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## Students rally around Red, White and Blue

By JOHN GILLIGAN  
Special to The Dallas Post

**DALLAS** - Students in the Gifted Program at Dallas High School recently decided to do something very visible to show their American Pride: they hung up a big sign. The giant red, white and blue banner reads "United We Stand." Mr. Scott Saba, Dallas, and Mr. Matthew Stretanski, Kingston, both teachers at Dallas, hung the sign across the front of the building, where it dramatically displays the resolve of the student body in the face of the current national crisis.

"As a class we were as upset as everyone else about the terrorist attacks," said Mrs. Susan Kotch of Mountaintop, a teacher at Dallas. "We wanted to do something positive, so we decided to make a sign." Mrs. Kotch and Mr. Stretanski jointly teach the Gifted Seminar at DHS.

With the support of principal Frank Galicki, the students set out to do something for themselves and the school. The focus of this year's Gifted Seminar is "Service Learning," and this project qualifies as a service to the morale of the school.

"I painted the letters," said Sylena Marmo, a sophomore. She and the other members of this quarter's Gifted Seminar (a half credit course offered to qualified students four times a year) painted the two-foot high letters on the huge banner. Also working on the project were Jacob Kovalchik, Michele Luksh, Ryan Morgan, Chris Mounce, Samantha Spaciano and Megan Vodzak. Ms. Clair Morris, the art teacher at DHS, donated all supplies needed for the dramatic display.

"It was a good way for the students to express themselves," said Stretanski. "It took a lot of hard work, creativity. It was a group effort; they worked off of one another. I think it helped them cope."

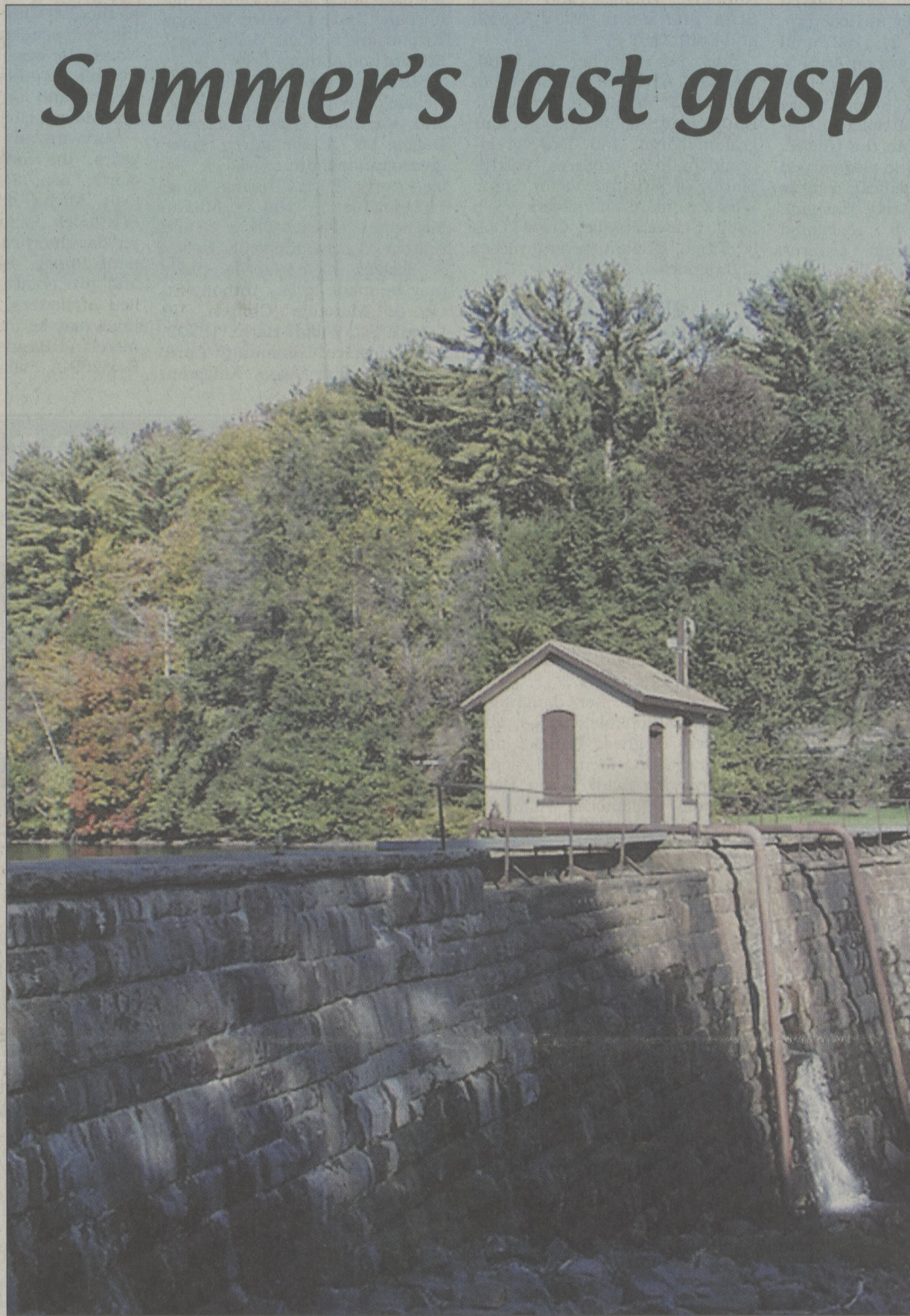
"I think it's a great display of patriotic spirit," said Saba.

The students and faculty at Dallas have all been touched by the events of September 11. The attack and its effects have been the main topic of conversation in the halls and classrooms for the last few weeks. Many of their spirits have been lifted by the display.

*"I think that everyone is united, in their own way."*

Erin Swepston  
DHS junior

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Tuesday's warm sunshine lit up the dam at the Huntsville Reservoir, perhaps for one of the last times this year. Water flowed gently out of the sluiceway, as, unlike in some years, the reservoir was filled to capacity.

POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

## Police, supervisors at odds over wages

Pay is 15% behind others, cops say; township offers 3%

By HEATHER B. JONES  
Post Staff

**DALLAS TWP.** - Fear of losing their police force prompted Dallas Township residents to turn out for the township supervisors' meeting Tuesday night.

More than 30 residents attended the October 2 Dallas Township Board of Supervisors meeting. Taxpayers wanted answers to rumors circulating about the police contract negotiations.

"There's a rumor circulating that as a result of the negotiations between the police and your committee, that the statement has been made in a threatening manner that the police force is going to be disbanded in December. We want to know if there is any truth to that?" asked Richard Buttorff, of Upper Demunds Rd.

*"They're paid a fair share or they can be replaced."*

Frank Wagner  
Township supervisor

There is no intention of disbanding the police force, replied Frank Wagner, township supervisor.

In May the township and the police officers began negotiations regarding a new contract. At the first meeting the township proposed a pay cut for the officers. Then at the second meeting township supervisors offered a 3 percent salary increase. By the third meeting the police officers hired an attorney and requested arbitration.

"There is no sense of even talking because it's going to arbitration and whatever the arbitrators give them that's what it's going to be," said Philip Walter, township supervisor.

The sticking point in the contract is health care benefits and salary increases. Under the current

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## Daughter to take council seat of beloved 'Billy' Berti

By HEATHER B. JONES  
Post Staff

**DALLAS BOROUGH** - On August 23, the Back Mountain Community lost a model citizen, a compassionate leader, but most of all, a friend.

William 'Billy' Berti was born on June 11, 1934, in Swoyersville. At age 11 his family moved to the only place he would ever want to call home, Dallas Borough. His father, Nort, was a conductor for the Jersey Central Railroad and owner of the hauling company Berti and Son.

Berti grew up in a time when students left school during the day to work for their parents. As a young man he would haul the ashes, garbage and coal when his father had to go to his other job.

When his father passed away unexpectedly, Berti stepped in and took over the family business. Even though he gave up going to college, Berti never re-

*"I just hope in my lifetime I can be a quarter of what my dad was."*

Barbara Barnes  
Dallas

gretted it. He was a garbage man. He loved being a garbage man. And he was a proud garbage man.

"I work with people who would say, your father gave my son a ride on the garbage truck. Their children wanted to grow up and become what my father was, which was a garbage man. And to some people that wasn't the most glorified job in the world, but to my father, it didn't matter," said Barbara Barnes, Berti's only child.

Her father was not only a successful businessman but a caring man, she said.

"My father was the type of a man that found out someone needed something," Barnes said, and he would do whatever he could for that person.

"He didn't become known as having been the person who had done that for them. He wanted nothing in return," she said. "His satisfaction was the happiness that he knew he helped someone."

He learned early on from his father that people are what really matter in this life.

"I never knew my father to dislike anyone," Barnes said. "He just cared so much for people. I could never be jealous, because to know that someone admired my father that much meant the world to me."

Berti used his gift to serve the people he cared about so much by serving his community. He served on the Dallas Borough Council for over three decades.

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POST PHOTO/HEATHER B. JONES

Barbara Barnes will fill her father's Dallas Borough Council seat for the next two years. She is shown holding a photo of her father and mother.

## Running so that others may live

By SANDY PEOPLES  
Post Correspondent

**SHAVERTOWN** - They use their love of exercise as a way to help raise money for a great cause.

Dawn Leas, Doreen Dickinson, and their coach, Luran Hall, all of Shavertown, are part of the "Team In Training" program which raises millions of dollars annually for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of

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## 100 years +3 for David Evans

By SANDY PEOPLES  
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**DALLAS** - David Evans has lived in Dallas for 67 years, a lifetime for many people. But he is a big exception to his generation, having been born September 27, 1898 in Scranton. With several members of his family in attendance, he celebrated his 103rd birthday last Thursday at the Meadows Nursing Center in Dallas.

Evans has been a resident of Dallas and a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church since 1934. He is the son of the late Henry and Jennie Evans, and husband of the late Ruth Pembridge Evans. He had one brother and one sister. He has two children, three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. All of his family live in Dallas.

His daughter, Margie (Mrs. Robert Brown), proudly tells some of the details of her father's life.

"My parents had two children, my

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POST PHOTO/SANDY PEOPLES

David Evans celebrated his 103rd birthday last week.

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