lake, a son, Oct. 26.
KOZLOWSKI, David and Heidi, Sweet Valley, a son, Oct. 29.
PEMBLETON, Robert and Beth, Dallas, a daughter, Oct. 29.
DOGGETT, Jeff and Lisa, Shavertown, a son, Oct. 29.
SMITH, Sharon, and Charles
GOODRICH, Dallas, a son, Oct.

29.
PATLA, Edward and Krista, Dallas, a daughter, Oct. 31.
COOLBAUGH, Russell and Dorothy, Dallas, a son, Oct. 31.
YARNAL, Jennifer and Sean
DUESLER, Shavertown, a son, Oct. 31.



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