

EDITORIAL

Hope springs from the mouths - and crayons - of children

If every cloud has a silver lining, surely in the case of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington the lining is the newfound awareness and appreciation of America's unique standing in the world community. Our citizens have crafted expressions of patriotism and pride in virtually every way imaginable, from modest flags hanging off porches to extravagant public displays at baseball stadiums. And through it all, there has been a minimum of chest thumping and mindless nationalism, and remarkably few accounts of ignorant behavior toward fellow citizens of Arabic descent.

Perhaps nothing has been more inspiring than the clear and direct expression of love for nation and family that comes from children. A few examples appear on pages 4 and 5 of this week's issue, and they are but a tiny sample of the outpouring of pride that has filled classrooms in the past two weeks. Reading the children's work, it's obvious that we are in a new century — a new era if you will — during which young Americans place the nation's commitment to diversity and free speech on an equal plane with military might, and perhaps even on a higher level.

This must be a disappointment to the twisted minds who attacked our cities, since they probably expected the U.S. to respond with blind force when attacked, a tactic they hoped to exploit by creating a "holy war" against the infidels. Instead, we — judging by our children — first took time to re-examine the basis of our own good fortune before striking out in anger.

The attackers shouldn't mistake our introspection for inaction — we will roust them from their holes and disrupt their plans, and in so doing reinforce to the rest of the world our commitment to a society that, however imperfectly, strives to treat all people with respect and dignity. That is an attitude the murderous thugs who attacked us simply cannot accept. It's too bad they seem unable to learn the lessons our children have absorbed so well.

Dallas student wins deserving victory

In a decision that surprised observers accustomed to the obstinate positions often taken by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), a Dallas High School senior whose eligibility to play football was questioned received reinstatement, and his team was allowed to keep a victory in the first game of the season.

Dallas had beaten Wyoming Valley West 14-0 in its opener, but the win had been in jeopardy after it was discovered that Duane Short may have exceeded the time period during which he could participate in high school athletics. The senior had in theory used up the eight semesters of eligibility that is standard for high school athletes. But the PIAA considered the unusual circumstances of his situation and concluded that while he had been in high school for that period of time, athletics were unavailable to him for one year. Rather than penalize him — and the team — the PIAA chose to let common sense carry the day.

Athletics, while not the primary basis for a teenager's growth, can play an important role in building confidence and teaching skills that are valuable in later life. The PIAA is to be commended for recognizing that rigid enforcement of its regulations could have been counterproductive in this instance.

Publisher's Notebook

Ron Bartizek



Like many red-blooded American men, I roll up my sleeves and take on a home improvement project every now and then, as long as it's indoors. I don't know what it is about landscaping, I'm just not drawn to it — seems too much like a girl thing. (Note to burly landscapers: This is only a poorly-researched opinion. I'm sure you have many manly tales to tell of hefting trees and shrubs around.)

We moved into a new home a little over three years ago. It's natural to think people who live in new homes don't have a whole lot to do once they've moved in, but you'd be wrong to assume that. If I've learned anything through home ownership, it's that the projects are endless, no matter what the age of the dwelling.

Now a rec room is taking up my time and consuming what's left of the basement space. Thankfully our son, Carl, is willing to help, as long as sawing 2x4s doesn't interfere with playing video games or yakking on the phone with friends. Since he also likes to snowboard, we're on a schedule to finish before winter, or I'll be on my own.

I like these challenges in part because they have an end point; when the last coat of paint is brushed on there's no more to do. People in the newspaper business — where the instant one paper is printed it's time to start on the next issue — appreciate that sort of thing. The complete explanation behind these projects is more extensive, and includes saving money that would otherwise go into a contractor's pocket. Not that I mind paying for the services of qualified professionals — I go to the dentist regularly. But when all is said and done, no one will know or care that my room is out of square by 1/2 inch, and I'll be happy to gaze at a positive bank balance.

There are frustrations along the way, however. One of my bugaboos is forgetting to factor in that 2 3/4" are taken up by the body of a tape measure when deciding the length of a cut. Thankfully, once visitors are welcomed to the new room, the walls will be covered and they won't be able to gleefully point out the dozens of spacers that make the walls reach from floor to ceiling.



POST PHOTO/M.B. GILLIGAN

Jamie Farr, a sixth grader at Lehman-Jackson Elementary, posed this plaintive question on her poster. More children's art and words in response to tragedy appear on pages 4 and 5.



Carol King

Fall Auction and Craft Show

There are still a few openings for craft vendors at the auction and craft show to be held on Sunday, Oct. 7, on the library grounds. Vendors should register immediately. Call the library at 675-1182.

Booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The auction will take place from 12:30 to 5 p.m. and will offer many newly donated antiques and new and used goods, as well as items remaining from the 55th annual auction held in July. Come one, come all!

Story hours - Parents of children registered for the Fall Story Hours are reminded that the story hour will be held the first week in October.



70 Years Ago - September 25, 1931

DIRECT CHECK OF TAXABLES

A resolution adopted by the county commissioners directs that the county assessors instruct their subassessors to personally see and interview the taxpayers in their districts on an individual basis, and the heads of households. They will then be able to make a check of their old lists and not to copy the old lists in making new assessments. The old buildings of the Sheldon Axle works were a scene of activity when court-appointed counters started work on the official check-up of the voting machines and count of the primary vote. More than 450 machines were arranged according to voting districts. Gas flowing at a pressure of 750 pounds to the square inch has been struck at a depth of two thousand feet in the drilling operations being carried on at Jenks along the Dallas-Tunkhannock road. The loss of a drill has temporarily halted further operations.

60 Years Ago - September 26, 1941

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE ON NEW LAKE ROAD

With one lane of the new Harvey's Lake highway completed from near Castle Inn to Dallas,

Fall Auction and Craft Show October 7

Library staff - Brian Fulton is the new front desk circulation and inter-library loan staff member at the library. He received his B.A. in Anthropology from Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, and just graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in biobehavioral health. He had three years' experience in library work in New Hampshire, and 1-1/2 years at Penn State. Brian lives in Larksville with his parents.

The library also has two new pages, Mikki Shalata and Melissa Rogers.

Book discussion group - The evening book discussion group, which formerly met on Mondays and now meets on Thursdays, recently discussed "Bag of Bones" by Stephen King. Pam Oliveira reports, "Although many of us were reluctant at first to read a Stephen King novel, this was a pleasant surprise for all of us. The story is about a recently widowed writer and his immediate connection with a little girl who is in the middle of a custody struggle between her moth-



Ryan Frania, Shavertown, received a toy tiger as a prize for reading the greatest number of books - 64 - during the library's summer reading program. Ryan is 5 years old and in kindergarten at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas. Curious George books are his favorites.

er and paternal grandfather. It was not typical King, in that it

was suspenseful without the 'read-it-with-one-eye-open' horror. His characters were easily identifiable and the book itself read very easily. We highly recommend it for a first-timer and true fan of Stephen King."

The group's next book is "Stolen Lives - 20 Years in a Desert Jail" by Malika Oufkir. It has been described as a "true story this is almost beyond belief." The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm at the Black Duck Grille. As always, all are welcome. Call Pam at 674-9935 for more information.

New display - If you play cards at all, you'll be intrigued by Beth Rosenthal's display of her card memorabilia. They include cups and saucers and plates, a charm bracelet and other jewelry, a tote bag, small metal and wooden boxes, a jigsaw puzzle and card table covers. Beth is an ACBL Certified Director and has just started the Pioneer Bridge Club for all levels of duplicate bridge players.

Central Pennsylvania Quarry, tripping and Construction Company, contractors, are working on the second lane using 2 carloads of cement, 5 of sand and 10 of stone a day. Misses Norma Knecht, Margaret Brace, Edith Spencer, Mary Kemmerer and Margaret Harris were announced as cheer leaders for Dallas Township School for the coming year. Mrs. Leonora Honeywell, Home Economics teacher, assisted them in buying their uniforms, which consisted of red satin skirt, white sweater and red cap. One of the first commercial enterprises not related with motoring to locate along the new highway between Dallas and Shavertown is Evans' Drug Store which will move from its present location opposite Shaver Theater to the new Still building. Sheldon Evans is the proprietor

50 Years Ago - September 28, 1951

ATTY. JIM BROWN HEADS DEMOCRATS' FALL CAMPAIGN

Atty. James Lenahan Brown, Shavertown, this week assumed the post of campaign manager for the Democratic Party in Luzerne County for the county election campaign this fall. Attorney Brown is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary. Frank Hayden Rhoads, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Rhoads, Huntsville has been promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel according to information received from Headquarters Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lee Honeywell, Harveys Lake merchant, has purchased the former florist shop on Memorial Highway owned by Samuel Ashley and will open there shortly a roadside restaurant with curb

service.

40 Years Ago - September 28, 1961

LT. COL. OLSEN TO WITNESS CHEMICAL WARFARE SHOW

Lt. Col. Carl Burt Olsen, 188 Terrace Ave., Trucksville, Executive Office of the 402nd Military Prisoner of War Camp will leave to attend the demonstration conducted by the Army Chemical Corps at the Dugway Proving Ground in Utah. The demonstration, marks the unveiling of the Army's newest techniques in Chemical, bacteriological warfare-or CBR as it is more familiarly known.

Charles Dodson, Dallas, will open the Back Mountain Radiator Shop in part of Bob & Don's Cities Service Station on the Main Highway in Trucksville. Dodson has recently graduated from the Barbee Radiator School in Kentucky. Because of distance and financial drain on its treasury, Dallas Community Ambulance Association can no longer serve residents of Franklin Township.

Since the Association will be receiving a new vehicle, the Association has offered to sell its old ambulance to Franklin Township at a nominal fee.

30 Years Ago - September 30, 1971

ELBY'S CHAIN LOOKS TOWARD SUBURBAN

Elby's Restaurant is negotiating to purchase a building at the intersection of Routes 309 and 415, Dallas Borough. The structure, formerly occupied by the Suburban Restaurant, is adjacent of the Dallas Branch of Furst National Bank of Eastern Pennsylvania.

A spokesman for Elby's said that negotiations with the bank

are underway but the transaction has not been completed. James F. Besecker, III, a former Dallas resident, was awarded Boy Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Award, at ceremonies conducted at the Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base, northeastern New Mexico. Two Dallas High school seniors, and a former Dallas High School student living now in Ephrata, have been recognized for their exceptional intellectual accomplishments by named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are: Debbie Philo, Francis J. Beline; and Martha Lynn Miller, who lives in Ephrata.

20 Years Ago - September 16, 1981

RESIDENTS WANT 55 MPH LOWERED ON DEMUNDS

A petition circulated on Upper Demunds Rd., Dallas Township, requesting PennDOT to lower the 55 mile per hour speed limit to 35, has gathered some 125 signatures. George W. Hess, resident of Upper Demunds Rd., is one of the initiators of the petition.

Loretta Iveson, Shavertown, Regina Nogis, Lake Silkworth, and V.S. Marchakitus, Pikes Creek, took a free chance at the Luzerne County Fall Fair and won themselves \$50 worth of free groceries, courtesy of The Dallas Post and Ray Daring's Country Market.

Franklin Township may get another mobile home park. Plans for the proposed park, to be located on Coon road, were discussed at a meeting of Franklin Township Supervisors. Charles Lacona of Pittston, who said he owns about 127 acres in the Coon Road area, plans to install a park that will eventually cover about 100 acres.

The Dallas Post

TIMES-LEADER Community Newspaper Group

P.O. BOX 366, DALLAS, PA 18612 • 570-675-5211

Ronald Bartizek
GENERAL MANAGER

Heather B. Jones
REPORTER

Brenda McDonough
ADVERTISING ACCT. EXEC.

Ruth Proietto
PRODUCTION MANAGER

Darlene Sorber
OFFICE MANAGER

Ron and Charlotte Bartizek
PUBLISHERS EMERITUS

Stephen Peterson
PRESIDENT & CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
1-800-427-8649